



**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: **Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC**, President of 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