



Natural Resources, the Sustainable Development Goals and International Law

Leverhulme Lecture & Distinguished Experts Dialogue

FINAL DRAFT - Outline Programme

Wednesday 17 March 2020 | 17:00 Cambridge | 13:00 Montreal
University of Cambridge and International Law Association

17:00 Initiation of Online Event & Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

Zoom Moderators (Freedom-Kai Phillips and Fabiana Piccoli Araujo Santos, University of Cambridge graduates) will confirm that the event is live, formally greet participants, provide initial technical information, and welcome/introduce **Professor Stephen Toope** for video Welcoming Remarks on behalf of the University of Cambridge. Welcoming Remarks are played. They thank the VC, then introduce **Professor Nico Schrijver** as the Chair for the event.

17:05 Chair's Welcome and ILA Opening Remarks

Professor Nico Schrijver welcomes everyone, especially recognising the Speakers, Distinguished Experts and ILA Committee Members, then turns to the **Rt Hon Lord Jonathan Mance, Baron Mance**, to deliver Opening Remarks on behalf of the International Law Association. Baron Mance speaks (3-5 mins).

Professor Schrijver thanks Baron Mance. Professor Schrijver welcomes Professor Diane Coyle as Co-Director, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge

17:12 Introduction of Lecturer from Bennett Institute

Professor Diane Coyle introduces the Bennett Institute for Public Policy as partner, and the 2020 Leverhulme Lecturer, Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, as Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge.

17:15 Leverhulme Trust Lecture: Advancing Sustainable Natural Resources Governance through International Law

Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger delivers 2021 Leverhulme Lecture. **Professor Ilaria Espa**, Professor of the Swiss Italian University and host of the final conference of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management for Development, thanks Professor Cordonier Segger for the lecture, and turns the event back to Professor Schrijver.

17:45 Distinguished Experts Dialogue

Professor Nico Schrijver thanks Professor Cordonier Segger and Professor Espa, asks them to stay with us online for the upcoming discussions, and introduces Guest Experts for Distinguished Experts Dialogue, and also welcomes the highly qualified jurists from the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management which drafted the Guidelines (see Biographies, Annex I). Professor Schrijver explains that the Dialogue will be held in a roundtable, with three key focus questions on which international guest experts each have agreed to kindly give a few brief opening thoughts, prior to exchanges among themselves, the ILA Committee member experts, and the audience (via the Zoom Moderators / Q&A function).

17:50 Dialogue begins with first focus question from Professor Schrijver: *In these challenging times, if the SDGs offer a common global public policy agenda for more sustainable natural resources governance, how can they be supported by binding international treaty regimes?*

Professor Schrijver calls on two **Invited Experts** to give, in just 2-3 minutes, a few preliminary thoughts in response to this question. Professor Schrijver turns to the **ILA Committee Member Experts** and invites 2 of them to comment further. Professor Schrijver thanks them.

18:00 Dialogue continues with second focus question from Professor Schrijver: *How can international instruments increase investment in sustainable natural resources management, and what is the role of international dispute settlement?*

Professor Schrijver calls on two **Invited Experts** to give, in just 2-3 minutes, a few preliminary thoughts in response to this question. Professor Schrijver turns to the **ILA Committee Member Experts** and invites 2 of them to comment further. Professor Schrijver thanks them.

18:10 Dialogue continues with third focus question: *How could new directions for international research and education help to ensure more sustainable use of global natural resources, worldwide?*

Professor Schrijver calls on two **Invited Experts** to give, in just 2-3 minutes, a few preliminary thoughts in response to this question. Professor Schrijver turns to the **ILA Committee Member Experts** and invites 2 of them to comment further. Professor Schrijver thanks them.

18:20 Dialogue continues with General Exchange between Experts and Special Guests

Professor Schrijver follows up on key points made by the Invited (external) Experts and any of the (28) ILA Experts online, chairing the dialogue with a further opportunity for the ILA and other Experts to discuss points raised, including by allowing Professor Coyle, Professor Cordonier Segger and other Special Guests who visible online to raise questions with the Experts.

18:40 Questions and Answers from Online Audience

Professor Schrijver thanks Experts, Leverhulme Trust Lecturer and Special Guests again, and turns to Zoom Moderators to collect first 2-3 questions from the audience, then back to the Experts for responses. Perhaps 2-3 rounds of audience questions may continue, depending on brevity of replies and timing.

18:55 Thanks & Closing Remarks

Professor Schrijver thanks everyone, acknowledges the support of the Leverhulme Trust which makes these lectures possible, recognises the co-hosting University (Anglia Ruskin) and the partner institutions, and turns to **HE Justice Thomas Heidar**, Vice-President of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, to closes the event with his remarks on solving international natural resources problems through peaceful dispute settlement, on the ground.



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BACKGROUND NOTES

Event Overview

Complex, inter-linked ‘wicked problems’ of climate change, natural resources degradation, drought and hunger, terrestrial and marine ecosystem collapse and species extinction, and worldwide health pandemic risks, among others, have been warned by scientists and civil society, with increasing urgency over recent decades. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a common global environmental, social and economic public policy agenda, supported by binding international treaty obligations and regimes. This Leverhulme Trust, Lecture and Distinguished Experts Dialogue on 17 March 2021 engages leading international jurists and academics and renowned natural resources management experts to share insights and identify new directions for natural resources management and the global Sustainable Development Goals, guided by international law and policy.

After a welcome from [Professor Stephen J Toope](#), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, this special ‘evening/lunch’ online event is chaired by the [Rt. Hon Professor Nico Schrijver](#), Professor Emeritus of Public International Law of the University of Leiden Law School, State Councillor in the Netherlands Council of State and former President of the International Law Association. [Rt Hon Lord Jonathan Mance](#), Baron Mance, former Deputy President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court and Chair of the International Law Association worldwide, has kindly agreed to give opening remarks.

