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["International Law 1960 to 2010: Now and Then"](#) 

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In this tribute to George Barton, Sir Kenneth Keith looks back over 50 years of developments in selected areas of international law, in part to prompt thought about future developments. The article considers the change over time in five aspects of international law: international law in the courts, both national and international; international law and the United Nations; the independence of the international service; the law of the sea; and the law of armed conflict. The author emphasises the importance of enduring principles and good process and the role they may play in facing massive new challenges arising across the globe, in balancing continuity and change, heritage and heresy.

["International Security and the Law: Is International Law Still Relevant During Armed Conflict?"](#) 

David B MacDonald, Robert G Patman and Betty Mason-Parker (eds) *The Ethics of Foreign Policy* (Ashgate, England, 2007) 209

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International law is and should remain relevant during armed conflict. In this chapter, Sir Kenneth Keith focuses on two principal themes: the right of a state to use armed force in international relations, and the law applicable to the parties to an armed conflict once it has begun. The chapter concludes by examining the broader implications of international law in conflict and by addressing the question of whether new challenges, especially since the vile atrocities of 11

law in conflict and by addressing the question of whether new challenges, especially since the vic atrocities of 11 September 2001, call for new laws.

["Asian Attitudes to International Law"](#) 
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There is no single Asian attitude to international law; rather there is a series of attitudes towards particular areas of international law and not towards the system as a whole. With this in mind, the author considers in this article the attitudes of various Asian states in the context of specific international legal issues. He first identifies some of the general factors which condition Asian states' attitudes to international law. Asian views on topics of international law are contrasted to the general world legal opinion, drawing in particular on the statements of opinion made by the Asian African Legal Consultative Committee. The author also discusses Asian attitudes to the third-party compulsory settlement of disputes, making particular reference to the Temple of Preah Vihear case in the International Court of Justice. The article challenges the generalisation that Asian states have rejected the system of international law; the author shows how those who have attempted to change the system and accommodate their interests have typically sought moderate change through orthodox means. Furthermore, some Asian states have been at the forefront of movements to develop international law.

Abstract by Juliet Bull.

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