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# **Introduction: The Earl A. Snyder Lecture in International Law**

**April 5, 2000**

ALFRED C. AMAN, JR.\*

This is the annual Earl Snyder Lecture in International Law. The Snyder Lecture is usually given here by a member of the Cambridge Faculty, and sometimes in Cambridge by a member of this faculty. Thanks to Earl Snyder's generosity, the Lecture Series represents just one of the creative links between our law school and the University of Cambridge.

In addition to the Snyder Lecture Series, there is also a Snyder Scholarship. The Snyder Scholarship enables one of our students to conduct research for up to three months at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law in Cambridge. The scholarship is a coveted honor for our students and it is one that has helped many of them pursue international law in a serious way at an exceptional university and research center. We are very grateful to Earl Snyder and his family for these gifts, both of which make important opportunities available to our students, our faculty, and our respective university communities.

We are honored to have as our lecturer today James R. Crawford, the Whewell Professor of International Law and Director of the Lauterpacht Research Centre of International Law at the University of Cambridge. Professor Crawford received his B.A. and L.L.D degrees from Adelaide University in Australia and his Doctorate of Philosophy degree in 1977 from Oxford University. He has practiced extensively in international law and in international arbitration, at both the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal with the Law of the Sea. He is a barrister of the High Court of Australia and of the Supreme Court of New South Wales at the bar in London.

He has held numerous governmental and professional appointments, including memberships in the Australian Constitutional Convention, the Institute Duda Internacionale, and the Hague Academy of International Law.

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He has served on the United Nations International Law Commission, and as a Judge on the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Professor Crawford is a renowned academic in the field of international law. He has previously held chairs of international law at the Australian Universities of Adelaide and Sydney and he is the former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. He has written several books and many articles on international, constitutional, and maritime law. His books include *The Creation of States in International Law*,<sup>1</sup> for which he was awarded the American Society for International Law's award for preeminent contributions to creative scholarship in international law. He has also authored *Australian Courts of Law*,<sup>2</sup> edited *The Rights of People*,<sup>3</sup> and co-edited *The Law of the Sea in the Asian-Pacific Region*.<sup>4</sup> He is the senior editor of *The British Yearbook of International Law*<sup>5</sup> and he is also co-editor of *The Cambridge Series*<sup>6</sup>—an international imperative.

It is an enormous pleasure and honor to have him here today. His lecture is entitled "Responsibility to the International Community as a Whole." It is my pleasure to welcome Professor James R. Crawford.

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