



Invites you to an address by:

**The Right Honourable Sir Kenneth Keith ONZ, KBE
Judge, International Court of Justice**

on

Resolving International Disputes: The Role of Courts

Over the last century and especially over the last 20 years, international courts and tribunals have increasingly been asked to decide international disputes. International law issues also increasingly arise before national courts. Judge Keith, who is almost half way through his nine year term as one of the 15 judges on the International Court of Justice, will look back over some of that experience and speculate what it may mean for the future development of the means for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.



Bio: Sir Kenneth Keith has had extensive experience in the area of international law and is considered New Zealand's pre-eminent international law expert. He was a faculty member of Victoria University of Wellington from 1962-64 and 1966-91 and is now a Professor Emeritus. He was a member of the legal division of the New Zealand Department of External Affairs from 1960 to 1962 and of the Office of Legal Affairs (Codification Division) of the United Nations from 1968 to 1970.

He was a member of the New Zealand legal team in the Nuclear Test cases before the International Court of Justice in 1973, 1974, and 1995, and was leader of the New Zealand delegation to the Diplomatic Conference which prepared the additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions in 1977. He was a member of the

International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission under the first additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions for the Protection of War Victims from 1991 to 2006.

Sir Kenneth was appointed a Judge of the New Zealand Court of Appeal in 1996 and of the newly established Supreme Court of New Zealand from 2005 to 2006. He was also a Judge of Appeal in Samoa, the Cook Islands, and Niue, Judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji, and a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from 1998 to 2003. He was elected to the International Court of Justice in 2006 for a nine year term, and is the first New Zealander elected to the Court.

He has published widely on legal matters and contributed extensively to legal and constitutional reform. He is a member of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, the New Zealand Red Cross, the New Zealand Committee on International Humanitarian Law, the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, the American Law Institute and the Society of Legal Scholars (England).

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