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His PhD from the University of Nottingham under the supervision of Professor David Harris was on the international drug conventions and resulted in the publication of *Penal Aspects of the UN Drug Conventions* (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2001). Since then he has broadened his interest to all forms of transnational crime. He has written numerous pieces including 'Transnational Criminal Law?' (2003) 14(5) *European Journal of International Law* 953-976, 'Treaty Crimes, International Criminal Court?' (2009) 12(3) *New Criminal Law Review* 341 -365 and 'The (Un-) Systematic Nature of the UN Criminal Justice System: The (Non) Relationship Between The Draft Illicit Tobacco Trade Protocol and The UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime' (2010) 21 *Criminal Law Forum* 361-397 and 'Punishing Japan's "Opium War-making" in China: The Relationship between Transnational Crime and Aggression at the Tokyo Tribunal' in Yuri Tanaka, Tim McCormack and Gerry Simpson (eds), *Beyond Victor's Justice? The Tokyo War Crimes Trial Revisited* (Leiden and Boston: Nijhoff, 2011). He works as a consultant for NGOs in the area of the legal regulation of

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Finally, he is also the author of a number of pieces in international criminal law strict sensu, including *The Tokyo International Military Tribunal, A Reappraisal* (Oxford: OUP, 2008) (together with Professor Cryer). He is currently completing a book entitled *An Introduction to Transnational Criminal Law* for OUP, which will be published in September 2012.