



'The U.S. & International Law in a Changing World'

An SLS International Law Conference convened by Solon Solomon & Saeed Bagheri

London, 5-6 November 2025

Day 1, November 5th, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

10:20 – 10:40 **Arrival of guests-Coffee, tea and biscuits served in the Conference room on the IALS ground floor**

10:40 – 11:00 **Introductory words by Solon Solomon (BUL)-speaker presented by Iris Anastasiadou (BIICL)**

11:00 – 12:30 **First session: The U.S. in a Changing World**

Chair: Javaid Rehman (BUL)

- Alberto Costi (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Achilles Skordas (University of Bristol)
- Max Yoeli (Chatham House)
- Eric Loefflad (University of Kent)

12:30-12:35 **5-minute break**

12:35 – 14:00 **Second session: The U.S. and Human Rights**

Chair: Colin Luoma (BUL)

- Ruvi Ziegler (University of Reading)
- Yifan Jia (King's College London)
- Ronit Levine (Tel Aviv University)
- Max Hillaire (Charles University, Prague)

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch time break**

15:00 – 15:45 **Keynote address by Oona Hathaway (Yale University)**

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Roundtable: 'The US in Challenging Times'**

Chair: Solon Solomon (BUL)

- Oona Hathaway (Yale University)
- Jose Alvarez (New York University)
- Martins Paparinskis (UCL, Chair of the International Law Commission)

- Moshe Hirsch (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Day 2, November 6th, BUL, The Beldam room at the Eastern Gateway/Reception building

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome by the Head of the College of Arts, Law & Social Sciences, Professor Joshua Castellino

10:00 – 11:15 First session: The U.S. & the Reshaping or Not of International Law

Chair: Solon Solomon (BUL)

- Malgosia Fitzmaurice (Queen Mary University)
- Kimberly Breedon (Ohio Northern University)
- Berna Akcali (Queen Mary University)
- Jeffrey Dunoff and Mark Pollack (Temple University)

11:15 – 12:00 Keynote address: Jose Alvarez, New York University

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30 Second session: The U.S. between AI, Science and Technology

Chair: Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading)

- Rossana DePlano (Leicester University)
- Fabio Tronchetti (Northumbria University)
- Tanaka Mparutsa (University of Cape Town)
- Daryna Abbakumova (Graduate Institute Geneva)

14:30 – 15:30 Third session: The U.S. and Trading Issues

Chair: Filip Balcerzak (BUL)

- Renée Robinson (University of Sorbonne)
- Gunjan Sharma (Volterra Fietta)
- Xenia Seabright (University of Vienna)

15.30-15.45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45 Fourth session: The U.S. & International Organisations

Chair: Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading)

- Courtney Grafton (20 Essex Chambers)
- Marco Longobardo (University of Westminster)
- Giulia Pecorella (Middlesex University)

16:45 – 17:00 Closing words by Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading)

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Closing address by Gerry Simpson (LSE)