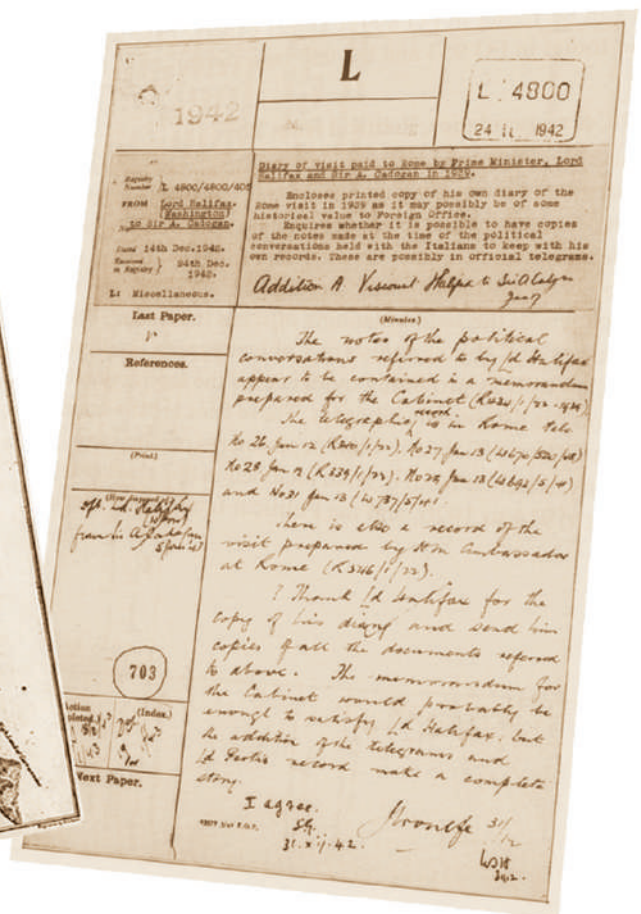


Evidence & Archive Research for Boundary Dispute Resolution

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INTRODUCTION

Disputes over territorial sovereignty or boundary alignment often hinge on which party can produce stronger evidence in support of its claims. In most cases the principal sources of historical, geographical and legal evidence are archives. Most countries' archives contain a wealth of material relating to international boundaries, much of which can be crucial to the understanding of boundary and territorial disputes. However, the size and complexity of many archives means that finding relevant material and compiling an accurate picture of the key issues is rarely a straightforward task.

This workshop, led by experienced archivists, researchers and case managers, is designed to help participants appreciate how archive material can be used to help build a case, and to provide practical guidance on how to make the best possible use of time available for archive research. The workshop will include practical sessions at The National Archives and the Royal Geographical Society.

Who should attend?

• Legal Advisors • Diplomats • Archivists • Historians • Boundary scholars • Hydrographers • Agents and case managers • Cartographers • Researchers

TUTORS



Dr Juliette Desplat, Head of Modern Overseas Records, National Archives, has a PhD in British Studies/History of ideas (2011) from the University of Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle, and joined The National Archives in June 2013 after having worked as a research analyst in the private sector. She is a Middle East specialist, with a particular interest in national identity in the 19th and 20th centuries and in the interaction between politics and archaeology. Juliette also co-heads the 'Historical Approaches to Nuclear and Security Issues during the Cold War and beyond' young researchers workshop held at the Universities of Paris III Sorbonne-Nouvelle and Bretagne-Sud, which aims at examining nuclear issues in a comprehensive way through their integration within a diplomatic and political approach, with a particular focus on the evolution of the architecture of security systems in conjunction with the nuclear dimension.



Dr Naomi Hart, Essex Chambers has a diverse practice in international, commercial, public and human rights law. She has acted in six cases before the International Court of Justice as well as in proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization. She is also routinely involved in cases before English and foreign domestic courts which involve questions of public international law. Many of her cases have involved questions of sovereignty over land and insular territory, as well as questions concerning maritime entitlements and delimitation. In addition, she has advised and acted for governments, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and private parties on matters relating to self-determination, occupation of territory, war crimes, genocide, privileges and immunities, climate change, international administrative law, sanctions, international trade law, the act of State doctrine, and inter-State espionage. She also has a wide human rights practice before English, international and foreign domestic courts, much of which is pro bono.



Dr Ben Juratowitch KC, Essex Court Chambers has been counsel in a broad range of cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the European Court of Human Rights, the Caribbean Court of Justice and international arbitral tribunals. He has extensive experience advising on and serving as counsel in cases involving disputed territory, delimitation of boundaries on land and at sea, sovereignty over islands, the law of the sea, and arrangements to share infrastructure or natural resources that straddle boundaries or are in disputed areas. He teaches an annual course of seminars on international dispute settlement at the University of Paris Descartes and has been a visiting fellow in the Faculty of Law at the London School of Economics.



Professor Martin Pratt, Director, Bordermap Consulting, is an internationally-respected expert in boundary-making, border management and territorial dispute resolution, with over twenty years' experience working with governments, international organisations, businesses, scholars and practitioners around the world to resolve and prevent boundary-related conflict. He has extensive practical experience in maritime boundary negotiations and third-party adjudication of boundary and sovereignty disputes. Martin worked at IBRU from 1994-2015, leading the Centre's consultancy and professional training programmes for over a decade, and he remains an Honorary Professor in Geography at Durham University.



