

# Geopolitical Challenges, Current Conflicts and the Role of International Law

Lecture by Commodore Ian Park, chaired by the Honourable Justice Slattery

Hosted by the International Committee of the NSW Bar Association



Commodore Park is Head of Legal in the Royal Navy. He has had a long career at the Royal Navy and the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence, which has included being deployed as a legal adviser on operations to Afghanistan and, on many occasions, to the Middle East. Commodore Park is a graduate and Scholar of St John's College, Cambridge; has a doctorate in international law from Balliol College, Oxford and has lectured at Harvard Law School, Cambridge University, amongst many other universities, the Academy of Military Sciences, Beijing, Hanoi University, NUS Singapore, and Freiburg University, among other institutions.

He is, or has been, a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School, a Hudson Fellow at Oxford University, a First Sea Lord's Fellow, and a Freeman of the City of London. Ian has written or contributed to five books including the monograph *'The Right to Life in Armed Conflict'* (Oxford University Press, 2018) and presently teaches part-time at Yale Law School and Cambridge University.

Commodore Park will speak about the role of international law in the context of recent global events, and will also share insights relating to his current appointment as liaison officer for the Royal Navy in establishing facilities in Adelaide to support the AUKUS treaty trilateral defence arrangements.

Venue: Banco Court, Supreme Court of NSW  
Date: Thursday, 26 June 2025  
Time: 5:15-6:15pm followed by drinks and canapes



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