



Dr. Ulf Linderfalk

Dr. Ulf Linderfalk upholds the position as an Assistant Professor in International Law with tenure (*Universitetslektor i internationell rätt*) at the Faculty of Law, Lund University, Sweden. He is the Director (*profileringsansvarig*) of the LL.M. programme for advanced studies in general international law. Since 2001, when Dr. Linderfalk successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on the interpretation of treaties, he has established himself as the leading Scandinavian expert on that subject. A revised and up-dated second version of the monograph was published in 2007 (*On the Interpretation of Treaties. The Modern International Law as Expressed in the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*, Springer Verlag) – now in the English language – and naturally, this has attracted wider attention to the research done by Dr. Linderfalk in this field. Linderfalk's work is the first comprehensive account of the modern international law governing the interpretation of treaties. In a clear and concise manner, it describes for the first time ever the substance of the relevant legal regime, not as a set of loosely ordered interpretation data (or means of interpretation), as was long the predominant description, but as a system of rules properly speaking. So doing, the work by Dr. Linderfalk provides a description more in tune with the current practice of international courts and tribunals. Moreover, as stated by the anonymous Springer referee, *On the Interpretation of Treaties* is the most theoretically advanced and analytically refined work yet accomplished on this topic. It was nominated for the Book Prize awarded in 2008 by the European Society of International Law.

If recent years, Dr. Linderfalk has widened his research to include more generally the procedures and methods recognized in international law for the creation and development of legal norms. In conducting this research, he has often applied his theoretical interest and methodological know-how to the international law on the use of force, thus contributing to an increased understanding of that subject-area in particular. Currently, Dr. Linderfalk shares his commitments between two major research projects. The one is concerned with the modern international law on the use of force. It is funded by the Faculty of Law in Lund; apart from Dr. Linderfalk, it engages three senior colleagues and two doctoral candidates. The other project addresses the concept of peremptory international law (*jus cogens*). This project, funded by the Swedish Research Council, is under the leadership of Dr. Linderfalk.