



100 Years of the Peace Palace: Prospects for the International Adjudication and Arbitration

A presentation by
His Excellency Judge Sir Kenneth Keith

INVITATION

Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2013

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre Two, Rutherford House
Victoria University Pipitea Campus
(23 Lambton Quay, Wellington)

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In this address Judge Sir Kenneth Keith, one of the 15 members of the International Court of Justice which since 1946 has sat in the Great Hall of Justice in the Peace Palace will attempt to draw lessons for the future. He will consider the experience of that Court, its predecessor, the Permanent Court of International Justice (1922-1946), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (1899-) for which the building was constructed, and the many other Courts and Tribunals which have been established over the last century and earlier, but especially in recent decades. What are their strengths and limits? What improvements might be considered? Should greater attention be given to other methods for the peaceful settlement of international disputes? How are these matters to be seen in the context of the dreadful events which followed only a year after the opening of the Palace dedicated to Peace through Law?



Sir Kenneth Keith is the first New Zealander to be elected as a Judge of the International court of Justice. He was elected by the UN General Assembly and Security Council in 2005 to serve a nine-year term. He served earlier as a judge of the New Zealand Court of Appeal and Supreme Court (1996-2006) and a judge of appeal in Samoa, the Cook Islands, Niue and Fiji; a member of arbitration tribunals; a law commissioner in New Zealand; Professor and Dean of Law at Victoria University of Wellington (now Professor Emeritus); and a member of the legal offices of the United Nations and MFAT. He was a member of the New Zealand legal team in the *Nuclear Tests* cases before the ICJ in 1973, 1974 and 1995 and the international arbitral tribunals in the *Rainbow Warrior* (1990) and *Southern Bluefin Tuna* (2000) cases. He has published extensively on international law, sits on the Board of Editors of a number of law reviews, and is a member of a wide range of law institutes and associations (including the American Law Institute and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law). He is a past President of the NZIIA (2000-2007).