

HIGH HONOUR FOR PROFESSOR PETER CANE: BRITISH ACADEMY ANNOUNCES NEW ELECTIONS TO FELLOWSHIP

At its Annual General Meeting on 19 July 2007 the British Academy elected Professor Peter Cane as a Corresponding Fellow.

Election to the Corresponding Fellowship is the highest honour the Academy is able to confer in recognition of scholarly distinction and international standing. Each year the Academy elects up to 38 UK-based Ordinary Fellows and 10 overseas Corresponding Fellows across its 18 subject sections, including Law.



Robin Jackson, Chief Executive and Secretary of the British Academy, said: "Election to Fellowship is the principal way in which the Academy recognises scholarly excellence. It comes as the culmination of a rigorous selection process in which each of the Academy's eighteen Sections, organised by academic discipline, is involved. This year we are pleased to welcome new Fellows from all of the disciplines represented in the Academy, displaying a variety of cutting-edge specialisms, from mediaeval art to game theory, from Islamic history to philosophy of physics, from ethnomusicology to the economic analysis of law."

As a result of his election, Professor Cane becomes the only Corresponding Fellow in Law in the southern hemisphere. Other Corresponding Fellows in Law (of which there are 10 in total) include Judge Richard Posner of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (formerly Professor at the University of Chicago Law School), Judge Guido Calabresi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (and formerly Dean of Yale Law School) and Professor Reinhard Zimmermann, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg. There are some 10 Australian Corresponding Fellows, including Professors Bob Goodin and Frank Jackson of the ANU.

The British Academy, established in 1902, is the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences. It is an independent, self-governing fellowship of about 1,100 scholars elected for distinction and achievement in one or more branches of the academic disciplines that make up the humanities and social sciences. It supports postdoctoral research through research grants schemes, promotes relations between researchers in the UK and overseas, runs a varied programme of events and has an active publications programme. It also engages with and advises on major policy issues in the higher education sector in the UK.