



Professor Philippa Webb

Professor Philippa Webb's practice covers all aspects of public international law, and reflects her expertise in international dispute settlement. She acts for States and private entities in domestic and international courts on a wide range of issues including State and diplomatic immunities, territorial and maritime boundaries, human rights, international criminal law, treaty obligations, law of the sea, State responsibility, humanitarian law, and the law of international organisations.

Philippa was Special Assistant and Legal Officer to President Rosalyn Higgins of the International Court of Justice during her presidency. In this capacity, she was involved in 15 inter-state cases, from the pleadings to the deliberations to the delivery of the judgments. Since leaving the ICJ, Philippa has appeared as advocate before the International Court of Justice in the *Advisory Opinion on the Legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965* and *Certain Iranian Assets (Islamic Republic of Iran v United States of America)*. She has appeared as counsel in *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v Kenya)*, *Alleged violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v United States of America)*, and *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)*. Philippa is currently instructed for a case pending before the International Court between two Latin American states, represents the Maldives as an intervenor in the case concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar)* and represents an intervening State in the *Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)*. She has appeared as advocate in the inter-state arbitration *The Enrica Lexie Incident (Italy v India)* on behalf of Italy.

Philippa is shortlisted for 2022 Barrister of the Year in England and Wales by *The Lawyer* Magazine. She is also ranked in the leading barrister directories:

"An excellent advocate - very thoughtful, very acute analytical skills." The Legal 500 UK Bar 2022

"She's a joy to work with and the foremost expert on state immunity." "An incredible academic mind." – Chambers UK Bar 2021

"The go-to expert on state immunity issues - well known for her expertise in ICJ practice, she is equally at home handling inter-state arbitration proceedings." - The Legal 500 UK Bar 2021

"An excellent junior, she made a very good impression before the ICJ" – The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020

"Philippa Webb has built a highly respected academic reputation and stands out amongst her peers in the arbitration space as the top of her generation" – Who's Who Legal 2019

"She has been incredible at distilling complex international issues into simple terms for clients" - Chambers UK Bar 2019

"Really plugged into the international law arena, I wouldn't hesitate to use her." - The Legal 500 UK Bar 2019

"She is fantastic – her expertise and knowledge is invaluable. Her specialism is state immunity and she is just brilliant in terms of her speed and knowledge." - Chambers UK Bar 2018

Future Leader and 'UK Bar: Rising Star' - Who's Who Legal 2018 and 2019

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EDUCATION

- 2005 – 2011 **J.S.D. (Doctorate in Law)**
Yale Law School, New Haven, USA
Thesis: Judicial Integration and Fragmentation in the International Legal System
(passed with no corrections)
Committee: Professors Lea Brilmayer (Chair), Michael Reisman and Mirjan Damaška
- 2003 – 2004 **LL.M.**
Yale Law School, New Haven, USA
Howard M. Holtzmann Fellowship in International Dispute Resolution
Research Assistant to Professor Reisman and Professor Damaška
Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic
- 2004 **Diploma in International Criminal Law *cum laude***
European University Institute, ETHICS Programme, Florence, Italy
- 1997 – 2002 **LL.B.**
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
University Medal in Law (ranked 1st out of 294 students)
- 1997 – 2000 **B.A. (Asian Studies: Advanced Japanese Studies)(Hons)**
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
University Medal in Advanced Japanese Studies (ranked first)
First Class Honours in Advanced Japanese Studies
Intex Scholarship for International Exchange
Honours Year Scholarship
Kintetsu International Express Prize for ranking first in Japanese

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EMPLOYMENT

December 2016 - present	Barrister, Twenty Essex Chambers, London Specialist in public international law, including international dispute settlement (especially the International Court of Justice), all aspects of immunities, boundary and territorial sovereignty issues, treaty interpretation, state responsibility, law of the sea, human rights, humanitarian law, international criminal law, and law of international organisations.
September 2012 – present	Professor of Public International Law, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London Director of the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD) Promoted to Professor in September 2019; Reader in September 2015
2022-present	Distinguished Visiting Professor , University of Notre Dame, London Global Gateway
2020-present	Visiting Professor , Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
2016-present	Visiting Professor of Public International Law , Columbia University
2014-present	Visiting Professor of Public International Law , ESADE Law School
2014-2015	Adjunct Professor , Pepperdine University, London Campus
2013-2014	Visiting Professor , Université Paris Nanterre
2009-2012	Visiting Assistant Professor , Leiden University
2001 – 2003	Special Projects Officer , United Nations Secretariat, Office of Internal Oversight Services, New York
1999 – 2001	Graduate Lawyer , Baker & McKenzie, Public International Law Practice Group, Sydney, Australia
2000	Graduate Lawyer , Tokyo Aoyama Law Office, Corporate and Major Projects Group, Tokyo, Japan
2000-2002	Senior Tutor-in-Law , University of New South Wales, Aboriginal Education Programme, Sydney, Australia Tutored Indigenous students in Administrative Law, Public Law, Criminal Law, and Federal Constitutional Law

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Admissions: Bar of England and Wales (10 March 2016); New York Bar (2006); United Nations National Competitive Recruitment Examination in Legal Affairs (2004).

