

Date: 20 July 2026

Cape Town Convention Academic Project – 15th Conference

**Interdisciplinary conference on the Cape Town Convention and Geopolitics
on the 100th anniversary of UNIDROIT and the 25th anniversary of the Cape
Town Convention**

23rd and 24th September 2026***Crausaz Wordsworth Building, Robinson College, Adams Road, Cambridge CB3 9AN*****PROGRAMME****All times are British Summer Time****Wednesday, 23rd September**9.00 am **Delegate registration and tea/coffee**9.15 am **Welcome and introduction*****Cape Town Convention Academic Project Co-Directors***10.00 am **Keynote: Centenary of UNIDROIT*****Professor Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT)****Commentator/second keynote: **Professor Jan Klabbers** (Whewell
Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge)*11.00 am **Coffee break**11.15 am **Substantive Tribute to Sir Royston Goode – history and
development, innovative content, and impact of the Official
Commentary*****Professor Jeffrey Wool* (Aviation Working Group)**

*Commentators: **Professor Ignacio Tirado** (UNIDROIT), **Professor Louise Gullifer** (University of Cambridge), **Dr Orfeas Chapanis-Tassinis** (University of Cambridge)*

12.45 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **International law and relations – a framework as applied and Cape Town Convention compliance**

***Professor Tomer Brode** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*

*Commentators: **Professor Jan Klabbers** (Whewell Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge) and TBC*

3.30 pm **Coffee break**

3.45 pm **Future model procedural law – discussion on select issues**

***Kenneth Gray** (Norton Rose Fulbright)*

*Commentator: **Ken Basch** (Basch & Rameh)*

5.15 pm **Summary of day**

6.45 pm **Reception, Selwyn College (Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DQ)**

7.30 pm **Dinner, Selwyn College**

Thursday, 24th September

9.00 am **Tea/coffee**

9.30 am **The Framework and the Guide on Economic Evaluation of International Commercial Law Reform – applied to Aircraft, Rail, and MAC Protocols**

***Dr Theodora Kostoula** (UNIDROIT)*

*Commentators: TBC, including **Professor Felix Steffek** (University of Cambridge), **Andrew Myburgh** (World Bank)*

11.00 am **Coffee break**

11.15 am **Game Theory and the Cape Town Convention**

Rob Cowan (Aviareto), Professor Jeffrey Wool (Aviation Working Group)

Commentator: Dr Ruohan Qin (University of Cambridge)

12.45 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Comparison of jurisdictional risk over time in selected sectors:
aviation, shipping, project/energy**

Jim Bell (Partner, Watson Farley Williams)

*Commentator: Simon Gleeson (Clifford Chance, University of Cambridge,
University of Oxford)*

4.00 pm **Closing remarks**

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