



**Challenges to Judicial Independence
in Times of Crisis**

Venue:

**The British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH
8 and 9 March 2018**

Convenors:

**Dr Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos, Brunel University London
Dr Yvonne McDermott Rees, Swansea University**

Day 1: Thursday, 8 March 2018

10.00 *Registration and refreshments*

10.30 Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos (Brunel University London)
Introduction: The Conference, Aims and Vision

10.45 The Rt Hon. the Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord Chief Justice of
England and Wales (2013-2017)
'Judicial Independence: The Need for Constant Vigilance'

11.45 *Refreshments*

SESSION 1: Judicial Independence in the United Kingdom

CHAIR: Yvonne McDermott Rees (Swansea University)

12.15 The Rt Hon. the Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, Justice of the Supreme
Court
'Judicial Independence: A View from the Bench'

Discussion

12.45 Kate Malleson (Queen Mary, University of London)
'The Politics of Judicial Independence in the UK's Changing
Constitution'

Discussion

13.15 *Lunch*

SESSION 2: Judicial Independence and the Media

CHAIR: His Honour Judge Donald Cryan

14.15 Vian Bakir (Bangor University)
'Impartiality, Accuracy and Truthfulness in a Fake News Era: Issues for
Public Accountability of the Judiciary'

Discussion

14.45 Julian Petley (Brunel University London)
'Anti-judicialism in the British press'

Discussion

15.15 *Refreshments*

SESSION 3: Core Values and Judicial Independence

CHAIR: Sir Geoffrey Nice QC

15.45 Fiona De Londras (University of Birmingham)
'Judicial Independence, Judicial Power, and Constitutional Growing Pains: A Story from the United Kingdom'

Discussion

16.15 Lawrence McNamara (Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law & University of York)
'Judicial Independence, Judicial Voices and the Media: Engagement, Criticism and Response'

Discussion

16.45 Moa Bladini (University of Gothenburg)
'The (Dis)passionate Judge – Law and Emotions'

Discussion

17.15 *End of first day of conference*

Day 2: Friday, 9 March 2018

SESSION 4: Historical and International Perspectives on Judicial Independence

CHAIR: Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos (Brunel University London)

09.30 David Alan Sklansky (Stanford University)
'Judicial Independence in Trump's America'

Discussion

10.00 Raphaële Parizot (Université Paris-Nanterre)
'Judicial Independence: A View from France'

Discussion

10.30 Harry Mynors (British Army Legal Services/Lieutenant Colonel)
'Multinational Justice - Relations with Local Judiciary during Military Operations Overseas'

Discussion

11:00 *Refreshments*

SESSION 4: Historical and International Perspectives on Judicial Independence (ctd.)

CHAIR: Yvonne McDermott Rees (Swansea University)

11:30 Daniel Aguirre (University of Greenwich)
'Judicial Independence in Times of Crisis: Access to Justice in Myanmar'

Discussion

12:00 Stephen Skinner (University of Exeter)
'Core Values in Times of Crisis: Democracy, Fascism and the Rule of Law'

Discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

SESSION 6: International Perspectives on Judicial Independence

CHAIR: The Honourable Mrs Justice Carr DBE

13:30 Sir Konrad Schiemann, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2004-2012)
'Judicial independence in the European Court of Justice (ECJ)'

Discussion

14:00 Guy Canivet, President, *Cour de Cassation* (1999-2007); Judge of the *Conseil Constitutionnel* (2007-2016)
'Judicial Independence in France: current issues'

Discussion

14.30 *Refreshments*

Session 7: Judicial Independence in Criminal Law Matters

CHAIR: Elwen Evans QC (Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea University)

15.00 Ilias Anagnostopoulos (Athens Law School)
'Judicial independence in extradition and asylum procedures: The Eight Turkish Soldiers Case'

Discussion

15.30 His Honour Jeremy Roberts QC (The Parole Board for England and Wales)
'The Independence of the Parole Board'

Discussion

16.00 Martina Feilzer (Bangor University)
'Public Trust in the Judiciary: Balancing Legitimacy and Judicial Independence in Criminal Justice'

Discussion

16.30 John Jackson (University of Nottingham)
'Judicial Independence and Countering Terrorism'

17.00 Yvonne McDermott Rees (Swansea University)
Close of conference and next steps

17.15 *End of conference*