



**British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law**

## Contemporary Issues in Statehood and Recognition

*Twenty First Conference on Theory and International Law*

Monday 30th April 2012

17 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5JP

### Programme

Convenors: **Professor Matthew Happold**, University of Luxembourg, and **Paul Eden**, University of Sussex

13:30-14:00 Registration

14:00-15:30 **Session 1: General Issues in Statehood and Recognition**

Chair: **Professor Colin Warbrick**, University of Birmingham

*European Practice on Recognition*

**Eileen Denza**, CMG

*Collective (Non-) Recognition in Light of Recent Practice*

**Dr Thomas D. Grant**, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge

*Statehood and the Legal Effects of Recognition*

**Dr Jure Vidmar**, Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford

15:30-16:00 Tea/coffee

16:00-17:30 **Session 2: Recognition and Non-Recognition of States**

Chair: **Jill Barrett**, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

*Western Sahara: Recent UN and EU Recognition Practice*

**Dr Martin Dawidowicz**, Lalive, Geneva

*Palestinian Statehood: Trapped between Rhetoric and Realpolitik*

**Paul Eden**, University of Sussex

*Legality and Legitimacy in the Recognition of Kosovo, Abkhazia and South Ossetia*

**Dr James Summers**, Lancaster University

17:30-17:45 Session Break

17:45-19:00 **Session 3: Governments and Other Entities**

Chair: **Dapo Akande**, St Peter's College, University of Oxford

*Latest Developments Pertaining to the Recognition of Governments (with an Emphasis on Côte d'Ivoire)*

**Dr Jean d'Aspremont**, University of Amsterdam

*Recognition of the Libyan National Transitional Council*

**Naina Patel**, Blackstone Chambers

19:00 Conclusion