BIICL ACTIVITIES

Research

BIICL conducts research around the world across the broad range of public international law, private international law, comparative law and the rule of law. This includes areas such as competition law, European law, human rights law, international investment law, and product liability law. Our research often crosses traditional boundaries of law, so as to integrate private and public international law, and engages with national, European and comparative law.

Our research is primarily applied research, based on strong knowledge foundations. This enables our research to have practical consequences, establish influential recommendations for decision-makers, and have an impact on law and policy around the world.

Events

BIICL organises an exciting and diverse programme of events throughout the year. These bring together leading speakers and participants from law firms, barristers' chambers, corporations, government, non-governmental organisations, regulatory bodies, international organisations, academia, students and many others.

Our events deal with the many important contemporary international legal issues and developments. They include seminars and full-day conferences, open debates and confidential discussions. Events are generally open to all members and the public, and most events are CPD accredited for practitioners.

Fora

The Institute enhances its research activities through four specialist fora: The Investment Treaty Forum, The Competition Law Forum, The Product Liability Forum and The Human Rights Due Diligence Forum.

These invitation only discussion and working groups bring together senior experts to share experiences and exchange opinions, contribute to policy initiatives, and promote research in these important areas of law and practice.

Training and Development

BIICL also engages in the provision of training on international and comparative legal matters. BIICL has extensive experience in offering public and bespoke training courses in public international law, trade law, business and human rights, climate change law and law of the sea. BIICL's popular courses are delivered by a range of expert practitioners and scholars. BIICL's training offering also includes online training courses in investment law and dispute resolution and on citizenship and the rule of law.

Publications

Beyond the International and Comparative Law Quarterly, BIICL publishes many freely available reports based on its major research projects as well as other papers on contemporary legal issues. It also publishes a regular Newsletter available at www.biicl.org/newsletter.

The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

The Bingham Centre was launched in 2010. It is named after The Rt Hon Lord Bingham of Cornhill KG who promoted the maintenance and development of the rule of law. The Centre is devoted to the study and promotion of the rule of law worldwide, defining and implementing the rule of law as a universal and practical concept that upholds respect for human dignity and enhances economic development and political stability.

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BIICL 60+ Appeal

Under the Chairmanship of Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, the BIICL 60+ Appeal was launched to raise £3 million to both consolidate and develop our work on emerging legal issues and respond to global challenges, and to fund the remodelling of our office space to bring our events, outreach, training and dissemination activities in-house.

The refurbishment of our office space and events suite has significantly improved interaction with our stakeholders, connecting us more seamlessly with our immediate and wider audiences interested in our work.

We are particularly grateful to The Dorset Foundation, The Bluston Charitable Settlement and The Sybil Shine Memorial Trust for their generous support of the Appeal. We are also grateful to those who have joined our President's Circle and other BIICL friends who have donated to the Institute.

We continue to rely on our supporters to implement our programme of work.

By supporting the Institute, you will be helping BIICL address some of the most pressing global challenges, thus making a positive and lasting difference to our world. We would be delighted to discuss your interest in supporting our work and welcome donations at all levels.

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If you would like to find out more about our work and ways in which you can support the Institute, please contact our Development Director, Diane Denny:

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Since it was founded in 1952 the International & Comparative Law Quarterly has built a reputation for publishing innovative and original scholarship across these fields, and also exploring their intersections. It offers broad topical coverage to academics and practitioners while upholding rigorous editorial standards, attracting high-quality contributions from around the world.

In 2025 the International & Comparative Law Quarterly launched its Forum, an issue of the Journal dedicated to in-depth coverage of a single theme.

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