

## Professor Sir Nigel Rodley



### Curriculum Vitae

#### Personal Details

Name: Professor Sir Nigel Rodley

Born: 1 December 1941

Education: LLB, University of Leeds (UK); LLM, Columbia and New York Universities (USA);  
PhD, University of Essex (UK)

Marital Status: Married

Foreign Languages

French, Spanish and some German

#### Current and Recent Positions

2001 – present: Member (UN) Human Rights Committee

2003 – 2004; 2009 - 2010: Human Rights Committee Vice-Chairperson

2007 – 2008 Human Rights Committee: Special Rapporteur on follow-up to Concluding Observations

2011 – present Human Rights Committee Special Rapporteur on New Communications and Provisional Measures

1993-2001: UN Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture

1994 – present: Professor of Law (Reader 1990-94) University of Essex, Colchester, UK (subjects taught: International Law; International Human Rights; Jurisprudence)

Dean of the University of Essex School of Law (1992-1995)

Director, University of Essex LLM in International Human Rights Law. Chair, University of Essex Human Rights Centre (2003 – present)

#### Professional Recognition

2008 Elected Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

2005 Joint recipient of the American Society of International Law's Goler T Butcher Medal for distinguished service to human rights.

2000 Honorary Doctor of Laws, Dalhousie University, Canada

#### Professional Experience

1973-1990: Legal Adviser, (Founding) Head of Legal and Intergovernmental Organisations Office, International Secretariat of Amnesty International (AI) (Main responsibilities: representing AI at meetings and conferences of major United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies concerned with drafting new international legal standards, establishing machinery to monitor their implementation and promoting and protecting human rights; providing information and advising on international and comparative law aspects of human rights information and publications; participating in research and negotiation missions to specific countries)

1973 – 1990: Part-time Lecturer in International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science  
1983: Academic Visitor, London School of Economics and Political Science (Wrote 'The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law', first edition)  
1970-72: Research Fellow, Centre for International Studies, New York University (Research and writing in international law and political science)  
1969-72: Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York (Subjects taught: International Law; UN Secretariat; Law and Practice of the United Nations)  
1968-69: Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York (Drafting discussion documents and servicing international meetings on legal and organisational aspects of international economic cooperation)  
1965-68: Assistant Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Subjects taught: International Law; International Economic Transactions; Contracts; Legal Research, Writing and Bibliography)

### **Training Programmes**

Henry-Dunant Institute (Geneva) Seminar for Francophone Heads of Prison Administration, Bujumbura (1990)  
University of Lund (Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights, 1991, 1992 and 2000)  
African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Banjul (1991)  
United Nations Human Rights Training Course for Law Enforcement Officials, Malta (1991)  
University of Essex Training Programme for Senior Administration of Justice Officials from Small Commonwealth Countries (1991)  
United Nations Human Rights Training Course for Law Enforcement Officials, Albania (1992)  
University of Essex Human Rights Training Sessions for the British Bar, London (1993)  
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Training Programmes for African Officials responsible for Reporting under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Harare (1993)  
University of Essex Human Rights Centre Training Programmes for East European Lawyers (1999)  
Lord Chancellor's Department Judicial Studies Board, Human Rights Act Training Seminar (2000)  
Philippines National Human Rights Commission (2001)  
Amnesty International, International Secretariat and British Section (various)

### **Activities**

Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists (since 2003)  
Member, Council of Justice (British branch of the International Commission of Jurists since 2001)  
Member, Editorial Committee, British Year Book of International Law (since 2001)  
Member, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Expert Panel on Torture (from 1998 to current)  
Trustee, Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture (since 2004)  
Chair, Board of Trustees, International Centre for Prison Studies (since 2011)

Rapporteur, First and Second Annual Meetings of UN Commission on Human Rights Special Procedures (1994,1995);  
Chairperson, Sixth Meeting (1999)

### **Main Books** (written/edited or co-authored)

The Treatment of Prisoners under International Law, 1987, 1999, 2009  
International Law in Western Hemisphere, 1974  
Enhancing Global Human Rights, 1979  
To Loose the Bands of Wickedness - International Intervention in Defence of Human Rights, 1992  
International Response to Traumatic Stress, 1996  
Conference on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Acute Crisis, 1998

### **Main Shorter Works**

'Immunities of Officials Associated with Permanent United Nations Establishments', 1972  
'Monitoring Human Rights by the UN System and the Role of Non-Governmental Organisations', 1979  
'On the Necessity of United States Ratification of the International Human Rights Conventions', 1981  
'Direct Intervention at the UN: NGO Participation in the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission', 1982

The Development of United Nations Activities in the Field of Human Rights and the Role of Non Governmental Organisations', 1983  
'Torture, Extra-Legal Execution and "Disappearance" as Crimes under International Law', 1985  
'UN Action Procedures against "Disappearances", Summary or Arbitrary Executions and Torture', 1986  
'Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention: The Case Law of the World Court', 1989  
'The International Legal Consequences of Torture, Extra-Legal Execution and "Disappearance"', 1989  
'The Role of Non-Governmental Organisations in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights', 1991  
'United Nations Non-Treaty Mechanisms for Protecting Human Rights' 1992  
'Conceptual Problems Concerning Minorities - International Legal Developments', 1995  
'Rights and Responses to Terrorism in Northern Ireland', 1995  
'International Human Rights Law and Machinery for Monitoring its Implementation in Situations of Acute Crisis', 1998  
'Impunity and Human Rights', 1998  
'United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures of the Commission on Human Rights: Complementarity or Competition?', 2003  
'The Prohibition of Torture: Absolute Means Absolute', 2006  
'Beyond Kosovo, Humanitarian Intervention on the Fault Lines of International Law', 2007  
'On the Responsibility of Special Rapporteurs', 2011  
'United Nations Human Rights Council, Its Special Procedures and Their Relationship with the Treaty Bodies', 2011

### **Official Publications**

Toward a More Effective Integrated System of Human Rights Protection by the United Nations, 1993 (for Vienna World Conference on Human Rights)  
Annual Reports of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture, 1994-2002  
Various official reports on visits to individual countries in role of UN Special Rapporteur.