



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM



Conference

International Law through the National Prism:

The Role of Domestic Courts in Shaping International Law

Amsterdam, 10 October 2014

Programme

09:00-09:30 **Arrival & registration**

09:30-09:45 **Welcome & introduction to the conference theme**
André Nollkaemper, University of Amsterdam

Session I:

The shaping of international law through judicial dialogues: selected subject areas

Chair: **Geir Ulfstein**, University of Oslo

- 09:45-11:15 - **August Reinisch**, University of Vienna: 'Immunity of International Organizations'
- **Albert Jan van den Berg**, Hanotiau & van den Berg/Erasmus University Rotterdam: 'Court-to-Court Dialogues on the New York Convention'
- **Riccardo Pavoni**, University of Siena: '*Jus Cogens*'
- **Juan Santos Vara**, University of Salamanca: 'Universal Jurisdiction'
- **Fulvio Maria Palombino**, University of Naples Federico II: 'The Counter-Limits Doctrine'
- Comments by Chair; general discussion

11:15-11:45 Break

Session II:

The shaping of international law through judicial dialogues on sources

Chair: **Antonios Tzanakopoulos**, University of Oxford

- 11:45-13:00 - **Katharina Berner**, Humboldt University of Berlin: 'The Significance of "Agreement" in Treaty Interpretation'
- **Georg Nolte**, Humboldt University of Berlin/UN International Law Commission: 'Domestic Court Decisions as Subsequent Practice'
- **Peter Staubach**, Humboldt University of Berlin: 'Customary International Law in Domestic Courts: Soaring Ambitions, Sober Reality?'

- **Michael Wood**, University of Cambridge/UN International Law Commission:
'Domestic Court Decisions as State Practice and *opinio juris*'
- Comments by Chair; general discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session III:

Reliance on domestic court decisions by international courts and tribunals

Chair: **Anna Wyrozumska**, University of Łódź

- 14:00-14:45
- **Amrei Müller**, University of Oslo:
'The Reliance by the European Court of Human Rights on Domestic Court Decisions'
 - **Hege Elisabeth Kjos**, University of Amsterdam:
'The Role of Domestic Courts in Shaping International Investment Law'
 - Comments by Chair; general discussion

14:45-15:15 Break

Session IV:

The relevance of domestic court decisions for international courts and tribunals: the perspective of judges and arbitrators

Chair: **Hege Elisabeth Kjos**, University of Amsterdam

- 15:15-16:30
- **Albert Jan van den Berg**, Hanotiau & van den Berg/Erasmus University Rotterdam
 - **Chile Eboe-Osuji**, International Criminal Court
 - **O. Thomas Johnson**, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
 - **Egbert Myjer**, International Commission of Jurists/ECHR (former Judge)

Final Reflections:

The Normative Dimension

- 16:30-17:00
- **Eyal Benvenisti**, Tel Aviv University:
'Normative Assessment of the Influence of Domestic Court Decisions on International Law'

17:00-18:00 Drinks

19:30-22:00 Speakers' Dinner