

Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism: Legal Challenges and Dilemmas

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UPDATE: Dr Helen Duffy, Human Rights in Practice, will give a lecture on "Extraordinary Rendition: Responsibility, Accountability and the way ahead?"

The lecture will identify trends and challenges in the unfolding inter-relationship between terrorism, counter-terrorism and human rights. Taking as a case study the extraordinary rendition programme, we will explore issues of multi-state and individual responsibility in international law and approaches to truth, justice and accountability in practice. Among the developments to be considered are the recent judgements of the European Court of Human Rights, eg Abu Zubaydah v Poland (finalised February), and the repercussions of the ground-breaking report of the US Senate Intelligence Committee (December 2014).

A short biography:



Helen Duffy runs 'Human Rights in Practice,' an international practice based in the Hague that specialises in strategic litigation before regional and international human rights courts and bodies. She is also counsel to victims of rendition and other 'war on terror' violations in international proceedings. The 2nd edition of her book the 'War on Terror and the Framework of International law' has just been published by Cambridge University Press (May 2015).

Prior to establishing her practice in 2011, Helen served as Legal Director of INTERIGHTS, Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Counsel to Human Rights Watch, Legal Director of the Centre for Human Rights Legal Action (Guatemala), Legal Adviser to the UK 'Arms for Iraq' Inquiry and Legal Officer in the UK government legal service.

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