

Name and first name:

Malcolm Evans

Date and place of birth:

31st December 1959, Cardiff, UK

Working languages:

English, (French, basic)

Professional background:

Professor of Public International Law (1999- current: first appointed as lecturer in law, 1989). Formerly Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol, UK (2005-2009).

Current position/function:

Professor of Public International Law and Deputy Director of the Human Rights Implementation Centre, University of Bristol, UK.

Educational background:

Secondary Education: Llanrumney High School, Cardiff

University Education: Regent's Park College, Oxford: BA (1st Class Hons), 1982; D.Phil, 1986

Main professional activities:

As a Professor of Public International Law I teach and research on many aspects of international law, have authored nearly 100 books, chapters, articles, etc, and am editor of several leading International Law journals and student textbooks. I have focused on issues concerning torture and torture prevention for over twenty years and have written over 30 books and articles on the subject. I have been an expert advisor to numerous international bodies and Civil Society Organisations on torture prevention issues and projects, including the UN, ICRC, OSCE, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Council of Europe, the APT, Amnesty International, Penal Reform International and Open Society Foundation, among others. I was involved in discussions concerning the drafting of OPCAT, was co-chair of the Drafting Group of the Robben Island Guidelines on Torture Prevention in Africa and a founder-member of the Civil Society OPCAT Contract Group.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

I became a member of the SPT in 2009. I was Rapporteur for its 4th Annual Report (2010) and have been Chair since February 2011, also helping draft and present its Annual Report to the UN General Assembly each year since. In 2014-15 I was Chair of the Meeting of Chairs of Human Rights Treaty Bodies. I have participated in over 100 events related to the OPCAT and the SPT, its mandate and the work of NPMs in all parts of the world and have also taken a lead in establishing and operationalising the OPCAT Special Fund. As an SPT member I have so far undertaken 11 official country visits, including 7 as Head of Delegation. I have written extensively on torture and torture prevention for many years and have been an active participant in numerous processes leading to the adoption of key international documents, including the Robben Island Guidelines and the Nelson Mandela Rules. I am a member of the UK Foreign Secretary's Independent Advisory Group on Human Rights.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

'Co-Existence and Confidentiality: The OPCAT Experience' in Towards Coherence in International Human Rights Law (2016); The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OUP, 2011); 'The OPCAT at 50' in The Delivery of Human Rights (2011); Combating Torture in Europe (Council of Europe Press, 2001); Preventing Torture: A Study of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture (OUP,1998).