To lay foundations, the online Leverhulme Lecture, opened by [Professor Diane Coyle](#) Co-Director of the Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge, shall be provided by [Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger](#) as Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor at the University of Cambridge. She is also Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL); Full Professor of Law in the University of Waterloo, Canada; author of *Sustainable Development Law* (OUP), *Sustainable Development in International Courts and Tribunals* (Routledge) and other volumes; laureate of the 2020 HE Judge CG Weeramantry International Justice Award; and Rapporteur of the ILA Committee on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Resources Management for Development. [Prof. Ilaria Espa](#), Professor at the Swiss Italian University in Lugano and Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute, who hosted the final ILA Committee conference leading to the Guidelines, shall provide the lecture closing thanks.

The feature is a **Distinguished Experts Dialogue** between respected international judges, expert professors of international law, heads of international treaty secretariats and international institutes in the field of law, public policy and sustainable development. It is an honour to be able to welcome [Dr Kent Nnadozie](#), Executive Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; [Dr Amy Fraenkel](#), Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species at the United Nations; [Professor Jorge Vinuales](#), Harold Samuel Professor of Law and Environmental Policy of the University of Cambridge; [Dean Susan Breau](#), Dean of Law from University of Victoria Faculty of Law; [Adv Wendy Miles QC](#), a Vice President of the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration and Chair of the Climate Law and Governance Initiative; [Professor Thomas Cottier](#), former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute and Professor Emeritus at the University of Bern; and [Dr Ilaria Bottigliero](#), Director of Research and Learning at the International Development Law Organization, among other special expert guests, to discuss recent challenges and innovative developments in the sustainable management of natural resources globally and on the ground, and the implications of the new ILA Guidelines on the Role of International Law in Sustainable Natural Resources Management for Development.

These invited expert speakers will be joined in the dialogue by renowned members of the International Law Association’s Committee which actually drafted the Guidelines, highly qualified jurists from over thirty different countries whose insights shall be deeply appreciated. ILA Committee member experts who have agreed to participate as intervenors ‘inside the firewall’ include, for instance: [Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa](#), Lead Counsel at CISDL Peace, Justice and Governance Programmes; [Prof. Yongmin Bian](#), Professor and Director of the Department of International Law, UIBE Law School; [Dr](#)

[Leopold von Carlowitz](#), Senior Adviser, German Development Agency, GIZ Sector Programme Extractives for Development; [Dr Daniëlla Dam-de Jong](#), Associate Professor at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University; [Dr Trevor Daya-Winterbottom](#), Associate Professor and Deputy Dean, Te Piringa - Faculty of Law, University of Waikato; [Prof. Ilaria Espa](#), Professor at USI Lugano and Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute; [Prof Paolo Davide Farah](#), Associate Professor at West Virginia University, Eberly College, John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics (USA) and Distinguished Professor of Law at Beijing Foreign Studies University Faculty of Law (China); [Prof. Ximena Fuentes](#), Associate Professor of Public International Law at the University of Chile; [Dr. Markus Gehring](#), Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge; [Prof. Alexandra Harrington](#), Executive Director of the Center for Global Governance & Emerging Law, Albany Law School; [Prof. Stephan Hobe](#), Professor for German Public Law, European Law and Public International, Director of the Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, Director at Law Centre of European Integration Cooperation, University of Cologne; [Dr. Kamal Hossain](#), former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh; [Dr Barbara Janusz-Pawletta](#), Vice-Rector on International Cooperation, German-Kazakh University; [Adv Erick Kassongo Kalonji](#), Executive Director of the Centre Congolais pour le Droit du Développement Durable; [Prof. Konstantia Koutouki](#), Professor of Law, Université de Montréal; [Prof. Erjon Muharremaj](#), High Judicial Council of Albania, Lecturer at the University of Tirana, Albania; [Prof. Cymie Payne](#), Rutgers University Law School and Dept. of Human Ecology; [Adv Frederic Perron-Welch](#), Doctoral Fellow at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Faculty of Law at Leiden University; [Dr Leticia Sakai](#), Conventions on Higher Education, Education Sector UNESCO; [Dr Werner Scholtz](#), Head of School and Professor of Global Environmental Law, Southampton Law School; [Dr Arie Trouwborst](#), Associate Professor of environmental law, Tilburg University; [Prof. Christina Voigt](#), Department of Public International Law, University of Oslo, and Co-Chair of the Paris Agreement Compliance Committee; [Dr Kuan-Hsiung Wang](#), Professor of the Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University; and [Prof. Friedl Weiss](#), Emeritus at the Department of European, International Law and Comparative Law, University of Vienna.

The event will be closed by [HE Judge Tomas Heidar](#), Vice-President of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), who has graciously agreed to provide his thoughts on how sustainable natural resources management challenges are addressed in international law and with actual examples, on the ground.

This series of open public Leverhulme Lectures raises complex, inter-linked ‘wicked problems’ of climate change, drought and hunger; natural resources mismanagement; terrestrial and marine ecosystems degradation and rising global poverty and injustice. It considers how the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a common global public policy agenda, supported by binding international legal principles and rules derived from treaty regimes, interpreted by courts and tribunals. In the present lecture, experts consider how international law, including dispute settlement, can foster more sustainable management of the world’s fragile resources, advancing new directions for research, education and practice in this field. Over 1,300 people have already registered, from a wide diversity of backgrounds, including judges, ministers, professors, senior practitioners, civil society and business leaders, key government and international officials, university and college students and members of the public.