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## UK Association for European Law

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Lecture 2014

# Lord Hannay of Chiswick

## *'The tangled tale of Britain's block opt-out from the EU's Justice and Home Affairs Legislation (Protocol 36 of the Lisbon Treaty)'*

In the chair: Professor Sir Alan Dashwood KCMG CBE QC

**1 December 2014**

**The Great Hall, King's College London**

A career diplomat, Lord Hannay joined the UK Diplomatic Service in 1959. From 1970 to 1973 Lord Hannay was a member of the UK Negotiating Team for Britain's accession. From 1973 to 1977 he was Chef de Cabinet to Sir Christopher Soames, Vice President of the European Commission. Lord Hannay served at the UK Embassy in Washington DC (1984-1985) before becoming the UK's Permanent Representative to the European Economic Community (1985-1990). From 1990 until 1995 he was UK Ambassador to the United Nations.

Between 1996 and 2003, Lord Hannay was UK Special Representative for Cyprus and, in 2004, served on the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change. In 2001 he was created a life peer and in 2003 he was made a Companion of Honour. He co-chairs the Parliamentary group on global security and non-proliferation and is also a member of the Top Level Group of UK Parliamentarians for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

From 2003-2008 and 2010-2014 Lord Hannay was a Member of the EU Select Committee, House of Lords, and from 2010-2014 he was also Chair of the Sub-Committee on Home Affairs. Since 2014 he has been a Member of the Select Committee on the Arctic.

## 40 Years in Lectures

The UK Association for European Law was formally constituted on 5 November 1974. At its very first meeting the steering committee consisted of Leonard Bromley QC, Mr Michael Brothwood, Professor J D B Mitchell and Dr K R Simmonds. With the exception of Mr Brothwood this group subsequently formed the first Committee, joined by Alan Campbell QC, Professor A G Chloros, Mr G L Close, David Edward QC, Lord Fraser and Norman Marsh.

In January 1975 the Association had its constitution and its first officers: Lord Wilberforce (President); Professor Francis G Jacobs and Professor J D B Mitchell (Honorary Secretaries); Mr Selwyn H Dearden (Treasurer).

The position of **president** has subsequently been filled by Lord Fraser (1980-1983); Sir Jean-Pierre Warner QC (1983-1989); Lord Mackenzie-Stuart (1989-1992), Lord Slynn of Hadley (1992-2002); Sir Christopher Bellamy QC (2002-2009), Sir Francis G Jacobs QC (2009-2013), and Sir Alan Dashwood QC (2013-).

Only five more **honorary secretaries** have covered the work of the Association since 1981: Professor Alan Dashwood (1981-1987); David Edward QC and Clare Tritton (1988-1992); Professor David O'Keefe (1992-1998); Dr Mads Andenas (1998-2008); Philippa Watson (2008-).

**Treasurers** have included David Vaughan QC, Christopher Vajda QC and Rhodri Thompson QC (2013-).

The Committee welcomed its first female member, Catherine Crisham, in 1980.

**Eva Evans MBE** took on the administration of the growing Association in 1979. With a break of four years, she worked for and on behalf of the Association until 2009.

At the first Annual General Meeting *'attention was drawn to the widespread ignorance of Community Law and it was agreed that members should try to counter this, especially by correcting errors in the Press and in legal journals.'*

In 1977 the Committee decided *'to submit evidence to the Royal Commissions urging, that there should be a separate course on Community Law as a compulsory part of legal education with more specialised courses available as optional subjects'*.

In this spirit, the UKAEL has worked in the area of EU Law for 40 years. Its members contribute as rapporteurs at the biennial FIDE CONGRESS, and the Association has organised countless meetings in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and on the European Continent. It has supported academic study of EU Law with studentships and invites EU Law practitioners to inspire students at a regular informal annual event. Students can also enter an essay competition and win a generous bursary for the FIDE CONGRESS.

The UKAEL has enjoyed the support of some formidable EU Law specialists who have given their time, knowledge and passion to the cause of EU Law.

Today, the UK Association brings together all those across the UK with an interest in European Union law. Through lectures, conferences and other events it promotes a better understanding of EU law, encourages debate and discussion on current issues, and as the UK branch of the Fédération Internationale pour le Droit Européen (FIDE), is part of an International network of European law associations.

1975	The Rt Hon Sir Leslie Scarman OBE, PC
1976	Hans Nord, Secretary-General of the European Parliament
1977	Sir Raymond Bell KCMG CB
1978	Professor JES Fawcett, Advocate General J-P Warner QC, Lord Fraser and Mr Joseph Jaconelli
1979	The Rt Hon Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission
1980	The Rt Hon Peter Walker, Minister for Agriculture
1981	Ivor Richard QC, Member of the European Communities
1983	The Rt Hon Baroness Elles MEP
1983	The Hon Altiero Spinelli MEP
1984	The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
1985	Stanley Clinton Davies, Member of the European Commission
1986	Professor Pierre Mathijsen, Confédération des Industries Agro-Alimentaires de la CEE
1987	Lord Plumb of Coleshill, President of the European Parliament
1988	Lord Mackenzie-Stuart
1989	The Rt Hon Sir Leon Brittan QC
1990	The Hon Judge PJG Kapteyn, European Court of Justice
1991	Bruce Millan, European Commissioner for Regional Policy and Cohesion Regional Policy
1992	The Hon Judge David Edward, European Court of Justice
1993	Professor Henry Schermers, European Commission of Human Rights
1994	Advocate General Francis Jacobs, European Court of Justice
1995	GC Rodriguez Iglesias, President of the European Court of Justice
1996	Professor Claus D Ehlermann, European University Institute, Florence
1997	The Hon Judge Christopher Bellamy, Court of the First Instance
1998	The Hon Judge John L Murray, European Court of Justice
1999	The Hon Judge Koen Lenaerts, Court of the First Instance
2000	The Hon Judge Leif Sevón, European Court of Justice
2001	The Hon Judge CWA Timmermans, European Court of Justice
2002	The Hon Judge Bo Vesterdorf, President of the Court of First Instance
2003	The Hon Judge David Edward, European Court of Justice
2004	The Rt Hon The Lord Goldsmith QC, Attorney General
2005	The Hon Judge Vassilios Skouris, President of the European Court of Justice
2006	Michel Petite, Director-General of Legal Service, European Commission
2007	The Hon Judge Konrad Schiemann, European Court of Justice
2008	The Hon Judge Nicholas Forwood, Court of First Instance
2009	Advocate General Miguel P Maduro, European Court of Justice
2010	The Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe
2011	The Rt Hon Lord Mance, Justice of the Supreme Court
2012	The Rt Hon Lady Justice Arden, Royal Courts of Justice
2013	Sir Nigel Sheinwald, King's College London
2014	The Rt Hon Lord Hannay of Chiswick