

Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law is delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Jill Barrett to be the first Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law. This appointment successfully completes the first phase of the Institute's 50th anniversary campaign to establish a senior research fellowship in public international law in memory of the late Sir Arthur Watts KCMG QC. Ms Barrett was a law lecturer at the University of Durham and at the School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, and then worked for twenty years as a lawyer in the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office, including serving at the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in New York and being a Legal Counsellor.

Sir Arthur Watts was one of the leading international lawyers of his generation, whose career spanned senior government service, successful private practice, and a substantial scholarly output in international law. The Institute is proud to have been able to establish a fellowship in his memory and to perpetuate his work, but this has only been made possible by the generosity of a number of leading international lawyers and governments. The Institute owes a particular debt of gratitude to Mr Allan Myers AO QC of Melbourne.

Public international law has been at the centre of the Institute's activity since its inception, and continues to occupy a vital and essential role both in international relations and in modern legal practice across the world. The Institute aims, through its high quality applied research, the organization of accessible events on contemporary issues, and its respected publications, to remain at the forefront of a wide range of issues of public concern in the field of international law. The Institute is particularly pleased to have as both its Watts and Dorset Fellows persons with a very strong background in the knowledge and practice of international law.

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