

## Press Release

### **The changing role of highest courts in an internationalising world**

On 23 and 24 October, the Hague Institute for Internationalisation of Law (HiIL) will bring together some of the world's most pre-eminent scholars and judges at The Peace Palace in the Hague for the second annual conference in the HiIL Law of the Future series. Over the course of two days, which will comprise three parallel workshops and a final panel discussion, the conference will focus on the question of how the internationalisation of law is affecting the work of highest courts at the national level.

### **Programme**

HiIL's second annual Law of the Future conference will be opened with a keynote speech by Dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin, the Dutch Minister of Justice. After the opening plenary session, the conference will split up into three parallel workshops.

The first workshop, to be chaired by John Bell (Professor of Law at Pembroke College, Cambridge), will address the meaning and significance of legal unity as it pertains to highest national courts in the current internationalised setting.

The second workshop, to be chaired by Olivier Duthéillet de Lamoignon (Member of the Constitutional Council of France), will consider the question whether the separation of powers is an adequate basis for judicial legitimacy in an internationalised environment.

The third workshop, to be chaired by Robert Post (Professor of Law, Yale Law School), will focus on the empirical facets of judicial internationalisation with a particular emphasis on the institutional mechanisms which are employed to facilitate the communication between judges of various jurisdictions.

### **Final panel**

On Friday afternoon, the conference will conclude with a final panel discussion in which the various themes of the workshops will be brought together. The topic of discussion concerns the specific role and contribution of highest courts to the process of the internationalisation of law.

*Panelists:* Geert Corstens (Judge of the 'Hoge Raad' of the Netherlands), Bruno Cotte (Judge of the International Criminal Court), Michael Kirby (Judge of the High Court of Australia), Albie Sachs (Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa), O-Gon Kwon (Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia) and Kenneth Keith (Judge of the International Court of Justice).

### **Speakers and Participants**

*Speakers:* 25 speakers will participate in the conference, including:

Jeremy Waldron (Professor of Law, New York University Law School), Lord Bingham of Cornhill (Retired Senior Law Lord, United Kingdom), Geert Corstens (Vice-president, 'Hoge Raad' of the Netherlands), and Albie Sachs (Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa).

*Participants:* Approximately 100 researchers and practitioners from all over the world will attend the conference.

*For more information:* [www.lawofthefuture.org](http://www.lawofthefuture.org)

### **The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (HiIL)**

HiIL is a research institute dedicated to fostering innovative research concerning the role and relevance of national legal orders amidst a heavily internationalised global society.

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**Press coverage**

The media may not cite or report on the conference discussions without express prior consultation with the conference organisation. Requests for interviews with one or more of the participants may be submitted to the HiIL Communications Advisor.

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