

CIPL DISCUSSION GROUP

Detention at Guantanamo Bay: Legal Black-hole?

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Following the UK Court of Appeal decision in *Abassi* in 2002 and with the forthcoming US Supreme Court argument on the *Hamdan* case scheduled in late March, this discussion group will focus on the international and public law aspects of:

- unlawful combatants under international law: legal characterisation and standards of treatment;
- legal proceedings in the Courts of the Coalition; and
- foreign detention and “reasonable expectations” of national assistance in alleged cases of transnational terrorism.

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