

# Laurence BOISSON DE CHAZOURNES

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

International Law, Dispute Settlement, International Organizations, International Economic Law, Environmental Law and Water Law

### TEACHING ACTIVITIES

#### 1999 - Present

**Professor**, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, Switzerland; **Head of the Department of Public International Law and International Organization** (1999-2009); **Senior Emile Noël Fellow**, New York University School of Law (Spring 2013), **Visiting Professor**, University of Aix-Marseille III (France); Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva, Switzerland); University of Paris I (Sorbonne); University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)

**Member** of the Board of Directors of the Master in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS - Graduate Institute of International Studies / Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva), in charge of the General Course on dispute settlement (inter alia international arbitration, ICJ, WTO)

**Lectures and participation in workshops and conferences** in Europe, in the United States, in Latin America, in the Middle East and in Africa. Lectures and conferences given at the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Bank (WB) and the International Labor Organization (ILO).

**Professor**, The Hague Academy of International Law, Session of Public International Law, course on "The Relationship between Universal Organizations and Regional Organizations", 2008; **Director of studies**, The Hague Academy of International Law, Center for Studies and Research in International Law and International Relations on "Water Resources and International Law", 2001; **Professor**, External program of The Hague Academy of International Law, Namibia, November 1999 and Abu Dhabi, November 2010.

**Director of research**, Projects funded by the Swiss Fund for Research and French agencies.

**Chairperson**, Scientific Committee, Swiss Network of International Studies (Switzerland)

**NOMINATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**President** of the European Society of International Law (2012-2014); **Member** of the Executive Council of the *European Society of International Law* (elected in 2008).

**Member** of the list of Arbitrators of the French National Committee, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) (2012-present)

**Arbitrator** of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (2012-present)

**Member** of the Panel of Experts for the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement (2012-present)

**Member** of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council (2011-present)

**Member** of the list of IDLO arbitrators for IDLO Staff Complaints (2010-present)

**Vice-Chairperson**, Joint Consultative Committee, OECD (2009-present).

**Co-Chair**, ILA Study Group on the Practice and Procedure of International Tribunals (2008-2010).

**Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law** (2008).

**Member** of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (since November 2007).

**Member of the Panel of Arbitrators (SG's list)** under the PCA's rules of procedure for the arbitration of disputes pertaining to natural resources and/or the environment (since December 2002).

**Member** of the WTO indicative list of governmental and non-governmental panellists (since 2006).

**Co-chair** of the 2013 ASIL Annual Meeting; **Counsellor**, *American Society of International Law* (2008-2011); **Member** of the Organizing Committee of ASIL Annual meetings ((2012), Centennial of the *American Society of International Law* (2006) and (1999)); **Member** of the Executive Council, *American Society of International Law* (2000-2003).

**Member**, *Société française pour le droit international*, **Member** of the Executive Council (2000-2008).

**Member**, *International Law Association* (French section).

**Member**, Commission on Environmental Law (CEL), *International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources* (IUCN).

**Member of Steering Committee**, *The Project on Courts and Tribunals*, University of London/New York University.

## EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- American Journal of International Law
- European Journal of International Law (till 2012)
- ICSID Reviw – Foreign Investment Law Journal
- Georgetown International Environmental Law Review
- International Organizations Law Review
- Journal of International Economic Law
- Journal of International Law and International Relations
- Leiden Journal of International Law
- The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals
- Yearbook of International Environmental Law (1996-2001)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE 1983-1999

### 1995-1999

**Senior Counsel**, *The World Bank, Legal Department, Environment and International Law Unit.*

- Represented the Bank in meetings with other international organizations and with non-governmental organizations. Preparation of policy statements to the Board of the World Bank on *international law* and *institutional matters* and publication of research papers on international law.
- Advised Bank staff on the application to Bank projects of World Bank policies and procedures, international treaties, and national legislation. Advisory role took place during preparation and review of assessment for major projects involving public and private parties (as for example, hydroelectric power plants (Mantali/Diama) and the Baku–Tbilisi–Ceyhan pipeline).
- Expert member of a Working Group on environmental liability issues established by UNEP. Lectures and participation in workshops and conferences in Europe and in the United States. Lecturer in the UN/UNITAR Fellowship Programme in International Law.

### 1992 - 1995

**Chargée de cours**, *The Graduate Institute of International Studies* (Geneva, Switzerland), and the *Faculty of Law* of the *University of Geneva* (Switzerland).

- Taught courses on International law, International environmental law, and European law.
- Conducted various research programs dealing with international and environment law and human rights issues.

**1990 - 1992**

**Consultant**, with international organizations and the Swiss government.

- Reports prepared for the *International Labour Organization* (ILO), *The UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change* (UNFCCC), *The UN Center for Human Rights*, *The Federal Office for the Environment, Forests and Landscape* (Bern, Switzerland).
- The preparation of these reports always involved the consultation with different associate partners (UN agencies, States, NGO, universities). Workshops were organized in the framework of the preparation of these reports.

**1983 - 1990**

**Assistant**, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

- Teaching and research activities. Research grants allocated by the *Council of Europe* and the *European Economic Commission* (EC/EU)

**EDUCATION**

*Visiting Scholar*, University of Michigan Law school (1989) and Georgetown University Law School (1994).

*Habilitation* (post-doctoral exam and certification to teach graduate studies), Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Paris, France, (1991).

*Ph.D. in International Law, summa cum laude*, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 1991.

*Certificate of Advanced Studies, magna cum laude*, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, (1987).

*Bar Exam*, Lyon, France, October 1980.

*Maîtrise in Private Law, magna cum laude*, University of Lyon III, France, June 1980

*Licence in Sociology*, University of Lyon II, France, June 1980.

*Diploma in Political Science, magna cum laude*, University of Lyon II, France, June 1979.

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