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### Eleanor Sharpston QC to deliver the BIICL Annual Grotius Lecture 2015

On Thursday 26 March 2015, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) will hold its highly anticipated Annual Grotius Lecture and Dinner at The Law Society, London. This is an important event on the Institute's calendar, and both members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

Distinguished speaker, Eleanor Sharpston QC, will deliver the Lecture on the subject "*Squaring the Circle? Fighting Terrorism whilst Respecting Fundamental Rights*". The Lecture will be chaired by Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC, President of BIICL, and former President, International Court of Justice.

Eleanor Sharpston QC has been Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union since 2006. After serving as a référendaire (judicial assistant) to Advocate General, subsequently Judge, Sir Gordon Slynn, she taught and researched what was then EC law, together with comparative law, at University College London and then at King's College Cambridge. In parallel, she pursued a career at the Bar specialising in EC law and the ECHR, becoming a Queen's Counsel in 1999. She has published widely on European Union law and comparative law.

Professor Robert McCorquodale, Institute Director commented: "*Eleanor Sharpston's breadth of knowledge of EU law and her understanding of the practical outcomes of cases are unsurpassed. Her opinions as Advocate General are highly respected and many have become the law implemented across the EU and applied beyond the EU. Her insights concerning terrorism and counter-terrorism while respecting human rights will be of importance world-wide*".

The Lecture aims to be both enriching and thought-provoking. It will be of great interest to barristers, solicitors, judges, arbitrators, government officials, intergovernmental officials, academics, students and all with an interest in European law. The Lecture will be followed by a drinks reception and networking.

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The afternoon's events will conclude with the Annual Grotius Dinner, during which Sir Paul Jenkins KCB QC, former Treasury Solicitor and a Trustee of BIICL, will speak. The Dinner will be chaired by Susan Bright, Managing Partner of Hogan Lovells LLP, and a Trustee of BIICL. The Dinner will include the presentation of the 'Supporter of the Year' Award. Established in 2012, the Award recognises major support given to the Institute by an organisation or individual.

**Booking Information:**

The Annual Grotius Lecture and Dinner are open to all.  
For further information or to book online, please visit  
[www.biicl.org/grotius2015](http://www.biicl.org/grotius2015)

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**NOTES TO EDITOR:**

1. The Annual Grotius Lecture and Dinner is organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), and sponsored by Carter-Ruck and Shell. The event takes place on Thursday 26 March 2015 at The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL. The Lecture will run from 17:30-18:30, followed by a drinks reception; the Annual Grotius Dinner is from 19:30-22:00.
2. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) provides informed, independent and practical legal ideas for a global community. Its high quality and respected work involves analysis and debate about contemporary issues on every continent, from its base in the heart of London's energetic and multicultural legal network. (Registered Charity No. 209425. Company Registration 615025). For more information visit [www.biicl.org](http://www.biicl.org)
3. BIICL established a 'Sponsor of the Year Award' in 2012. The name was changed to 'Supporter of the Year' in 2015. This award recognises major support given to the Institute by an individual or organisation, and is awarded each year at the BIICL Annual Grotius Dinner.
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