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# The Use of Force in Relation to Sovereignty Disputes over Land Territory

**International Conference**

*Tuesday 27 March 2018*

*Goodenough House, Mecklenburg Square, London WC1N 2AB*

## Provisional Programme

9.00 – 9.30	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
9.30 – 9.40	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Murray Hunt, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law
9.40 – 10.10	<b>Overview of the Project, Research Findings and Aims of the Conference</b> Dr Markus Gehring, BIICL Dr Constantinos Yiallourides, BIICL
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10.10 - 11.10	<b>PANEL 1: What constitutes 'use of force' in the context of a territorial dispute?</b>  Chair: Prof Dapo Akande (University of Oxford)  Mr Tomohiro Mikanagi (Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law)  Ms Patricia Jimenez Kwast (University of Oxford)  Prof Tom Ruys (Gent University)
11.10 – 11.40	<b>Open Discussion</b>
11.40 – 12.00	<b>Break</b>
12.00 – 13:00	<b>PANEL 2: The right of self-defence in the context of a territorial dispute</b>  Chair: Prof Nicholas Tsagourias (University of Sheffield)  Prof Tadashi Mori (University of Tokyo)

	<p>Dr Federica Paddeu (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>Prof Naoki Iwatsuki (Rikkyo University)</p>
13.00 – 13.30	Open Discussion
13.30 – 14.15	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>Buffet Lunch</p>
14.15 – 15.15	<p><b>PANEL 3: Obligation to pursue peaceful settlement and general obligations of restraint in disputed areas</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Mr Robert Volterra (Volterra Fietta)</b></p> <p>Prof Yoshifumi Tanaka (Copenhagen University)</p> <p>Prof Enrico Milano (University of Verona)</p> <p>Ms Jill Barrett (Queen Mary University London)</p>
15.15 – 15.45	Open Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	<b>Break</b>
16.00 – 17:15	<p><b>PANEL 4: Other means of changing the territorial <i>status quo</i> (eg, exploitation of natural resources and construction activities, human rights issues)</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Judge David Anderson, CMG (Former Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)</b></p> <p>Ms Alison Macdonald, QC (Matrix Chambers)</p> <p>Dr Brendan Plant (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>Prof Aristoteles Constantinides (University of Cyprus)</p> <p>Dr Niaz A Shah (University of Hull)</p>
17.15 – 17.45	Open Discussion
17.45 – 18.00	<p><b>Mot de cloture</b></p> <p>Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci, BIICL</p>

Convenors: Dr Markus Gehring, Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law, BIICL; Dr Constantinos Yiallourides, Arthur Watts Research Fellow on the International Law of Territorial Disputes, BIICL.

**\*Please note that the timings, topics and speakers of individual panels may change.**