Professor Richard Schofield, Senior Lecturer in Boundary Studies, Department of Geography, Kings College London is best known for his research and publications on international boundaries and territorial disputes in the Middle East and is an acknowledged expert on archival sources for their study. Authored and edited works include *Kuwait and Iraq: Historical Claims and Territorial Disputes* (2nd ed., 1993), *Territorial Foundations of The Gulf States* (2nd ed., 2016), *Arabian Boundaries: New Documents, 1966-1975* (2009), *Geographical Realities in the Middle East and North Africa: State, Oil and Agriculture* (2022) and *Rocks and Rivals: The Geopolitics of Island Sovereignty Disputes* (2024 - forthcoming). His articles have recently been published in *Geopolitics*, *Mediterranean Politics* and *Water International*. Richard was an expert witness on imperial boundary delimitation at the Abyei case at the PCA (2008-9) and has advised many governments, oil and law companies on archival sources for the resolution of boundary disputes. Richard was the Founding Editor of the journal *Geopolitics* and directs the MA in Geopolitics, Resources and Territory programme at Kings College London. He co-convenes *The London International Boundary Conference* every 2 years or so with Canadian lawyer, Robert Volterra.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 31 May	0900-0915	Registration at the Royal Geographical Society
	0915-0945	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">The ongoing significance of international boundariesThe importance of archives for understanding international boundariesBoundary & territorial disputes and their resolution
	0945-1100	Title to territory and the role of evidence in demonstrating title <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sources of title to territoryKey types of evidenceThe significance of evidence in demonstrating titleCase studies
	1100-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1230	Managing research and building a case <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coordinating researchPresenting archive evidence in negotiations and third-party adjudicationsEvaluating and organising evidence
	1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>
	1330-1515	Map research <ul style="list-style-type: none">The evidentiary value of mapsPracticalities of map researchMap archivesEvaluating and presenting map evidence
	1515-1545	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1545-1700	Boundary tales from the archives <ul style="list-style-type: none">State acts during the evolution of disputesCase studies from the Middle East, Africa and the CaribbeanOver-reliance on the colonial record

Thursday 1 June	0845	Depart for The National Archives
	0930-1010	Registration at The National Archives
	1010-1020	Welcome by Juliette Desplat
	1020-1115	Maps and other records for boundary research
	1115-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1230	Orientation tour / document display
	1230-1245	Briefing on research exercise
	1245-1345	<i>Lunch</i>
	1345-1600*	Research exercise
	*1545	<i>Refreshments available</i>
	1600-1645	Debrief
	1645	Depart

Friday 2 June	0930-1000	<i>Gather at the Royal Geographical Society</i>
	1000-1100	Showcase of research resources at the Royal Geographical Society
	1100-1220*	Personal Research
	*1100-1130	<i>Refreshments available</i>
	1210-1230	<i>Wrap Up</i>
	1230	Depart
		Cover Image: Archive Documents Source: IBRU

What will it cost?

The cost of the workshop is £2,340 per participant. This fee includes UK VAT of 20%.

We payment can only be accepted in GBP sterling, however, we are able to accept payment by most major credit and debit cards.

Full payment MUST be received prior to the workshop to guarantee the booking. If full payment is not received before the deadline date of 10 May 2023, any provisional places booked will be removed. Bookings made after 10 May will only be guaranteed with payment in full and if places are still available.

In addition to tuition and all course materials, the fees cover the following:

- Lunch and refreshment breaks on 31 May, 1 June and 2 June
- Travel to and from The National Archives

How to book

Places are limited and early booking is highly recommended:

- Contact the IBRU Events Team or complete the online booking form at https://r.dur.ac.uk?c3b13b_WorkshopBookingForm Please refer to the booking terms & conditions available to download on the IBRU website.
- Acknowledgement of the provisional booking will be sent by email with information on how to pay.
- If payment is not received by the deadline specified, the reserved place will be cancelled and your booking removed to a waiting list. Your place will only be confirmed when payment is received and if a place is still available.

Additional information

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the workshop fee and participants are free to book their own accommodation in London at a venue of their choice. We strongly recommend that your accommodation is either close to the RGS or within easy access of an underground station. The nearest underground stations are South Kensington (Piccadilly, District and Circle lines) and Knightsbridge (Piccadilly line) which are both approximately a 10–15-minute walk from the RGS.

Language

Teaching and workshop materials will be in English. We regret that we are unable to provide translation or interpreting services.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be received in writing not later than the 10 May 2023 and will be subject to a £250 cancellation fee, unless a substitute participant is offered. After this date the full registration fee will be charged for all cancellations. Please refer to the booking terms & conditions available to download on the IBRU website.

Programme changes

IBRU reserves the right to modify the programme as necessary without notice to participants.

The Venues

The Royal Geographical Society

The first and third days of our workshop will be held at the **Royal Geographical Society**

Address:
Royal Geographical Society
1 Kensington Gore,
London, SW7 2AR

<https://www.rgs.org/>



The Royal Geographical Society, is a learned society and professional body for geography based in Kensington in London, United Kingdom. Founded in 1830 for the advancement of geographical sciences, the Society has over 16,000 members, with its work reaching the public through publications, research groups and lectures.

The Society's Collections consist of over two million documents, maps, photographs, paintings, periodicals, artefacts and books, and span 500 years of geography, travel and exploration.

The National Archives

The National Archives is the UK government's official archive, containing over 1,000 years of history. Their collection of over 11 million historical government and public records is one of the largest in the world. From Domesday Book to modern government papers and digital files, their collection includes paper and parchment, electronic records and websites, photographs, posters, maps, drawings and paintings.
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk



The J.R.V. Prescott Scholarship

Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of international boundaries scholar JRV Prescott, IBRU is pleased to offer the JRV Prescott Student Scholarship Programme, to support postgraduate attendance at IBRU training workshops.

Each year, IBRU will award one student a scholarship covering workshop registration, plus up to £500 to defray expenses, to attend one of that year's regularly scheduled training workshops. To be eligible a student must be enrolled in a postgraduate course of study, in any discipline.

This workshop is eligible for the Prescott Scholarship.



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