The 2012
British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Annual Conference and Grotius Lecture

Thursday 25 October

At BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP
Annual Conference

International Law, the Rule of Law and Constitutional Change

The conference will consider the impact of 'Arab Spring' through three panels addressing Rule of Law, Public International Law, and International Investment Law

12.30 - 13.00  Registration
13.00 - 13.05  Welcome Address
Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC
President and Chairman, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
13.05 - 14.30  Panel One: Rule of Law
Chair: Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House and Visiting Professor, University College London
Speakers:
Dr Tariq Ali Baloch, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Lawyering in the Arab Spring: Insights on the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry
Naina Patel, Blackstone Chambers and Visiting Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law
The Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States
Professor Marc Weller, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (tbc)
Transitions of the Arab Spring - International Mediation Perspective
14.30 - 14.40  Short Break
14.40 - 16.10  Panel Two: Public International Law
Chair: Alice Lacourt, Legal Counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Speakers:
Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali, University of Warwick
Islamic Tradition and Universality of Human Rights
Professor Dino Kritsiotis, University of Nottingham
Massive Violations of Human Rights and the Use of Force
Professor Nick Grief, University of Kent and Doughty Street Chambers
Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East and North Africa
16.10 - 16.30  Tea Break
16.30 - 18.00  Panel Three: International Investment Law
Chair: N. Jansen Calamita, Senior Research Fellow in International Trade and Investment Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Speakers:
Anthony Sinclair, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP
The Feasibility of Re-structuring of Investments in the Region to Maximize Legal Protection under International Investment Treaties
Carol Searle, Ince & Co. (tbc)
The Challenges of Working with Transitional Regimes and the Risks for Investors Created by the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act
Dr Charles Gurdon, Menas Associates
The Implications of the Upheaval of the Arab Spring and the Imposition of International Sanctions on Certain Countries for Political Risk Insurance Coverage
Annual Grotius Lecture

The Arab Spring, the Arab Awakening or the Ongoing Arab Revolution?

A lecture by

Professor Cherif Bassiouni
Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University

18.30 - 19.00  Registration
19.00 - 20.00  Grotius Lecture

Introduction by:
Professor Robert McCorquodale
Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Professor Cherif Bassiouni, Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University
The Arab Spring, the Arab Awakening or the Ongoing Arab Revolution?

20.15 - 20.30  Registration
20.30 - 23.00  Grotius Dinner

After dinner speaker:
Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC
Chairman of Board of Trustees, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

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