



**British Institute of
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Events

International Law in Practice

Date	23-26 September 2013
Time	9:30am – 5:00pm
Location	British Institute of International and Comparative Law Charles Clore House 17 Russell Square London WC1B 5JP

International Law in Practice is a new four day programme run by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, which provides a broad introduction to key issues in international and comparative law – from public to private and from commercial to human rights.

Led by many of the Institute's leading researchers and practitioners, the course is ideal for those in the early years of legal practice, those working in governmental and non-governmental organisations with legal elements to their work, and students who are about to commence a postgraduate degree in aspects of international law.

Why?

International law is now a part of the practice of almost every lawyer today. Knowledge of treaty obligations arises in taxation issues and European law disputes, as well as government interactions; awareness of the responsibilities and immunities of government entities can be at the heart of a commercial contract and a human rights action; understanding of the applicable law and the laws of different states is relevant to matrimonial, commercial and competition issues; and the appropriate forum for resolving a dispute is necessary to discern for an investment matter as much as a humanitarian and rule of law concern. There are few areas of legal practice that are not affected in some way by international law, whether that matter is transacted or litigated in a national, regional or international location.

This course is unique in that it introduces participants to international law, as broadly understood and as it arises in practice. It includes the core elements of public international law, such as treaties, customary international law, state responsibilities and immunities, human rights and humanitarian law, as well as how international law is dealt with in national law and in terms of dispute settlement. It also encompasses the areas where international law operates in aspects of law previously considered outside the public areas, such as commercial transactions and personal affairs, which include private international law, comparative law, competition law and international economic law, as well as key aspects of European law and the rule of law.

What?

Teaching will be seminar style with opportunities for class discussion and interaction. Practical examples and dispute settlement avenues will be given where relevant. Reading lists, including reference to electronic materials, will be provided for each session.

All sessions will be taught in English. If you are not a native English speaker, you will need to have experience of studying in English at university level or to have achieved an appropriate score in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or an equivalent programme.

Key topics to be covered on each day of the programme are as follows:

- Day 1: **Legal Foundations of Public International Law, International Law and National Law, State Responsibility and State Immunity** – sessions led by Robert McCorquodale, Jill Barrett, Andraž Zidar and Anna Riddell
- Day 2: **EU Law, Comparative Law and Private International Law** – sessions led by, Justine Stefanelli, Duncan Fairgrieve, Ghislain Guillaume and Eva Lein
- Day 3: **International Economic Law, International Human Rights Law, Business and Human Rights, Competition Law** – sessions led by N. Jansen Calamita, Kristin Hausler, Robert McCorquodale, Lara Blecher and Philip Marsden
- Day 4: **International Humanitarian Law, International Dispute Settlement and the Rule of Law** – sessions led by Francesca Capone, N. Jansen Calamita, Lawrence McNamara, Lucy Moxham and Robert McCorquodale.



This course is accredited with 23.5 CPD hours.

How to register

Register for this course online at www.biicl.org.uk/events

The course fee is £500 (incl VAT) and covers:

- Tuition and course materials;
- Refreshments (tea/coffee/water) during sessions;
- One evening social event with expert guest speakers; and
- Certificate of completion.

About the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law is the leading independent legal research centre in the UK in this area. For more than 50 years, we have provided high quality applied research based on strong conceptual foundations, which aims to influence law and policy-making. We work closely with legal practitioners, from judges and government and inter-governmental officials, to solicitors and barristers, as well as the academic community.

Our research often crosses the traditional boundaries of law, integrating public and private international law and drawing ideas from national, European and comparative law. The application and wider dissemination of our research is promoted through a diverse range of publications, events and discussion. We have a commitment to develop and advance the understanding of international and comparative law, and to promote the rule of law.

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