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International Law in Domestic Courts: A Global Perspective

The conditions of globalisation have sparked considerable speculation about the internationalisation of domestic law, often with particular reference to domestic public law. One significant effect is that the rate of recourse to public international law by domestic courts is increasing around the world and is likely to continue to do so. It thus deserves attention by both domestic and international lawyers and would benefit from mutual understanding. From a global perspective, however, the development is distinctly patchy. The panel will substantiate this claim, examine how and why it is so and reflect on the drivers of continuing change. In doing so, it will contrast the position in Australia, the USA and the UK with that in selected countries elsewhere.

The seminar will consider public international law as a principle of statutory construction in domestic courts in the USA, UK and Australia, by examining limitations on the authority of States to exercise jurisdiction in circumstances affecting the interests of other States. Reference will be made to US cases such as *Hoffman-La Roche v. Empagran*, 542 U.S. 155 (2004) and *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.*, 133 S.Ct 1659 (2013) and to cases on State immunity in the UK and Hong Kong courts.

Speakers

- **Professor Cheryl Saunders**, Melbourne Law School
- **Donna Chapin**, Office of Foreign Litigation for the United States Department of Justice
- **Professor Dan Sarooshi**, University of Oxford and Essex Court Chambers, London

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- **Robert Volterra**, Volterra Fietta and University College London

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