Membership of Professional Associations

International Law Association (British Branch); British Institute of International and Comparative Law; Society of Legal Scholars (UK); American Society of International Law; European Society of International Law; Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law.

Languages: English (mother tongue), Japanese (advanced), French (advanced), Italian (beginner), Dutch (beginner)

Citizenship: Australia and United Kingdom

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Right to a Fair Trial in International Law (OUP 2020) (with Amal Clooney), 1000 pages

- Awarded the ASIL Certificate of Merit 2022 for High Technical Craftmanship and Utility to Practitioners and Scholars
- Cited by the UK Supreme Court in *R (on the application of TN (Vietnam)) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* and another [2021] UKSC 41, para. 66.

Oppenheim's International Law, Third Volume: United Nations (OUP, 2017) (with Dame Rosalyn Higgins GBE QC, Dapo Akande, Sandesh Sivakumaran, and James Sloan), 2 volumes, 1525 pages

- Awarded the ASIL Certificate of Merit 2019 for High Technical Craftmanship and Utility to Practitioners and Scholars

The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law (OUP 2020) (with Amal Clooney)

International Judicial Integration and Fragmentation (OUP 2013, Paperback 2016)

- Paperback with New Preface published in 2016.

The Law of State Immunity (3rd Revised and Updated Paperback Edition, OUP 2015) (with Lady Hazel Fox CMG QC) and *The Law of State Immunity* (3rd edn, OUP 2013) (with Lady Hazel Fox CMG QC)

- Cited by leading national courts:

General Dynamics United Kingdom Ltd v State of Libya [2021] UKSC 22, paras 31, 35, 37, 60, 62, 65, 68, 73

Benkharbouche v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, [2017] UKSC 62, paras 46 and 73 [UK Supreme Court]

Belhaj v Jack Straw [2016] UKSC 3, para. 26 [UK Supreme Court]

United States of America v Nolan [2015] UKSC 63, para. 36 [UK Supreme Court]

Benkharbouche v Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs [2015] EWCA Civ 33, para. 65 [Court of Appeal]

Belhaj v Jack Straw & Ors [2014] EWCA Civ 1394, para. 45 [Court of Appeal]

The High Commissioner for Pakistan in the United Kingdom v National Westminster Bank Plc & Ors [2015] EWHC 55 (Ch), para. 75 [High Court]

Rahmatullah v The Ministry of Defence [2014] EWHC 3846 (QB), para. 73 [High Court]

Kazemi Estate v. Islamic Republic of Iran 2014 SCC 62, paras 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 45, 72, 161, 205 [Supreme Court of Canada]

The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development v The Southern African Litigation Centre (867/15) [2016] ZASCA 17, paras 71, 90 [Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa]

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The Genocide Convention: The Travaux Préparatoires (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers 2008) (with Hiran Abtahi) two volumes, 2217 pages

- Cited in *Prosecutor v Popovic et al*, Judgment, Appeals Chamber, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Case No.: IT-05-88-A, 30 January 2015
- Cited by the President of the International Court of Justice in the *Croatia v Serbia* Judgment of Feb 2015 (fn 6-11)
- Cited by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda: *Bizimungu, Mugenzi, Bicamumpaka and Mugiraneza* Trial Judgment (fn 2732) and *Kalimanzira* Appeals (fn 412).

Articles

'Litigation before the International Court of Justice during the Pandemic' (2021) *Leiden Journal of International Law* 1-14 (with Giulia Pinzauti)

'The United Kingdom and the *Chagos Archipelago* Advisory Opinion: Engagement and Resistance' (2021) 21 *Melbourne Journal of International Law* (forthcoming, in press)

'Non-justiciability and Act of State in Commercial Matters: Exceptions to State Immunity: Section 3 of the State Immunity Act' [2021] *Journal of Business Law* 192

"I demand justice. I hold them all responsible" Advancing the Enforcement of Anti-Slavery Legislation in Mauritania' (2020) 5(1) *Journal of Modern Slavery* 1 (with Rosana Garciandia and Maeve Ryan)

'State Responsibility for Modern Slavery: Uncovering and Bridging the Gap' (2019) 68(3) *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* 539 (with Rosana Garciandia)

Awarded best article published in 2019 by ICLQ
Invitation to deliver ICLQ Annual Lecture 2020

'[How far does the systemic approach to immunities take us?](#)', *American Journal of International Law Unbound*, Symposium on the Present and Future of Foreign Official Immunity (2018) Vol 112, pp. 116-121.

