Date: 22 September 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: ***Professor Jan Klabbers*** *(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 Chasapis-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 Broude *(Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*

Commentators: ***Professor Jan Klabbers*** *(University of Cambridge) and* ***Dr Theresa Squatrito*** *(London School of Economics and Political Science)*

3.30 pm **Coffee break**

3.45 pm **Future model procedural law – discussion on selected 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**

Speaker: ***Professor Charles Mooney*** *(University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School)*

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: ***Professor Felix Steffek*** *(University of Cambridge),* ***Professor Simon Deakin*** *(University of Cambridge),* ***Satoru Koyama*** *(Japan Construction Equipment Manufacturers Association),* ***Andrew Myburgh*** *(World Bank)*

11.00 am	**Coffee break**
11.15 am	**Application of the Cape Town Convention in China seen in light of latest developments of China's security law system** ***Professor Kai Xiao and Professor Dan YU*** *(East China University of Political Science and Law)* *Commentator*: ***Professor Jeffrey Wool*** *(Aviation Working Group)*
12.45 pm	**Lunch**
2.00 pm	**Game Theory and the Cape Town Convention** ***Rob Cowan*** *(Aviareto),* ***Professor Jeffrey Wool*** *(Aviation Working Group)* *Commentator:* ***Dr Ruohan Qin*** *(University of Cambridge)*
4.00 pm	**Closing remarks**

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