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PROGRAMME

Time	Session	Speakers
13:00	Welcome Remarks	<p>Verity Robson (2017), President of ILSAN and Legal Counsellor at Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom in Geneva</p> <p>Vittorio Mainetti, Secretary-General of ILSAN and Coordinator of International Law Seminar</p>
13:15	Panel 1: International Law and the Environment	<p>Marja Lehto (1993), Member of ILC, Senior Expert for Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and Associate Professor at University of Helsinki</p> <p>Jasmine Moussa (2009), First Secretary at Permanent Mission of Egypt in Geneva</p> <p>Shinya Murase (1975), Member of ILC and Professor Emeritus of Jochi University in Tokyo</p> <p>Gentian Zyberi (2008), Head of Department at Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Professor at University of Oslo and Member of Human Rights Committee</p> <p><i>Moderator: Marcelo Kohen</i> (1989), Professor of International Law at Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva</p>
15:00	<i>Tea and Coffee</i>	
15:30	Keynote Address	Christian Tomuschat (1966), Professor Emeritus, Humboldt University of Berlin
15:50	Panel 2: Procedural Issues in International Dispute Settlement	<p>Antonios Abou Kasm (2009), Director and Professor of International Law at Lebanese University</p> <p>Mónica Feria-Tinta (2000), Barrister, 20 Essex Street Chambers</p> <p>Philippe Gautier (1988), Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea</p> <p>Raul Pangalangan (1988), Judge of the International Criminal Court</p> <p><i>Moderator: Brian McGarry</i> (2013), Lecturer and Senior Researcher at Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement</p>
17:35	Concluding Remarks	Mary-Elisabeth Chong (2017), Vice-President (Conferences & Seminars) of ILSAN and State Counsel at Attorney General's Chambers of Singapore
18:00	<i>Reception, Delegates' Restaurant (8th Floor, Palais des Nations)</i>	



SPEAKERS

Antonios Abou Kasm (2009)

Antonios F. Abou Kasm is an Attorney at Law (member of the Beirut Bar Association) and Professor of International Law at the Lebanese University and at the Command and Staff College of the Lebanese Armed Forces. He is admitted to International Practice since 2011, and was assigned in 2014 as Lead Defense Counsel at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. He serves as the Chairperson of the Professional Standards Advisory Committee of the International Criminal Court Bar Association since 2017. He was one of the redactors of the Joint Code of Ethics for Counsel pleading before international criminal courts "Code of Nuremberg 2017". He served previously as the Director of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Lebanese University. He holds a Doctorate in International Law (Grenoble's University) besides high academic degrees and professional diplomas in International Law, Political Sciences and International relations.

Mónica Feria-Tinta (2000)

Monica Feria-Tinta is a barrister at twenty Essex, a leading chamber in London. She is a specialist in public international law, especially international dispute resolution. She regularly acts on behalf of, and against, Sovereign States in contentious and advisory proceedings, and advises governments, corporate bodies, non-governmental organisations, and individuals across the full spectrum of international law. Monica has acted/advised on cases before the International Court of Justice, Court of Appeal, Permanent Court of Arbitration, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, UN organs and regional courts, ICSID, SCC and SIAC tribunals, UN Special Rapporteurs and diplomatic fora. She is currently sitting as Arbitrator (Chair) in an investment arbitration with a seat in The Hague. Monica holds an LL.M. with merit from the LSE, was trained by the International Law Commission in all areas of general international law under a UN Fellowship, and was awarded the Diploma of the Hague Academy in International Law under Pierre-Marie Dupuy in 2000.

Philippe Gautier (1988)

Philippe Gautier has been the Registrar of International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea since 2001. He was Deputy Registrar from 1997 to 2001. He is Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL - Louvain-la-Neuve) where he has been teaching since 1993. From 1984 to 1997, he worked for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1984-1997), where he was Head of the Treaties Division (1995-1997) and Head of the Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office (1991-1995). He is Doctor of Law (1992) and holds a master in Philosophy (1983). He is lecturing at IMLI (International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (2011- present)), vrije universiteit Brussel (2006- present) and Wuhan University, China (2016- present). He is listed as an arbitrator under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. He is the author of numerous publications on law of treaties, environmental law, law of international organizations, settlement of disputes, law of the sea and Antarctica.

