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About

Dr Alexander Orakhelashvili has taught and researched public international law at four British universities over the past 10 years. His teaching also includes criminal law and jurisprudence. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences and seminars on developments in public international law, and has provided legal advice regarding public international law issues in litigation before English and American courts.

Feedback and office hours

Mondays 2pm to 4pm during term time.

Qualifications

- LLB (Tbilisi State University), 1997
- LLM (Leiden), 2000
- PhD (Cantab.), 2005

Biography

Dr Orakhelashvili obtained his first law degree from Tbilisi State University in 1997, his master's degree from Leiden University in 2000 and his PhD from Cambridge University in 2005, and joined the School of Law in September 2009. Previously, he was Shaw Foundation Junior Research Fellow in Law at Jesus College, Oxford (2005-2008). He has taught and supervised in public international law and the armed conflicts law at the universities of Cambridge (2003-2004), London (2003-2005) and Oxford (2005-2008).

Teaching

- Public International Law (LLB)
- Public International Law (LLM, module leader)
- Jurisprudence (LLB)
- International Criminal Law (LLM)
- Theory of Criminal Law (LLM, module leader)

Postgraduate supervision

- International Law (all areas)

Current doctoral students

Dr Orakhelashvili is currently supervising two doctoral students undertaking research in the following areas:

- Aut dedere aut judicare as a customary rule
- The UN member states and individuals sharing international responsibility for the serious violation of international law committed during peace support operations

Research

Dr Orakhelashvili's research focuses on all areas of public international law. He is an author of *Peremptory Norms in International Law* (OMIL, OUP 2006, paperback 2008, 657 pages), which is the updated and expanded version of his doctorate defended at Cambridge University in 2004, and constitutes the first comprehensive study of the complex phenomenon of peremptory norms in the international legal system. He has also authored *The Interpretation of Acts and Rules in Public International Law* (OMIL, OUP 2008, 620 pages), which is first and so far the only comprehensive work on interpretation encompassing not only international treaties but also other international legal acts such as unilateral declarations, reservations, Security Council resolutions and declarations accepting the International Court's jurisdiction. Most recently he published the first ever comprehensive monograph on *Collective Security* (OUP, 2011), an original study of the operation of universal and regional security institutions and their dynamic mutual interaction. Dr Orakhelashvili has also contributed over 50 articles and chapters to leading journals, yearbooks and edited collections. His work has been repeatedly cited by judges in national and international courts, for instance in 2004 by Mance LJ (as he then was) in the Court of Appeal decision on *Jones v Saudi Arabia*, as well as the Australian High Court, European and Inter-American Courts of Human Rights.

Other activities

- Deputy Director of LLM Programmes
- Dr Orakhelashvili is an editor of the ***Journal of International Peacekeeping*** **(http://brill.publisher.ingentaconnect.com/content/mnp/joup)** (formerly *Yearbook of Peace Operations*, Martinus Nijhof/Brill).

Publications

Books:

- ***Collective Security*** **(http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199579846.do)**, OUP 2011, 408 pages, ISBN 978-0-19-957984-6
- ***Peremptory Norms in International Law*** **(http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199295968.do)**, Oxford Monographs in International Law Series, Oxford University Press (657 pages, 2006; paperback 2008)
- ***Interpretation of Acts and Rules in Public International Law*** **(http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199546220.do)**, Oxford Monographs in International Law Series, Oxford University Press, 2008, 622 pages, ISBN 978-0-19-954622-0

Edited Collections:

- General Editor, ***Research Handbook on the Theory and History of International Law*** **(http://www.e-elgar.com/Bookentry_Main.lasso?id=13449)**, Research Handbooks in International Law Series, Edward Elgar Publishers; contributions by 14 academics; 2011, 560pp.
- Co-editor (with Dr Sarah Williams of UNSW), ***40 Years of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*** **(http://www.biicl.org/publications/view/-/id/137/)**, 9 contributors, (BIICL Publisher, London; 2010, 207 pages)

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- International Public Order and the International Court's Advisory Opinion on *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, *Archiv des Völkerrechts*, No. 2, 2005, 240-256
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- *Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo* (DRC v Rwanda), case review, *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, July issue, 2006, 753-763
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- Review Essay: M Kamminga & M Scheinin (eds.) *The Impact of Human Rights on General International Law* (OUP 2009), *International Journal of Minority Rights*, June issue, 2010, 491-499

Online Publication

- Submission to the Iraq Inquiry regarding the lawfulness of the Iraq invasion in 2003, September 2010, **www.guardian.co.uk/documents (http://www.guardian.co.uk/documents)**

Conference and Seminar Presentations

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- Panel Speaker, *International Litigation Relating to the Conflict in the African Great Lakes Region*, presented at the Oxford Public International Law Discussion Group Seminar, Oxford, 16 February 2006
- Speaker, *From* Al-Adsani *to* Jones: *State Immunity and International Public Policy in Civil Proceedings*, presented at London School of Economics, 2 November 2006
- Speaker, *The interaction between human rights and humanitarian law: a case of fragmentation?* Presented at the Institute for International Law and Justice Colloquium, New York University (NYU), 26 February 2007
- Panel Speaker, *Acts of the Security Council: Meaning and Standards of Review*, presented at the International Law Association (ILA) British Branch Annual Conference, Sussex University, Brighton, 20 April 2007
- Chair and Commentator, Conference on Transitional Justice and International Law, Department of Politics, Oxford Univesrity, 22-23 June 2007
- Panel Speaker, *Peremptory Norms as an aspect of Constitutionalism in International Law*, presented at the Conference on the Dynamics of Constitutionalism in Public International Law, organised by the Hague Academic Coalition (TMC Asser Institute, Clingendael Institute & Carnegie Foundation), Peace Palace, The Hague, 16 May 2008
- Panel Speaker, *Is Hegemony Sustainable in the International Legal System?* Presented at the International Law Association (ILA) British Branch Annual Conference, Hull, 17-18 April 2009
- Speaker, Judicial Review of International Decisions by International and National Courts, Naples University, Italy, 6 December 2010
- Speaker, Constitutional Basis of UN Peace-keeping, University of Nottingham, 26 January 2011
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