

Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the International Law Commission

24 May 2024

Auditorium Ivan Pictet A1B
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2A,
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

PROGRAMME

13h30 - Reception

A reception generously offered by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

14h45-15h00 – INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, *Chair of the International Law Commission at its seventy-fifth session*

Ambassador Jürg Lauber, *Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and other Organizations in Geneva*

Mr. Andrea Bianchi, *Director of Studies, Geneva Graduate Institute*

Mr. Nico Krisch, *Head of the International Law Department, Geneva Graduate Institute*

15h00-16h00 – PANEL I

THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER

The work of the Commission has been traditionally influential in the international legal order. What factors account for the Commission's authority? Is there any connection between the form of the Commission's final texts (draft articles, conclusions, guides) and the authority that they enjoy? How can the Commission's authority be sustained when the era of foundational codification projects is arguably over? To what extent the composition of the Commission (in terms of gender, geographical representation and professional background) has an impact on its perceived authority?

- **MODERATOR: Mr. Fuad Zarbiyev**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
 - **Ms. Danae Azaria**, *University College of London*
 - **Mr. Fernando Lusa Bordin**, *University of Cambridge*
 - **Ms. Vilawan Manglatanakul**, *International Law Commission*

Discussion

Coffee break

16h30-17h30 – PANEL II

THE TOPICS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION: SCOPE AND LIMITS

What are the best ways for selecting the topics for the Commission's examination? To what extent are the Commission's topics responsive to the needs and expectations of the international community? Are the traditional criteria for the selection of topics still appropriate? Is there room for coordination between the Commission and codification initiatives of other institutions such as regional codification bodies or the Institut de droit international?

- **MODERATOR: Ms. Neha Mishra**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
 - **Mr. Vincent Chetail**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
 - **Mr. Charles Chernor Jalloh**, *International Law Commission*
 - **Ms. María Juliana Tenorio Quintero**, *Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva*

Discussion

17h30-18h30 – PANEL III

THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION IN THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

How can the Commission respond to changes in the making and implementation of international law in the recent decades (the rise of non-state actors, the move away from formal to informal law-making)? What can be done to encourage a greater level of engagement with the Commission's work on the part of developing countries? Should the Commission engage more closely with actors beyond states?

- **MODERATOR: Ms. Alice Pirlot**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
 - **Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**, *University of Geneva*
 - **Mr. Nico Krisch**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*
 - **Mr. Mārtiņš Pāparinskis**, *International Law Commission*

Discussion

18h30 – CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, *Chair of the International Law Commission at its seventy-fifth session*

Mr. Nico Krisch, *Head of the International Law Department, Geneva Graduate Institute*