



Holding States to Account – the Practical Impact of the International Law Commission’s Articles on State Responsibility

Thursday 2 June 2011 14:00 to 18:30

What this event is about

Ten years on from the adoption of the International Law Commission's Articles on State Responsibility, this seminar will examine their application in international and national litigation, and their impact beyond the State in areas such as international criminal law, environmental law, human rights and the responsibility of international organizations.

Programme

14:00 - 15:30

Panel One

State responsibility: application in international and national litigation

Speakers

Simon Olleson, 13 Old Square Chambers (Chair)

Jonathan Blackman, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Professor Pierre Marie Dupuy, University of Paris II (Pantheon-Assas)

Professor Andre Nollkaemper, University of Amsterdam

This panel will assess the reception of the ILC’s Articles in international courts and tribunals. It will also compare the reception of the articles by the UK and US courts, as well as national courts in continental Europe.

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Panel Two

International law responsibility beyond the state

Speakers

Malcolm Forster, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Chair)

Helen Law, Matrix Chambers

Dr Phoebe Okowa, Queen Mary London

Professor Dan Sarooshi, University of Oxford

This panel will consider the application of the ILC’s Articles to non-state actors, particularly in the context of human rights obligations; and the responsibility of States and international organizations that arises from the differing relationships between them.

17:30 - 18:30

Panel Three

Reflections on the ILC articles on State Responsibility 10 years on

Professor Catherine Redgwell, University College London (Chair)

Professor James Crawford, Whewell Professor of International Law at the University of Cambridge; Matrix Chambers; former member of the United Nations International Law Commission ("ILC"), and Special Rapporteur for the ILC's Draft Statute for an International Criminal Court (1994) and the ILC's Articles on State responsibility (2001).

18:30 - 20:00

Drinks Reception

Reference materials

Seminar participants might like to be aware of the Institute’s research project:

“Impact of the International Law Commission’s Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts”.

The preliminary draft dated 10 October 2007 is available on the Institute’s website at:

<http://www.biiicl.org/news/view/-/id/81/>

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