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 Giannoulopoulos, Brunel University London
Dr Yvonne McDermott Rees, Swansea University
Day 1: Thursday, 8 March 2018

10.00  Registration and refreshments

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

10.45  The Rt Hon. the Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord Chief Justice of
‘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’

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Day 2: Friday, 9 March 2018

SESSION 4: Historical and International Perspectives on Judicial Independence
CHAIR: Dimitrios Giannoulopoulos (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  
‘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 High Profile White-Collar Crime Cases’

*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