

Date: 28 August 2025

Cape Town Convention Academic Project – 14th Conference
Treaty implementation and the Cape Town Convention
2nd and 3rd September 2025

Crausaz Wordsworth Building, Robinson College, Adams Road, Cambridge CB3 9AN

PROGRAMME

All times are British Summer Time

Tuesday, 2nd September

- 9.00 am **Delegate registration and tea/coffee**
- 9.15 am **Welcome and introduction**
- 9.30 am **Keynote: Implementation of treaties**

***Professor Michael Waibel** (University of Vienna)*
- 10.10 am **The importance of court rules in the implementation of the Cape Town Convention**

***Kenneth Gray** (Norton Rose Fulbright)*

*Commentator: **Professor Felix Steffek** (University of Cambridge)*
- 11.40 am **Coffee break**
- 11.55 am **Non-judicial remedies and the implementation of the Cape Town Convention**

***Ravi Nath** (RNC Legal) and **Nitin Sarin** (Sarin & Co)*

*Commentator: **Dominic Pearson** (WFW)*
- 1.25 pm **Lunch**

- 2.30 pm **IDERAs and the implementation of the Cape Town Convention**
- Ken Basch (Basch & Rameh Advogados)*
- Commentator: Marisa Chan (Clifford Chance)*
- 4 pm **Coffee break**
- 4.15 pm **Treaty compliance – framework and comparative assessment of treaty types: whence, where now, and whither CTC thinking on compliance**
- Professor Jeffrey Wool (Aviation Working Group)*
- Commentator: Professor Tomer Broude (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*
- 5.45pm **Summary of day**
- 6.45 pm **Reception, Sidney Sussex College (Sidney St, Cambridge CB2 3HU)**
- 7.30 pm **Dinner, Sidney Sussex College**
- Speaker: Professor Riz Mokal (South Square)*

Wednesday, 3rd September

- 9.00 am **Tea/coffee**
- 9.30 am **Vietjet case and ramifications for implementation of the Cape Town Convention**
- Zayba Drabu (Norton Rose Fulbright)*
- Commentator: Professor Riz Mokal (South Square)*
- 11.00 am **Coffee break**
- 11.15 am **The role of the Cape Town Convention in supporting the work of International Financial Institutions**
- Catherine Bridge Zoller (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), Ivor Istuk (The World Bank), Dr Marek Dubovec (International Law Institute)*

- 12.45 pm **Lunch**
- 1.45 pm **Domestic entry points: lessons for MAC from implementation of the Aircraft Protocol**
- Professor Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell (University Carlos III Madrid)*
- Commentator: Rob Cowan (Aviareto)*
- 3.30 pm **An examination of the relevance of international interests in parts under the Cape Town Convention and its unresolved issues**
- Victor Chan (City University, Hong Kong)*
- Commentator: Dr Marek Dubovec (International Law Institute)*
- 4.45 pm **Closing remarks**

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