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## 1. Introduction and theme

The Cambridge International Law Journal (CILJ) is proud to host its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on 8–9 April 2024 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The theme for this year’s conference is: ‘The Intersection of Peace and Sustainability in International Law’. The separate concepts of peace and sustainability feature in many international legal instruments, and are of notable interest to all stakeholders in international law. The former is foundational to international law, whilst the latter is emerging – but both concepts are in constant evolution and development.

Despite the growing importance of the relationship and interdependence between the concepts of peace and sustainability, little attention has been paid to this nexus in international legal scholarship. The conference aims to catalyse research on the joint consideration of the distinct concepts of ‘peace’ and ‘sustainability’ in international law and the contemplation of their intersection.

This brochure provides an overview of the conference and relevant logistical information. The conference is a two-day event, and tickets can be purchased for in-person or virtual attendance.

## 2. Conference programme

All the venues, save for the formal dinner at St John’s College, are located in the Faculty of Law Building of the University of Cambridge: David Williams Building, 10 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DZ (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TDr2oYtFjhm7vMJu5>). There will be conference assistants and clear signposting in the Faculty of Law to help all attendees find the venues on the conference days.

Time	Item	Venue
<b>Day 1 – 8 April 2024</b>		
08:30–09:30	<b>Registration</b>	The main foyer, ground floor
09:30–09:40	<b>Welcoming address by the Conference Conveners</b> (Renatus Derler and Marno Swart)	LG19, lower ground floor
09:40–09:55	<b>Welcoming address by the Editors-in-Chief</b> (Helin Laufer and Liyu Feng)	LG19, lower ground floor
09:55–10:40	<b>Keynote address 1</b> – Prof. Claus Kreß: <i>Sustainability in the prosecution of the crime of aggression</i>	LG19, lower ground floor
10:40–11:15	<b>Tea time and comfort break</b>	Lower ground atrium, lower ground floor
11:15–12:45	<b>Panel 1:</b> Climate action for peace before international courts and tribunals	LG 19, lower ground floor

12:45–14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Lower ground atrium, lower ground floor
14:00–14:45	<b>Keynote address 2</b> – Prof. Guy S. Goodwin-Gill: <i>Promoting sustainable peace through the protection of people displaced by climate change, disasters and conflict</i>	LG19, lower ground floor
14:45–15:00	<b>Comfort break</b>	
15:00–16:30	<b>Panel 2:</b> International law’s pursuit of sustainable peace in the context of long-term conflicts	G24, ground floor
	<b>Panel 3:</b> Achieving sustainable peace through the international legal system	B16, basement
19:00–21:00	<b>Optional formal dinner</b>	St John’s College, Wordsworth Room, St Johns St, Cambridge, CB2 1TP.
<b>Day 2 – 9 April 2024</b>		
09:30–09:40	<b>Opening address</b> for the second day, housekeeping by Conference Conveners (Marno Swart and Renatus Derler)	LG19, lower ground floor
09:40–10:25	<b>Keynote address 3</b> – Prof. Martins Paporinkis: <i>The sustainable international legal order and peaceful settlement of international disputes’</i>	LG19, lower ground floor
10:25–10:45	<b>Tea time and comfort break</b>	Lower ground atrium, lower ground floor
10:45–12:15	<b>Panel 4:</b> Peace through environmental sustainability in the Indo-Pacific region	LG19, lower ground floor
12:15–13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Lower ground atrium, lower ground floor
13:30–14:15	<b>Keynote address 4</b> – Prof. Annalisa Savaresi: <i>Climate change litigation: The role of international law</i>	LG 19, lower ground floor
14:15–14:40	<b>Comfort break</b>	
14:40–16:00	<b>Panel 5:</b> Sustainability and peace through international investment treaties	G24, ground floor
	<b>Panel 6:</b> The peaceful protection of biodiversity under international law	B16, basement
16:15–16:30	<b>Closing address by the Conference Conveners</b> (Marno Swart and Renatus Derler)	LG19, lower ground floor



### 3. Keynote speakers

The following eminent scholars will present their keynote presentations at the conference:

#### Professor Claus Kreß



**Claus Kreß** is a Professor of International Law and Criminal Law. He is the Director of the Institute of International Peace and Security Law at the University of Cologne. His prior practice was in the German Federal Ministry of Justice. In addition to his scholarly work, comprising more than 200 publications on the law on the use of force, the law of armed conflicts and international criminal law, he has been a member of Germany's delegations in the negotiations regarding the International Criminal Court as between

1998 and 2017. In 2019, he was appointed Judge *ad hoc* at the International Court of Justice in the Case of the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide* (The Gambia v. Myanmar). Since 2021, he has been serving as the Special Adviser to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the Crime of Aggression.

#### Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill



**Guy S. Goodwin-Gill** is Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law, Honorary Associate of Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre, and an Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Law & Justice at the University of New South Wales and the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law. He practised as a Barrister at Blackstone Chambers, London, from 2002-18, and represented *pro bono* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as 'Intervener' in the House of Lords and Court of Appeal. He also acted as counsel for refugees and asylum seekers in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, and has acted in the

International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights. He was President of Refugee & Migrant Justice (London) for 13 years, and President of the Media Appeals Board of Kosovo from 2000-03. He is the Founding Editor of the *International Journal of Refugee Law*, was Editor-in-Chief from 1989-2001, and has lectured and published widely on human rights, the responsibility of States, statelessness, free and fair elections, child soldiers, child rights, the international law governing the movement of people between States, and the protection of refugees.

#### Professor Martins Paparinskis



**Martins Paparinskis** is Professor of Public International Law at University College London, which he joined in 2013. He is a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (2023-) and was the Chairperson of its Drafting Committee in 2023. Professor Paparinskis is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, the Implementation Committee of the UNECE Water Convention, and the Scientific Committee of the

European Union's Fundamental Rights Agency and has appeared before the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

## Professor Annalisa Savaresi



**Annalisa Savaresi** is an experienced environmental lawyer with a 20-year track record working with international and non-governmental organizations. She holds the positions of Professor of Environmental Law at the University of Stirling, UK and Associate Professor of International Environmental Law at the Centre for Climate Change, Energy, University of Eastern Finland. In addition to her academic work, Annalisa serves as the Director for Europe within the Global Network on Human Rights and the Environment. She also holds the role of Associate Editor at the Review of European, Comparative, and International Law and is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law. Annalisa is actively engaged in providing evidence to legislative bodies, including the UK, EU, and Scottish Parliaments. She further sits on the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland, a body established under the UK Withdrawal from the

European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, which oversees the compliance of Scottish public authorities with environmental law.

## 4. Panellists

The six panels are comprised of the following speakers:

### Panel 1: Climate action for peace before international courts and tribunals

**Moderator:** Monica Feria-Tinta, Barrister, Twenty Essex, London

1. **Ms Zuzanna Buszman**, PhD Candidate, Sabin Centre for Climate Change, Columbia Law School: *The pursuit of peace and environmental justice: The adjudicative role of advisory opinions on creating obligations of states in respect to climate change.*
2. **Ms Alina Papanastasiou**, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge: *Giving human rights a wide berth? Sustainability and human rights considerations in the ITLOS advisory proceedings on climate change.*
3. **Dr Britta Sjösted**, Senior Lecturer, University of Lund: *Redefining sustainable development: The jurisprudential evolution of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia and its environmental implications.*
4. **Dr Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso**, Senior Lecturer, University of Malawi: *Climate action from gender and internationality perspective for women's enjoyment of peace and justice.*



## **Panel 2: International law's pursuit of sustainable peace in the context of long-term conflicts**

**Moderator:** Dr Marissa Quie, Associate Lecturer and Fellow, Lucy Cavendish College, College Lecturer, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge

1. **Dr Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker**, UN Special Rapporteur for Sudan, University of Khartoum: *Sudan's flawed peacemaking and peace missions under international law: Two decades of unsustainable transitions from war to peace to secession.*
2. **Dr Arnold Vardanyan**, Assistant Professor, Yerevan State University: *The aftermath of over 30 years of armed conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh: Navigating the obstacles towards peaceful and sustainable solutions in the South Caucasus.*
3. **Mr Artur Simonyan**, PhD researcher at the University of Tartu School of Law and KFG Fellow at the Free University of Berlin: *Regional international law as a sustainable alternative.*

## **Panel 3: Achieving sustainable peace through the international legal system**

**Moderator:** Dr Conway Blake, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

1. **Ms Magdalena Kowalczyk Asher**, Associate, Volterra Fietta: *Peace and sustainability in reparations: An analysis of the recent debate on 'capping reparations' in relation to State responsibility due to a State's level of wealth.*
2. **Mr Ilia Chernohorenko**, DPhil Candidate, University of Oxford: *Restoring justice: Unraveling the role of international compensation mechanisms in transition from armed conflict to peace and sustainability.*
3. **Mr David McKeever**, Senior Legal Officer, United Nations: *Sustaining peace in the aftermath of armed conflicts: Amnesties and the UN Security Council's regime on terrorism.*
4. **Dr Nicole Citeroni**, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Lund: *International law as a catalyst for environmental peacebuilding.*

