

PART I

INTRODUCTION

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CHRISTOPH SCHREUER: AN APPRECIATION

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No disrespect is meant to the many other students whom I have had the pleasure of teaching over more than two score years when I say that Christoph Schreuer has been outstanding even amongst the ablest of them. Since his days in Cambridge nearly forty years ago, when he studied for his LLB degree and achieved a most prominent first class in the examination, he has gone on to pursue a teaching career, first in Salzburg and then for some years in Washington DC as Burling Professor of International Law at the prestigious School for Advanced International Studies. Wherever he has taught, he has been remembered as an inspiring and meticulous scholar.

But in addition to his teaching he has been a most active writer in the field. Amongst his best-known works are his Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures of 1992 on *State Immunity* and, more recently, his massive commentary on the *ICSID Convention*.¹ When ICSID was first established in 1966, it was hardly foreseen that it would in due course become one of the most active international tribunals, before which there are now more than 130 cases pending. These touch on many central problems in the field of international claims and the jurisprudence thus developed is of major importance. In ensuring that these cases make a major contribution in both substantive and procedural terms to the law of State responsibility, Christoph Schreuer's encyclopaedic study plays a leading role. Moreover, there is now coupled with this doctrinal contribution a much in demand, highly respected, and significant professional participation as counsel and adviser in a growing number of these cases. His status as an international lawyer is now recognized by his holding the Chair of International Law at Vienna and by his membership of the Austrian National Group in the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Happily, this volume is being presented to Christoph at a time of his life when one may hope that there are still many years left to him in which to remain active in a subject to which he has already made so fine a contribution. I feel privileged to be allowed to add this small acknowledgement of it. It reflects in the highest degree my respect for Christoph's achievements and my friendship towards him. I send him my warmest congratulations and express my confident expectation that we may look forward to further significant work in the years still to come.

¹ *The ICSID Convention: A Commentary* (2001). A second edition is in preparation.