

## Alberto Costi



Alberto Costi is currently a Senior Lecturer in International Law at Victoria University School of Law in Wellington (New Zealand), which he joined in July 2000. Formerly Lecturer in Law at Keele University (Great Britain) and Assistant Professor of Law at the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary), he has also acted as a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario and at the University of Iowa College of Law as well as in Montenegro and Kyrgyzstan, and he was a Visiting Fellow at St-Antony's College, Oxford in 1998-1999. Other professional experience includes United Nations sponsored legal training for Eastern European and Asia-Pacific civil servants, judges and police officers, professional staff seminars for New Zealand government officials as well as consultancy work. In particular, he has provided legal advice to the Hungarian government on international environmental law and European Union law, to the Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau in relation to the various legal issues (such as human rights, treaty succession and international relations) surrounding the exercise of the right to self-determination by the inhabitants of New Zealand's last remaining colony, and to a number of international organisations on institutional matters.

Alberto Costi obtained his LLB from the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal (Canada) and then clerked for the Honourable Justice Antonio Lamer at the Supreme Court of Canada before being admitted to the Bar of Québec. He also holds a Diploma of Advanced European Legal Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) and an LLM degree from Harvard Law School.

His research and teaching interests relate to public international law and comparative law, including the law of international organisations, international environmental law, the law of armed conflict, counter-terrorism, comparative constitutional law and European Union law. He has published edited books, book chapters and journal articles, spoken at numerous international conferences and commented in the media and before parliamentary committees in all these areas. Recent publications include edited books on *Environmental Law in the Pacific: International and Comparative Perspectives* (2005) and on *Regionalising International Criminal Law in the Pacific* (2006) and a series of articles on hybrid tribunals ("The Hariri Tribunal" (2007) 13 *Revue Juridique Polynésienne* 169; "Hybrid Tribunals as a Viable Transitional Justice Mechanism to Combat Impunity in Post-conflict Situations" (2006) 22 *New Zealand Universities Law Review* 213). He is the co-editor-in-chief of the first ever textbook on international law from a New Zealand perspective (to be published shortly by LexisNexis) and he serves on the editorial board of *Environmental Policy and Governance*, the *Revue Québécoise de Droit International*, the *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law*, the *New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law*, the *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review* and the *Revue Juridique Polynésienne*.

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