## Panel 4: Peace through environmental sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Region

**Moderator:** Prof. Harro van Asselt, Hatton Professor of Climate Law, University of Cambridge

1. **Dr Trevor Daya-Winterbottom**, Associate Dean of Law, University of Waikato: *Peace, security and sustainability in the Indo-Pacific.*
2. **Mr Emmanuel Monyei**, PhD Candidate, Ruhr Universität Bochum: *Built to last: Sustainable adaptation actions for peace in the sinking states.*
3. **Mr Antonio Mariconda**, PhD Candidate, University of Naples Federico II: *The ultimate intersection of sustainability, peace and security: The Australian-Tuvaluan agreement as a model for a peace-driven international climate change law.*
4. **Mr Le Xuan Tung**, PhD Candidate, University of Aberdeen: *Sustainability regulations in Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP): A catalyst for promoting peace and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.*

## Panel 5: Sustainability and peace through international investment treaties

**Moderator:** Prof. James C. Simeon, School of Public Policy and Administration, York University, Canada.

1. **Dr Ted Gleason**, Associate Professor, Grenoble École de Management: *Examining sustainability-linked reforms to the international investment law regime and their contributions to economic peace.*
2. **Dr Rebecca E. Khan**, Associate Professor, De La Salle University: *Peace through postwar economic recovery: Sustainability-oriented approaches to international investment agreements and investment treaty disputes.*
3. **Dr Chung-Han Yang**, C-EENRG Fellow, University of Cambridge; and **Dr Maria Augusta Paim**, Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham: *Evaluating China-Brazil bilateral engagements in climate change and energy: A true sustainability partnership or green appropriation?*



## Panel 6: The peaceful protection of biodiversity under international law

**Moderator:** Dr Markus Gehring, Associate Professor and former Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge.


1. **Ms Debolina Bhatt**, PhD Candidate, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies: *The common heritage of mankind and equitable benefit Sharing of deep seabed minerals: What prospects for sustainable use and intergenerational peace in times of supply chain domination and worsening climate crisis?*
2. **Dr Xiaouu Zheng**, Assistant Professor at the School of Law at the Xiamen University; Academic Visitor based at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford: *Exploring the interrelationship between peace and biodiversity under the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity.*
3. **Ms Elena Kavanagh**, PhD Candidate, University College Cork: *The Divided Sámi: The legal Discourse of indigenous participation in Arctic peace and sustainability.*
4. **Dr Onyekachi Eni**, Senior Lecturer, Alex Ekwueme Federal University: *Mapping the environmental injustice dimensions of biodiversity loss in Nigeria and South Africa's extractive sector: Locating conflict in state custodianship of mineral resources.*

### 5. Formal dinner at St John's College

An optional formal dinner in the iconic dining hall of St John's College will be held on Monday, 8 April 2024, at 19:00. All conference attendees are welcome to attend. Traditionally, formal halls at the University of Cambridge are formal events; thus, the dress code is 'lounge suit'. Any business formal outfit will be suitable. The formal dinner costs **£50** and includes a three-course meal (with wine) in the beautiful 16<sup>th</sup> Century Hall of St John's College Cambridge.

Tickets for the formal hall have to be purchased on the same Google Form as the general ticket sales for the conference. Tickets for the formal hall can be purchased at any point until **29 March 2024**. The formal dinner is a highlight of the conference. It promises to be an authentic Cantabrigian experience and an excellent opportunity to network with eminent scholars from around the world.

Note that the formal hall will be held at St John's College (and not at the Faculty of Law). St John's College is located at St Johns Street, Cambridge CB1 2TP (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/J64bMg5xquLsN8EN8>), right in the heart of Cambridge, a



beautiful 15-minute walk from the Faculty of Law. Please indicate any dietary preferences or restrictions clearly on the Google Form. Please send us an e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

## 6. Ticket sales

The conference can be attended in person or virtually. Tickets for in-person and virtual attendance can be purchased until **4 April 2024**. Tickets for the St John's Formal have to be purchased before **29 March 2024**. The cost of in-person attendance includes a light lunch and refreshments (tickets for the St John's Formal are sold separately).

The prices of tickets are as follows:

<b>Academics and professionals:</b>	<b>£ 70</b>
<b>Students and post-doctoral candidates:</b>	<b>£ 45</b>
<b>Virtual attendance:</b>	<b>£ 35</b>
<b>University of Cambridge students:</b>	<b>£ 30</b>

All tickets (for the conference and the St John's formal) have to be purchased via this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/zRHXC8nGCQ87tAvW9>

Please indicate any dietary restrictions or preferences on the form for the lunch offering. If you have any queries or difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us ([conference@cilj.co.uk](mailto:conference@cilj.co.uk)).