'The Right to Insult in International Law' (with A Clooney) (2017) 48(1) *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, <http://brlr.law.columbia.edu/the-right-to-insult-in-international-law/>

Foreword, Symposium 'Culture on the Frontline: Addressing Attacks on Cultural Heritage' (2016) *Journal of International Criminal Justice*

The Immunity of States, Diplomats and International Organizations in Employment Disputes: The New Human Rights Dilemma? (2016) 27(3) *European Journal of International Law*

A British Perspective on the War and Military Forces Clause of the Japanese Constitution, (2015) 2 *King's Law Journal* [refereed journal]

Deadlock or Restraint? The Security Council Veto and the Use of Force in Syria, *Journal of Conflict and Security*

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Law (2014)

Should the 2004 UN Convention on State Immunity be a model/starting point for a convention on the immunities of international organizations?, *International Organizations Law Review* (2014) [refereed journal]

Special Issue on the Crime of Aggression: Tenth Anniversary Edition (March 2012) 10 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 1 (edited with Claus Kress) [refereed journal]

'Introduction' (March 2012) 10 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 1 (with Claus Kress) [refereed journal]

'Expanding Jurisdiction over War Crimes under Article 8 of the ICC Statute' (2010) 8 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 1219 (with Amal Alamuddin) [refereed journal]

'Accountability for Torture Abroad and the Limits of the Act of State Doctrine: Comments on *Habib v. Commonwealth of Australia*' (2010) 8 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 1153 (with Ben Batros) [refereed journal]

- Cited in *Kazemi Estate v. Islamic Republic of Iran* 2014 SCC 62 [Supreme Court of Canada]

'Scenarios of Jurisdictional Overlap among International Courts' (2006) 19(2) *Revue québécoise de droit international* 277 [refereed journal]

'The International Criminal Court Prosecutor's Discretion Not to Proceed in the "Interests of Justice"' (2005) 50 *Criminal Law Quarterly* 305 [refereed journal]

'The United Nations Convention against Corruption: Global Achievement or Missed Opportunity?' (2005) 8 *Journal of International Economic Law* 191 [refereed journal]

'Paths to Peace: Experiments in Post-Conflict Justice in East Timor' (2004) *Conflict Resolution Journal* 41

Book chapters

'Defamation, Insult and Sedition' in Amal Clooney and David Neuberger (eds), *The Right to Free Speech in International Law* (OUP 2022, forthcoming) (with Dario Milo and Rosana Garcandia) 200 pages

'Misinformation' in Amal Clooney and David Neuberger (eds), *The Right to Free Speech in International Law* (OUP 2022, forthcoming) (with Marko Milanovic) 170 pages

'The ICJ and other Courts and Tribunals: Integration and Fragmentation' in Kate Parlett, Carlos Esposito and Callista Harris (eds), *The Cambridge Companion to the International Court of Justice* (CUP 2022, forthcoming)

'The Universal Declaration of Human Rights' in Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein and Jared Genser (eds), *Oxford Handbook on the United Nations Human Rights System* (OUP 2022, forthcoming) (with Kirsten Roberts Lyer)

'The EU: Unifying or fragmenting force in international law?' in Andrea Biondi and Giorgia Sangiulo (eds), *The EU and the Rule of Law in International Economic Relations: An Agenda for Enhanced Dialogue* (Elgar, 2021), chapter 1

'*Forum non conveniens*: A comparative perspective' in Thomas John, Rishi Gulati and Ben Kohler (eds), *The Elgar*

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Companion to the Hague Conference on Private International Law (Edward Elgar 2020), chapter 29

'Migrant Women at Risk of Domestic Servitude: Protecting their Human Dignity with International Law' in Andrea Gattini, Rosana Garciandia and Philippa Webb (eds), *Human Dignity and International Law* (Brill 2020), chapter 12 (with Rosana Garciandia)

'Judicial review of qualifications made by host States and international organizations', in Ruys, Angelet and Ferro (eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Immunities and International Law* (CUP 2019)

'Escalation and Interaction: International Courts and Domestic Politics in the Law of State Immunity' in *International Courts and Domestic Politics* (Marlene Wind, ed.) (CUP 2018) 206-26.