Marcelo Kohen (1989)



Marcelo Kohen is Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1995. He is a Titular Member of the Institut de Droit international, and its Secretary General since 2015. He has worked as legal counsel and advocate for a number of states before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and other international courts and tribunals. He has been Rapporteur or Co-rapporteur for the International Law Association, the Council of Europe and the Institut de Droit International.

Marja Lehto (1993)

Marja Lehto has been a Member of the International Law Commission and Special Rapporteur for the topic Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts since 2017. She is currently Ambassador at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and Associate Professor at the University of Helsinki. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Ambassador of Finland to Luxembourg from 2009 to 2014 and the Director of the Public International Law Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2000 to 2009. During her diplomatic and legal career, she has represented Finland in many multilateral negotiations, including the negotiations concerning the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and several UN and regional counter-terrorist conventions. She has published widely on different areas of public international law, in particular international responsibility for terrorist acts, use of force, State succession and the law of the sea.

Brian McGarry (2013)

Brian McGarry is a Lecturer and Senior Researcher in the Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (University of Geneva; The Graduate Institute) and appointed Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Leiden Law School. He serves as a legal consultant in matters involving governments and international organisations.

Jasmine Moussa (2009)

Jasmine Moussa is First Secretary for Humanitarian and Legal Affairs at Egypt's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. Before assuming this post, she assumed various roles at Egypt's Foreign Ministry, including as a Legal Adviser at the Cabinet of Egypt's Foreign Minister and the Cabinet of the Deputy Foreign Minister. From 2014-2016 she was Assistant Professor of Law at the American University in Cairo, where she taught Public International Law, the Law of Armed Conflict and the Use of Force, and Gender, Law and Religion in the Middle East. Before that, she supervised International Law at Magdalene College and St. Edmund's College at the University of Cambridge, where she obtained her PhD in Law.

Shinya Murase (1975)

Shinya Murase has been a Member of the International Law Commission since 2009 and is currently the Special Rapporteur for the topic, "Protection of the Atmosphere". He is also Professor Emeritus at the Jochi (Sophia) University in Tokyo where he was Professor of Law from 1993 to 2014. He is currently Visiting Professor at Peking University Faculty of Law. In addition, he has been a Member of the Institute of International Law (Institut de droit international) since 2011 and is a Member of the Executive Council of the International Law Association. Previously, he was a judge on the Administrative Tribunal of the Asian Development Bank from 1998 to 2004, a Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law from 2004 to 2017,



Professor at Rikkyo University College of Law from 1982 to 1993 and a Legal Officer at the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs from 1980 to 1982.

Raul Pangalangan (1988)

Raul C. Pangalangan is a Judge at the International Criminal Court at The Hague. He was Presiding Judge in the historic case on attacks against religious and historical objects, and now sits in a case on child soldiers. He is currently President of the Trial Division of the ICC. Before he joined the Court, he taught constitutional law and public international law at the University of the Philippines, where he was Professor of Law and Law Dean. He has appeared before the Philippine Supreme Court on leading constitutional and international law cases. He has been visiting faculty at Harvard, Hong Kong, and Melbourne universities, and has lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law; Salzburg seminar on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law; Irish Centre for Human Rights; and Thessaloniki Institute of International Public Law. As a student at the Harvard Law School, he held a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur fellowship at the Center for International Affairs and, upon graduation, was awarded the Laylin Prize in international law.

Christian Tomuschat (1966)

Christian Tomuschat is Professor Emeritus of Humboldt University Berlin and President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Before taking the chair of international law in Berlin, he was the director of the Institute of international law of the University of Bonn for 22 years. From 1977 to 1986, he was a member of the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. From 1985 to 1996, he served on the International Law Commission (President in 1992). From 1990 to 1993, he was the rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Commission on the human rights situation in Guatemala; during the period from 1997 to 1999, he coordinated the Commission for Historical Clarification of that country. He has served as a judge of the administrative tribunals of the Interamerican Development Bank and the African Development Bank. He attended the ILS in 1966.

Gentian Zyberi (2008)

Gentian Zyberi is the Head of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo and a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2019-2022). He holds a bachelor's degree (LL.B) from Tirana University, Albania, and a Master's degree (LL.M) and a PhD degree in International Law from Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Professor Zyberi's research interests include the contribution of the International Court of Justice and other international courts and tribunals to interpreting and developing rules and principles of international human rights and humanitarian law; the protection of community interests under international law; the operationalization of the responsibility to protect doctrine; and, transitional justice issues, with a focus in the Balkans.



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