

Workshop:

**State Responsibility in Crisis**

30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Moot Court, Ground Floor, 8-10 Berkeley Square, Law School, University of Bristol, UK

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026:**

12.00 Arrival and registration

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Workshop Opening: Dr. Kathryn Allinson w/ Professor Lawrence Hill-Cawthorne (University of Bristol)

**13.45 – 15:30 Panel 1: Establishing attribution in multi-actor contexts**

Discussant: Miles Jackson (University of Oxford)

- 1) Elisa Ruoizzi (University of Turin): *Non-State Actors as Drivers of Conflict in the Gulf of Aden between Civil War, Piracy and International Use of Force*
- 2) Daisy Peterson (University of Oxford): *Attribution in the Age of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Challenges for State Responsibility in Human Rights Violations*
- 3) Scarlett McArdle (University of Nottingham): *Non-state actors and the weakness of state responsibility beyond the state: the fundamental problem of collective action*
- 4) Sotirios-Ioannis Lekkas (University of Sheffield): *Instigation in the Law of International Responsibility*

**15:30 – 16.00 Break and coffee**

**16.00-17:45 Panel 2: Responding to complex causation**

Discussant: Vladislava Stoyanova (Lund University)

- 1) Sophie Capicchiano Young (Irish Centre for Human Rights): *Enforced Disappearance of Refugees and Migrants: Risk, Foreseeability, and Causation*
- 2) Michael Oghenetega Abu (Ulster University): *Preventive Causation and Scope (Nature) of Primary Human Rights Obligations: Responsibility for Climate Change Displaced Children*
- 3) Abdulkadir Gülçür (Adana Science and Technology University): *Contributory Fault in Times of Crisis: Investor Misconduct, Public Interest and the Limits of State Responsibility in ISDS*

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- 4) Tamas Molnar (EU Agency for Fundamental Rights and Corvinus University of Budapest): *"Kaleidoscope of causal inquiry in reparation cases concerning unlawful expulsion of non-nationals: a (twisted) microcosm"*

**17:45-18:45: Keynote by Professor Violeta Moreno-Lax (Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School)**

**18.45-19.30 Drinks Reception** sponsored by the University of Bristol Centre for International Law and Human Rights Implementation Centre

19:30 Informal dinner in Bristol for those who would like to attend

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026:**

**9.00-9.30 – Coffee and pastries**

**9.30-11.15 Panel 3: The nature and consequences of breaches of international law**  
Discussant: Federica Paddeu (University of Cambridge)

- 1) Felix Butz (Humboldt-University): *The Responsibility Gap: Structural Violence, International Criminal Law and the Crisis of State Responsibility*
- 2) Enenu Okwori (University of Bristol): *The Obligation within the Obligation: The Duty to Monitor as a Due Diligence Obligation to Prevent Transboundary Cyber Harm*
- 3) Vladyslav Lanovoy (Laval University and University of Ottawa): *Third-Party Countermeasures in Response to Serious Breaches of International Law*
- 4) Antal Berkes (University of Liverpool): *Beyond inaction: Reconstructing the obligations of non-recognition, non-aid and non-assistance*

**11.15 Break and Coffee**

**11:45-13.00 Plenary panel discussion: 'Is State Responsibility in Crisis?'**

with Professor Moreno-Lax, Professor Paddeu, Professor Stoyanova, Professor Jackson and Professor Hill-Cawthorne.

Chaired by Dr. Kathryn Allinson

*(open to the wider law school and public)*

**13.00 Light lunch and close**