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### 6th Ruth Steinkraus-Cohen International Law Lecture

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## “Law and Peace”

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### Dr Hans Blix

#### Chairman, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission

Dr Hans Blix is Chairman of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission which is based in Stockholm, Sweden. Following his studies at Uppsala, Columbia and Cambridge universities, he started his career in International Law in the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was a member of its delegation to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva. He was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs (1978-79) and in 1980, during Sweden's Referendum on nuclear power, he chaired the Liberal Party's campaign in favour of the retention of the Swedish nuclear energy programme. In 1981, he was appointed Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, a post he held until 1997. In 2000, he became Executive Chairman of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), a post which ended in June 2003 following the invasion of Iraq. Dr Blix has written extensively on international and constitutional law. His book *Disarming Iraq* (2004) chronicles events and inspections before the invasion. The Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission started work in 2004 commissioning papers relating to nuclear, biological and chemical weapons from international experts worldwide. Its Report *Weapons of Terror* was presented to the UN Secretary-General in June 2006. This analyses the threats and risks under which the world is living today and makes sixty recommendations on how these can be addressed. The Commission continues to encourage debate worldwide on this issue. See [www.wmdc.org](http://www.wmdc.org)

**Monday, 10 March 2008 at 6.30pm**  
**followed by a reception**

**Lecture Theatre, Brunei Gallery Building**  
**School of Oriental and African Studies**  
**Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1**

Attending barristers will be accredited with 1.5 hours CPD

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