The number of international courts is increasing and international courts are exerting ever greater influence on political, social, economic and environmental issues. These developments raise an important question: how are the international judges that sit on these courts selected?

For the past two years, the Centre for International Courts and Tribunals (CICT) at University College London has been conducting a project entitled *Process and Legitimacy in the Nomination, Election and Appointment of International Judges* funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (United Kingdom). The project has focussed on nominations and elections to the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, with broader comparative reference to other international courts, and has asked:

(a) How do states nominate candidates for the ICJ and ICC?
(b) How do the election procedures for those courts operate in practice?
(c) What changes, if any, are needed to the nomination and election procedures?

The research team has interviewed over 100 individuals involved in the nomination and election of international judges. Interviewees have included diplomats, government legal advisors, members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration national groups, international and domestic judges, lawyers and academics. The project website is available at: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/cict/index.shtml?judicial-selection](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/cict/index.shtml?judicial-selection).

This seminar, which has been jointly organised by the Centre for International Courts and Tribunals (CICT) and the Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), NYU Law School, will present the preliminary findings of the project for discussion and comment. Those taking part will include diplomats dealing with these issues, personnel of international organizations, academics, and judges.

A limited number of additional places are available. If you would like attend this seminar, please contact Ms. Kate Barber on email kate.barber@ucl.ac.uk. If you are based at NYU, please contact iiij@juris.law.nyu.edu.
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Selecting International Judges: Principle, Process and Politics

Greenberg Lounge, NYU School of Law
First Floor of Vanderbilt Hall at 40 Washington Square South, between Sullivan and MacDougal Streets

Tuesday 9 September 2008

AGENDA

9am     Arrival and coffee
9.30am  Presentation of the project and the objectives of the seminar
10.00am Discussion 1: The nomination of candidates seeking election to the ICJ and ICC
11.15am Coffee break
11.30am Discussion 2: The election process for the ICJ and ICC: campaigning, vote trading and other matters

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2pm     Discussion 3: UN regional groups and their role in nominations and elections to the ICJ and ICC
3.15pm  Coffee break
3.30pm  Discussion 4: Merit vs. politics; diversity and the composition of the courts
4.30pm  Discussion of potential proposals for change to the nomination and election of ICJ and ICC judges, with reference to other courts
5pm     END