

Professor Hilary Charlesworth Honoured with ICJ Appointment



Professor Hilary Charlesworth has been appointed as a [judge ad hoc](#) of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Hilary, who is the first Australian academic lawyer to have this honour, will be a judge ad hoc in the case of *Australia v. Japan* in relation to whaling.

Only two Australians have had this honour previously, Sir Garfield Barwick in 1974 (for the nuclear test case against France) and Sir Ninian Stephen (to whom Hilary was Associate when Sir Ninian was on the High Court of Australia) in 1995 for the case against Portugal regarding Timor. Sir Percy Spender, who was President of the ICJ in the 1960s, is the only Australian to have been elected as a permanent judge.

Hilary holds the title of Professor of International Law and Human Rights in the ANU College of Law and an appointment as Professor and Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice in the Regulatory Institutions Networks (RegNet) in the College of Asia and the Pacific. As an Australian Research Council Federation Fellow, Hilary is also currently Chief Investigator in a new three year Linkage Project, *Strengthening the rule of law through the United Nations Security Council*

This appointment as judge ad hoc is a great honour and reflects the high esteem with which Hilary is held in the international law community.

For more details about Hilary's appointment please read the joint [media release](#) from the Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP and Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP.

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