Security and International Law

20 - 21 April 2012

Friday, 20 April 2012: 10:00 – 17:30 hours
(Registration commences 09:30)

Saturday, 21 April 2012: 09:30 – 14:00 hours

Location: University of Nottingham School of Law, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD

Of the many challenges that society faces today, possibly none is more acute than the security of ordinary citizens when faced with a variety of natural or man-made disasters arising from climate and geological catastrophes, including the depletion of natural resources, environmental degradation, food shortages, terrorism, breaches of personal security and human security, or even the global economic crisis. States too are faced with a range of security issues arising from contested territorial spaces, military and maritime security and security threats relating to energy, infrastructure and the delivery of essential services. The Conference theme encompasses issues of human, political, military, socio-economic, environmental and energy security and raises two questions. To what extent can international law address the types of natural and man-made security risks and challenges that threaten our livelihood, or very existence, in the 21st Century? Where does international law fall short in meeting the problems that arise in different situations of insecurity and how should such shortcomings be addressed?

Programme Committee: Professor Mary Footer (Chair), Professor Nigel White, Professor Dino Kritsiotis, Mr Sandesh Sivakumaran, Mr Michael Bowman, Dr Marko Milanovic, Dr Edward Goodwin, Ms Sangeeta Shah and Professor Robert McCorquodale.

The Conference will consist of a mix of plenary sessions and one plenary panel together with parallel sessions of concurrent panels. The provisional Conference programme appears below.

If you would like to attend, please register using the registration form in the separate link provided.

Conference Programme: Friday, 20 April 2012

09:15 – 10:00  Registration

10:00 – 11:00  Welcome and Opening Keynote Session

Keynote Speech: Sir Daniel Bethlehem KCMG QC, Essex Street and Legal Policy International Ltd

Chair: Jeremy Carver CBE, Clifford Chance and President, ILA British Branch

11:00 – 11:30  Tea and Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  1st Parallel Session: Concurrent Panels

Panel 1A  Human security in a changing environment

Chair: Professor Robert McCorquodale (British Institute of International & Comparative Law)

- Dr Hitoshi Nasu (ANU College of Law, Canberra): “The Place of Human Security in the UN Collective Security System”
- Dr Siobhán Wills (University College Cork): “The Blurring of the ‘Protection of Civilians’ Concept with the ‘Responsibility to Protect’ Concept: the Intervention in Libya 2011”
- Dr Chamundeeswari Kuppuswamy (University of Sheffield): “Human Cloning: Regulating the Threat to Human Dignity and Security”

Panel 1B  Nuclear Security: the Threat of a New Arms Race

Chair: Professor Natalino Ronzitti (LUISS ‘Guido Carli’, Rome): Title tbc

- Dr Dan Joyner (University of Alabama Law School): “Iran’s Nuclear Programme and International Law”
- Tom Coppen (Utrecht University): “Are Iran’s Nuclear Activities in Compliance with its Safeguard Obligations under International Law?”

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

[including ILA British Branch Executive Council Meeting]
2nd Parallel Session: Concurrent Panels

Panel 2A  Maritime Security and Piracy

Chair: Professor Sarah Dromgoole (University of Nottingham)
• Dr Douglas Guilfoyle (University College London): "Somali pirates as an asymmetric security threat and the turn to market solutions"
• Dr Freya Baetens (University of Leiden): “Preventing Piracy Starts on Shore: Towards a Legal Strategy for Sustainable Economic Development in Somalia”
• Carmino Massarella (University of Hull): “Maritime Security: The Role of the SUA Convention”

Panel 2B  Security in International Humanitarian Law and R2P

Chair: Sangeeta Shah (University of Nottingham)
• Peter Quayle (Solicitor): “Responsibility to Protect, UN Security Referral and the International Criminal Court: What are the Consequences for International Peace and Security?”
• Thérèse O’Donnell (University of Strathclyde): “A Call to Alms?: Natural Disasters, R2P, Duties of Cooperation and Uncharted Consequences”
• Alexandra Bohm (University of Sheffield): “Responding to Crises: the Problematic Relationship between Security and Justice in the Responsibility to Protect”
• Ady Schonmann (Israeli Permanent Mission to the UN, New York): “R2P – Open and Unresolved Questions from the Perspective of a Legal Practitioner at the UN”

