

Wednesday, 10th October 2012 4pm, Mill Lane Lecture Room 1

**Law, War and Forests:
Prospects for an International Forest Treaty**

Abstract:

For more than 20 years, the creation of an international forest treaty has been on the agenda of the United Nations. Initially, progress was slow as negotiations were hampered by the north/south divide and disagreement on financial resources, intellectual property and trade. In 2015, the United Nations Forum on Forests will reconsider the creation of a forest instrument. Preparation is now underway. This seminar analyses recent developments in international forest law in the light of international environmental obligations. It argues that the biggest challenge now is the development of rule of law in fragile and failed states and the further incorporation of environmental obligations into UN stabilisation and peace-keeping missions.

Speaker:

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Biography:

Dr Catherine MacKenzie is a University Lecturer in Law and Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge. Her work focuses on international environmental law, international law and the rule of law and good governance and her book, *Law, Tropical Forests and Carbon*, co-edited with Rosemary Lyster of Sydney and Constance McDermott of Oxford, will be published by CUP in 2013. An Academic Fellow of Inner Temple, she is a member of the Bar of England and Wales and the High Court of Australia. She has been employed by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations, and has held fellowships at Oxford University, the Australian National University and the University of Tokyo. She has also served as a Legal Officer in the Australian Army Reserve and as a civilian rule of law monitor with the United Nations Mission in Liberia.