The Use of Force, Drones, and *Jus Cogens* Norms in International Law

24-25 February 2012

Westminster Abbey, London

Specialist two-day conference led by Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law and Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution at the University of Notre Dame

Network for Religion in Public Life
Programme

Friday 24 February

1030 Arrivals and tea / coffee

1100 Mary Ellen O’Connell
*Killing with Drones and Jus Cogens Norms*

1200 Nicholas Rengger and Caroline Kennedy
*The Warriors’ Dishonour*

1300 Lunch

1400 Shams-ur-Rehman
*The Legal Position of Drone Attacks in the FATA and their Impact on the Region*

1500 James Page
*Drones: Conceptuality, Ideology and Views from Afghanistan and Pakistan*

1600 Tea / Coffee

1630 Anatol Lieven
*Questions of US and Western Behaviour and Strategy in the ‘War on Terror’*

1800 Tour of Westminster Abbey

1845 Dinner, hosted by Canon and Mrs Vernon White

2000 Hasan Shirazi
*Discourse Analysis of Coverage Regarding Drone Attacks: A Study of Pakstani Print Media*
Saturday 25 February

1015 Arrivals and tea / coffee

1030 Anicée van Engeland

*Legal Perspectives on the Distinction between Combatants and Non-Combatants: Human Shields and Targeted Killings in the 21st Century*

1130 Summary reflections from one of our military participants, John Williams and Mary Ellen O’Connell

1230 Lunch

1330 Plenary conversation

1530 Tea / coffee and departure
Attendees to include

Nigel BIGGAR, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, University of Oxford
Rosemary DURWARD, PhD Candidate King’s College, London
______, Wing Commander, Development Concepts and Doctrine Centre, Ministry of Defence
Richard HARRIES, Professor Emeritus University of Oxford and Member of the House of Lords
Caroline KENNEDY-PIPE, Profess or War Studies and Director of the Centre for Security Studies, University of Hull
Mary Ellen O’CONNELL, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law and Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution at the University of Notre Dame
Steve HUCKLESBY, Public Issues Team, Baptist, Methodist and URC
Anatol LIEVEN, Chair of International Relations and Terrorism Studies, King's College London
______, Wing Commander, Development Concepts and Doctrine Centre, Ministry of Defence
James PAGE, Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations Assistance Mission Afghanistan (UNAMA). Lead for the Security Sector Reform portfolio, including matters pertaining to the growth and development of Afghan National Security Forces
Esther D. REED, Associate Professor Theological Ethics, Director of Network for Religion in Public Life, University of Exeter
Shams-ur-REHMAN, Department of Islamic Studies, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan; recently Visiting Fellow, Asia Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House
Nicholas RENGGER, Professor of Political Theory and International Relations, University of St Andrews
Hasan Raza SHIRAZI, Lecturer, Department of Mass Communication, Bahauddin
Anicee VAN-ENGELAND, Lecturer, Law School, University of Exeter
Vernon WHITE, Canon Theologian, Westminster Abbey
John WILLIAMS, Professor of International Relations, Durham University

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