

PREFACE

On 30 June and 1 July 2006 the *Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law* (HiiL) organized a Colloquium of sitting and former judges from highest courts and leading academics devoted to the changing role of highest courts in a world where law and society in general is internationalising. The Colloquium was part of the *Hague Colloquium on Fundamental Principles of Law* series, linked to the bi-annual Hague Prize.

This publication contains the reflection of the exchanges of views that were held. The rich discussions have not only resulted in this book, but have also formed the basis for a Conference that was held on the same topic in the Peace Palace on 23 and 24 October 2008. The proceedings of that Conference will build on the thoughts that were developed in this book. The 2006 meeting also became the platform on which a research project on the theme of *highest courts in a changing internationalised world* is being set up by HiiL.

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