## 7. Logistical information

We are aware that many attendees will not be familiar with Cambridge. Accordingly, we provide the following information to assist you in planning your visit. Please note that the details below comprise mere suggestions as a matter of courtesy, and the CILJ does not have a business relationship with any of the entities below. The CILJ is unable to provide individual assistance with regard to travel or accommodation arrangements, and bears no liability in connection to the services mentioned below.

### 7.1 Faculty of Law of the University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge is spread out over the City of Cambridge. The conference will be held in the Faculty of Law, which is located in the David Williams Building on the Sidgwick site at 10 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DZ (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/FKkTGRaA7ACervuM7>).



The University has a well-detailed map of all the university and college grounds, which might be helpful and is available at: <https://map.cam.ac.uk/>.

There will be various conference assistants and signposting inside the Faculty of Law on the conference days to guide you to the correct venues, as indicated in the programme.

## 7.2 Travelling to Cambridge from an airport

There are various ways to travel from London airports to Cambridge, including by coach. There are direct coach services from the following airports to Cambridge bus stations:


- London Stansted Airport
- London Heathrow Airport
- London Gatwick Airport
- London City Airport
- Luton Airport

Drummer Street bus station is in Cambridge's town centre (about a 15-minute walk from the Faculty of Law). Parkside bus station is located only a few minutes further away. Taxis can pick you up from any point in Cambridge, including from the train and bus stations, but we advise that you make arrangements in advance. If you wish to book a coach service, we advise you to look at National Express:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>.

Several taxi services local to Cambridge also offer airport pickups, including:

- CamCab Ltd: [www.camcab.co.uk](http://www.camcab.co.uk)
- A1 Cabco Taxis: [www.a1cabco.co.uk](http://www.a1cabco.co.uk)
- Panther Taxis: [www.panthertaxis.co.uk](http://www.panthertaxis.co.uk)



Taxis are considerably more expensive than a coach or train. Prices are around:

- From Heathrow to Cambridge: £110
- From Gatwick to Cambridge: £130
- From Stansted to Cambridge: £55

It is advisable to book a taxi in advance.

### 7.3 Cambridge train station

Regular trains run between Cambridge, London King's Cross and London Liverpool Street Station. The most convenient place to book train tickets is on Trainline: <https://www.thetrainline.com/>.

However, be aware that the train station is located outside the city centre (about a 35-minute walk to the Faculty of Law). There is, however, a taxi rank at the train station where you can easily get a cab. The cost to take a cab from the station to the Faculty of Law is usually around £12.

Please note that traffic is extremely heavy in the morning in Cambridge, so, depending on when you arrive to Cambridge, your best option may be to walk to the Faculty of Law to arrive on time.

### 7.4 Getting around in Cambridge

Cambridge is a small, scenic city and relatively flat. This makes it ideal for walking or cycling. You can rent an e-scooter or e-bike using the Voi app on your mobile phone: <https://www.voi.com/>. These bicycles and scooters are also available from the train station.

You can also use any of the mentioned taxi cab services or simply walk.

### 7.5 Accommodation in Cambridge

Guests who plan on staying the night in Cambridge can have an authentic Cambridge college experience by booking accommodation in any of the 31 constituent colleges. We have arranged specifically with two colleges to reserve rooms for the conference, as Cambridge can be a popular destination over the Spring.

**Selwyn College** provides beautiful accommodation and is located by the Sidgwick site. This accommodation is within a 2-minute walk from the Faculty of Law, and includes breakfast in the oak-panelled dining hall. This accommodation can be booked at <https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/conferences/accommodation-booking>. Attendees can use the code **SEL26382** to access the rooms reserved for the conference, but please note that all rooms are bookable at the attendees' own expense.



**St Catherine's College** is a marvellous 15<sup>th</sup> Century college in the heart of the city. It is located within a 15-minute walk of the Faculty of Law. To book a room here, please visit <https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/event/13th-annual-conference-cambridge-international-law-journal>, but please note that all rooms are bookable at the attendees' own expense.

Of course, guests are welcome to book any accommodation, whether private or at another college. However, we advise that you specifically take note of where the accommodation is situated in relation to the Faculty of Law, and plan accordingly.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Cambridge in the beautiful City of Cambridge. If you have any questions, require a letter for visa purposes or encounter any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Conveners at [conference@cilj.co.uk](mailto:conference@cilj.co.uk).

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