15:30 – 16:00 Tea and Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Plenary Panel: The Security Imperative and Counter-Terrorism

Chair: Dr Katja Samuel (University of Nottingham)
• Professor Nigel White (University of Nottingham): “Preventive Security and the Rule of Law in Counter-Terrorism”
• Professor Ana Maria Salinas de Frías (University of Málaga): “States’ Obligations under International Refugee Law and Counter-Terrorism”
• Professor Sir Nigel Rodley KBE (University of Essex): “Detention as a Response to Terrorism”
• Colonel (retired) Richard Pregent (formerly US JAG, NATO Legal Advisor for Kosovo, Deputy General Counsel for CPA in Iraq): “Torture, Interrogation, Counter-Terrorism and the Rule of Law”
• Dr Olympia Bekou (University of Nottingham): “Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism: the Role of International Criminal Jurisdictions”

17:30 – 19:45 Drinks Reception sponsored by Oxford University Press
[including Annual General Meeting of the British Branch of the ILA]

20:00 Conference Dinner
Keynote speech: Robert Volterra, Volterra Fietta (invited)
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09:30 – 11:00  3rd Parallel Session: Concurrent Panels

Panel 3A  Economic Security on Land and Sea

Chair: Dr Edward Goodwin (University of Nottingham)
- Steven Haines (Geneva Centre for Security Policy): “Economic Warfare at Sea: Beyond the Sanremo Manual?”
- Dr Irini Papanicoloopulu (University of Milano-Bicocca and St Peter’s College, Oxford): “Protecting Fishers’ Rights: Third Time Lucky?”
- Prabhash Ranjan (King’s College London): “Essential Security Interests and International Investment Law”

Panel 3B  The Role of Self-defence in International Peace and Security

Chair: Dr Marko Milanovic (University of Nottingham)
- Dawood Ahmed (University of Chicago School of Law): “Defending Weak States against the ‘Unable and the Unwilling’ Doctrine of Self-Defense” (tbc)
- Dr Jörg Kammerhofer (University of Freiburg): “The Resilience of the Restrictive Rules on Self-Defence?”

11:00 – 11:30  Tea and Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  Parallel Session: Concurrent Panels

Panel 4A  The UN Security Council: Some Reflections on the Arab Spring

Chair: Anthony Aust (Consultant on International Law, formerly FCO) (tbc)
- Dr Csaba Törö (Karoli Gaspar Protestant University, Budapest and Hungarian Institute of International Affairs): “Hierarchy of Responsibilities in International Collective Security: Regional Action as Subsidiary Response in the Absence of Concerted Measures at the Universal Level through the UN System”
- Dr Jure Vidmar (University of Oxford): “Abusive Governments as a Threat to International Peace and Security”
- Dr Gleider Hernandez (Durham Law School) and Thomas Liefländer (University of Oxford): “Overstepping Security Council Resolutions”
- Dr Christian Henderson (Oxford Brookes University) and Dr Noam Lubell (University of Essex): “The Contemporary Legal Nature and Effect of UN Security Council Ceasefire Resolutions”
Panel 4B  Securing Nature and Natural Resources

Chair: Michael Bowman (University of Nottingham) *(tbc)*
- Jill Barrett (British Institute of International and Comparative Law): “Securing the Polar Regions”
- Elizabeth Kirk (University of Dundee) London): “Marine Environmental Security and Adaptability in Marine Governance”
- Roser Puig Marcó (Universitat de Barcelona): “Mitigating Climate Change on the High Seas: Geo-engineering Risks and Uncertainties under International Law”
- Danae Azaria (City University London): “Countermeasures and Obligations of Transit of Energy via Fixed Infrastructure”

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00  Close of Conference and Departure