



## Registration for ILA British Branch Spring Conference All Souls College, Oxford

Monday 8 April 2019

### International Law at the Tipping Point

Tipping point: 'the moment of critical mass, the threshold, the boiling point'  
(Gladwell, 2000)

Irreversible climate change. Ecosystem collapse and mass extinction of plant and animal species. Renewed threat of a nuclear arms race. Mass migration. Widespread famine. Each has been referred to as a 'tipping point' in this age of the anthropocene. What role does international law play when the natural world and human society is at, or nearing, such tipping points? And is international law itself at a tipping point? At the same time as it expands to cover all areas of human activity as an essential tool for bringing order to a rapidly globalising world, it is also the target of significant attacks from different angles – with regard to its general utility, its capacity to order our lives effectively, and its potential for creating an unaccountable leviathan limiting freedom. Increasing polarisation seems to indicate that the system will either gain greater acceptance as an ordering principle, or collapse under the fragmenting tendencies of re-nationalisation of powers and decision-making, ultimately declining as a normative ideal.

The ILA British Branch Spring Conference aims to bring together practitioners and scholars of international law to discuss these tendencies in different specialised areas, and to assess the state of the law and the system. The conference will conclude with a keynote speech by Sir Frank Berman KCMG QC, Essex Court Chambers and former FCO Legal Adviser, introduced by the Chair of the ILA Executive Council, the Rt Hon Lord Mance.

#### Conference Schedule:

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| From 9.30am              | Arrival and registration (Dining Hall)   |
| 10.00 – 10.05pm          | Welcome and Opening Remarks (Old Library)  |
| 10.05 – 11.20am          | <b>Plenary Panel Session I: International Law in Times of Fundamental Change</b>       |
| Tea/coffee (Dining Hall) |  |
| 11.45 – 1.00pm           | <b>Plenary Panel Session II: The Limits of International Law as an Agent of Change</b> |
| 1.00 – 1.45pm            | Buffet Lunch (Dining Hall)   |

- 1.45 – 3.00pm            Plenary Panel Session III: The Decline of International Law as a Normative Ideal?
- Tea/coffee (Dining Hall)
- 3.30 – 4.45pm            Plenary Panel Session IV: International Law and Institutions in Times of Crisis
- 5:00pm                    ILA British Branch AGM, to be followed by:
- 5.30pm                    Closing keynote speech to be delivered by Sir Frank Berman KCMG QC, introduced by the RH Lord Mance (Chair, ILA Executive Council)
- 6:30pm                    Open Drinks Reception in the Codrington Library
- 7.30pm                    Dinner (by ticket) in the Dining Hall

**Registration fee:**

Please [click here](#) for registration. Fees are below.

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| Full time practitioners - ILA members: £80 | Full time practitioners – non ILA members: £100 |
| Full time academics – ILA members: £60     | Full time academics – non ILA members: £70      |
| Students – ILA members: £20                | Students – non ILA members: £30                 |

**Drinks reception:**

If you wish to attend the reception in the Codrington Library at All Souls College, please indicate on your registration (free of charge).

**Conference Dinner:**

If you wish to attend the conference dinner to be held in the Dining Hall at All Souls College, please pay on registration the additional charge of £40 (£30 for students) per person.

**Accommodation:**

If you require accommodation, please visit [this website](#). Alternative accommodation can also be found at the [University Club](#) and [Rewley House](#).

**Directions to All Souls College** – click [here](#).