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25th Annual SLS-BIICL Conference on Theory and International Law

*a special collaboration with the European Society of International Law's
Interest Group on International Legal Theory*

Monday 25 April 2016, 11:30-19:00
British Institute of International and Comparative Law,
Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5JP

**“Beyond our comfort zone?
Situating the authority of international lawyers, institutions, & other
international actors”**

The SLS/BIICL Conference on Theory and International Law is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in 2016. To that end, this year, the SLS International Law Section is holding a special 25th anniversary conference, organised in collaboration with the Interest Group on International Legal Theory of the European Society of International Law (ESIL IGILT), on 25 April 2016. We are delighted that **The Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC, CMG**, will deliver the keynote address.

11:30 **Tea/Coffee and Introduction**

12:00-13:30 **Panel 1: Theory**

- Chair: Dr Gleider Hernández, University of Durham, Deputy Director of the Durham Global Policy Institute, Member, ESIL-IGILT Coordinating Committee
- Dr Fuad Zarbiyev, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, *Authority to say what the international law is: competing claims and emerging patterns*
- Professor Sandy Sivakumaran, Nottingham University, *State-empowered entities and the authority to make and shape international law*
- Dr Richard Collins, University College Dublin, *Between False Dichotomies? Explaining Legitimate Authority in International Law*
- Dr Matthew Nicholson, Southampton Law School, *Dress Code: Formal or Hegemony and International Legal Strategy*

13:30-14:30 **Lunch**



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14:30-16:00 Panel 2: Intervention by Experts/Working with Experts

- Chair: Professor Chris Henderson, Sussex University, Co-convenor of the SLS International Law Section, Society of Legal Scholars
- Dr Michael Reynolds and Professor Jahankhani, GSM London, *Evidence in the Clouds*
- Dr Hannah Woolaver, University of Cape Town, South Africa, *The influence of Amicus Curiae interventions in international criminal proceedings*
- Dr Yannick Radi, Leiden Law School, The Netherlands, *Rethinking the authority of investor State Dispute Settlement on Conceptual Fallacies and Professional Inabilities*
- Dr Yvonne McDermott Rees, Bangor University, *Borrowed Truths: Expert Evidence and Authority in International Criminal Trials*

16:00-16:30 Tea/coffee break

16:30-18:00 Panel 3: The International Lawyer as Expert

- Chair: Dr Philippa Webb, King's College London, Co-convenor of the SLS International Law Section, Society of Legal Scholars
- Ms Maja Groff, Hague Conference on Private International Law, *Responsibilities of international legal officials: a dedication to "All that remains unfinished?"*
- Dr Fernando Lusa Bordin, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, *The Authority of "Codification by Analogy" in international law*
- Professor Robbie Sabel, Hebrew University Jerusalem, *Do legal advisors create international law?*
- Dr Yasuo Kita, Teikyo University (Tokyo), Japan, *The authority of legal advisers to the UK Foreign Office to develop the International Law of territorial waters 1923-58*

18:00 Keynote Speech by The Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC, CMG

Chair: Professor Robert McCorquodale, Director of BIICL

19:00-19:30 Drinks reception

CPD Hours: 5.5





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25th Annual SLS-BIICL Conference Event Information

Pricing and Registration

BIICL Members:

- Individual - £60
- Full-time Academic - £45
- Full-time Student - £15

Non-members:

- Individual - £110
- Full-time Academic - £85
- Full-time Student - £35

N.B. The Academic rate also applies to staff of government and non-profit organisations.

For further information on the conference and to book online, please visit
www.biicl.org/events

About our keynote speaker, The Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC, CMG

Michael Donald Kirby AC, CMG is a renowned Australian jurist and academic who is a former Justice of the High Court of Australia, serving from 1996 to 2009. He has held various positions as an expert. In May 2013 he was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council to lead an inquiry into human rights abuses in North Korea, which issued its report in February 2014. He has recently been appointed by the UN Secretary-General as a member of the High-Level Panel on Access to Essential Medicines. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honours, including the Gruber Justice Prize and the Leo Nevas Award for human rights.

The convenors are grateful for the material and financial assistance of the SLS, BIICL, and the Durham Global Policy Institute.

