



OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF LAW DEAN LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the honour to host Professor Timothy Endicott (Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Oxford) who lectured on “Protection of Human Rights Overseas: The Common Law and the European Convention”.

Professor Endicott was introduced to the audience by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) who expressed his great pleasure at having such an eminent Professor visiting the Institute and addressing our students. Professor Attard stated that the visit of Professor Endicott strengthens further the links between the Institute and University of Oxford.



Professor Timothy Endicott (Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Oxford) delivering his lecture

In his lecture Professor Endicott discussed whether legal protection for human rights extends beyond the State's territory, and beyond its citizens? To answer the question Professor Endicott explained the origin of the principle of *habeas corpus* in common law, and the American Courts' application of this principle in Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan. He then explained the British litigation over the alleged abuse of human rights in Iraq and the extent of British Courts' jurisdiction for the protection of human rights in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights. Professor Endicott argued that in the application of both American law and European Convention, the courts should extend protection beyond the State's territory and its citizen insofar as in doing so the courts do not interfere with the military efforts of the State.

Professor Endicott's lecture was attended by Professor Stephen Calleya (Director, MEDAC), Dr. Austin Bencini (Deputy Dean, Faculty of Laws of University of Malta), H.E. Ms Carole Johnson (British Deputy High Commissioner), Judge Giovanni Bonello (Rtd. Judge, European Court of Human Rights), Dr. Simone Borg (Head of the Environmental and Planning Law Unit, University of Malta), Dr. Omar Grech (Lecturer, MEDAC) and this year students of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.



Professor Timothy Endicott AB (Harvard), MPhil (Oxford), LLB (Toronto), DPhil (Oxford) is the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Professor of Legal Philosophy. He has been Dean of the Faculty of Law since October 2007. He has been a Fellow in Law at Balliol College since 1999, and has been Professor of Legal Philosophy since 2006. Professor Endicott writes on Jurisprudence and Constitutional and Administrative Law, with special interests in law and language and interpretation.

He is the author of *Vagueness in Law* (OUP 2000), and *Administrative Law* (OUP 2009). After studying Classics and Linguistics at Harvard and Oxford, he studied Law at the University of Toronto and practiced as a litigation lawyer in Toronto, before pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy studies in legal philosophy in Oxford. Professor Endicott has been a guest lecturer in Canada, the United States, Italy, Spain, Mexico, China, and Australia, and his writings have been translated into Italian, Spanish, and Chinese.

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