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## 85 Years of International Law Online

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*January 11, The Hague, the Netherlands.* Today at the Peace Palace Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the former Secretary General of the United Nations, launched a new database, containing more than eighty years of accumulated knowledge on the development, intricacies and meaning of international law.

Since 1923 the Hague Academy of International Law has organized courses in international private law and public international law given by eminent law professors from all over the world. The courses have also been published in an authoritative book series that has met with international acclaim. The book series currently includes over 325 substantial volumes and is published by Martinus Nijhoff Publishers - a division of Brill in Leiden, The Netherlands.

*Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali pressed a virtual button to launch the official website, with the full curatorium of the Hague Academy present. (Left: Mr. Boutros Boutros Ghali, right: Mr. Sam Bruinsma, Publishing Director Brill). ©Peace Palace Library*



Working together, the Hague Academy and the publisher have made this monumental book series available online as the *Hague Academy Collected Courses Online*. Over 150,000 pages have been fully digitized and enriched with extra information. The result is a truly encyclopedic source of information about all developments in international law since the 1920's. A powerful search engine enables the user to navigate seamlessly from a 1924 course on international trade treaties to a 2007 course on nuclear non-proliferation.

The database is aimed at a worldwide audience of lawyers, teachers, researchers and students interested in international law. Every year newly published titles in the book series will be added to the database upon publication. Access to the database is on subscription basis.

More information about the *Hague Academy Collected Courses Online* can be found at [www.nijhoffonline.nl](http://www.nijhoffonline.nl)

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Since its creation in 1923 with funding received from the Carnegie Foundation in Washington, The Hague Academy of International Law has occupied premises at the Peace Palace, alongside the highest judicial institutions such as the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. It is a **centre for research and teaching in public and private international law**, with the aim of further scientific and advanced studies of the legal aspects of international relations. This mission, which its founders attributed to it in line with the "peace through law" movement, has remained entirely relevant to the present day. In fulfilling its mission, the Academy has succeeded in both preserving its traditions derived from the Hague Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907 and adapting itself to the most recent needs of a world undergoing profound change.

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