'Effective Parliamentary Oversight of Human Rights', in Saul, Follesdal and Ulfstein (eds), *The International Human Rights Judiciary and National Parliaments: Europe and Beyond* (2017), Chapter 2 pp 32-58 (with Kirsten Roberts Lyer)

'Secrets and Surprises in the *Travaux Préparatoires* of the Genocide Convention' (with H Abtahi) in deGuzman and Amann (eds), *Arcs of Global Justice: Essays in Honour of William A. Schabas* (2017).

'*Forum non conveniens* in international law, *Festschrift for Lea Brilmayer* (OUP 2018)

'The Participation of Non-State Actors in the Multilateral Treaty Process' in Chesterman, Malone and Villalpando (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of UN Treaties* (OUP 2018).

'Article 63' in C Rose (ed), *Commentary on the UN Convention against Corruption* (OUP 2017).

'British Contribution to the Law of State Immunity', in R McCorquodale and J-P Gauci (eds), *British Influences on International Law, 1915-2015* (Brill 2016).

'Immunities/Irrelevance Of Official Capacity' in John Jones QC and Misa Zgonec (eds), *Blackstones International Criminal Practice* (OUP 2015, forthcoming) (with Richard Mackenzie-Gray Scott)

'Institutional Modes of Conflict Management' in J. Norton Moore, F. Tipson, and R. Turner (eds), *National Security Law* (Carolina Academic Press 2015, forthcoming) (with Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE, QC and Dan Sarooshi) (110 pages).

'Temporal Issues in International Criminal Law' in Frans Nelissen et al (eds), *Temporal Issues in International Law: Essays in Honour of Rosalyn Higgins* (T.M.C. Asser Press 2014, forthcoming)

'Regional Challenges to the Law of State Immunity' in Mary Footer and Mariano Aznar-Gómez (eds), *Select Proceedings of the European Society of International Law* (2015, forthcoming) Chapter 8.

'Individual Criminal Responsibility' in Amal Alamuddin, Nidal Nabil Jurdi and David Tolbert (eds), *The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Law and Practice* (OUP 2014) Chapter 6

'International Organisations: Uneasy Analogies' in Christian Tams, Antonios Tzanakopoulos and Andreas

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Zimmermann (eds), *Research Handbook on the Law of Treaties* (Edward Elgar 2013)

‘The Use of Force and the Emerging International Judicial System’ in Andrew Byrnes, Mika Hayashi and Chris Michaelsen (eds), *International Law in the New Age of Globalization* (Martinus Nijhoff 2013) 121-144

‘Human Rights and the Immunities of State Officials’ in Erika de Wet and Jure Vidmar (eds), *Hierarchy in International Law: The Place of Human Rights* (OUP March 2012)

‘Immunities and Human Rights: Dissecting the Dialogue in National and International Courts’ in Andre Nollkaemper and Ole Fauchald (eds), *The Practice of International and National Courts and the (De-)Fragmentation of International Law* (Hart 2012) Chapter 11

‘Binocular Vision: State Responsibility and Individual Criminal Responsibility for Genocide’ in Carsten Stahn and Larissa van den Herik (eds), *The Diversification and Fragmentation of International Criminal Law* (Martinus Nijhoff 2012)

‘Some Lessons for the ICC from the International Judicial Response to the Rwandan Genocide’ in Zachary Kaufman and Phil Clark (eds), *After Genocide: Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond* (Columbia University Press and Hurst Publishers Ltd. 2009) (with Morten Bergsmo)

‘International criminal courts and tribunals: complementarity and jurisdiction’ in Rüdiger Wolfrum (main editor), *Max Planck Encyclopaedia of Public International Law* (Max Planck 2006, revised 2010) (with Morten Bergsmo)

Invited speaker, ‘The immunity of States and international organizations in the face of employment disputes: the new human rights dilemma?’, *International Law Association Regional Seminar*, Nottingham, 15 March 2015

Appointments as Academic Expert

The Hague Academy of International Law, Director of Studies, Public International Law Programme (2022, postponed to 2023 due to COVID)

Member, Global Governance Forum Working Group on the Peaceful Resolution of International Disputes (2021-present)

Public International Law Advisory Panel, British Institute for International & Comparative Law (2016-present)

International Advisory Panel for the American Law Institute’s Restatement Fourth, Foreign Relations Law of the United States (2014-18)

United Nations policy research initiative on modern slavery (2014-2015)

Member of Secretariat, *Institut de droit international*, Tokyo Session (2013)

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