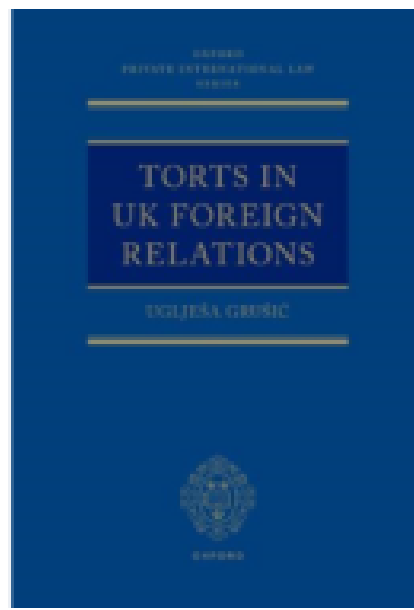


# Out Now: Torts in UK Foreign Relations by Dr Ugljesa Grusic

Oxford University Press officially released the recent book authored by Dr Ugljesa Grusic (Associate Professor at UCL Laws) titled *Torts in UK Foreign Relations*.



The book offers a comprehensive account of private international law aspects of tortious claims arising out of the external exercise of British executive authority.

Can English courts hear tortious claims for wrongs allegedly committed by British armed forces and security services during their overseas operations? Should English courts hear such claims? What law governs issues raised by such claims? Can foreign judgments given on such claims be recognised and enforced in the UK?

Many questions such as these have arisen in relation to cases dealing with the tortious liability of the UK government and its officials for extraterritorial public acts committed during the conflicts in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and the 'war on terror'. *Torts in UK Foreign Relations* examines the English courts' treatment of such issues and offers a better understanding of this contested area of private international law. It shows that a defining characteristic of such tortious claims is that they are often subjected to the choice-of-law process and lead to the

application of foreign law. Further, Dr Grusic clarifies the nature of the doctrines operating in this field, maps out the relationship between different jurisdictions and rules that are engaged, and criticises the current approach to choice-of-law, while arguing that English tort law should play a more prominent role.

*Torts in UK Foreign Relations* will appeal widely to academics, practitioners, and students in the fields of private international law, foreign relations law, tort law, and public law.

*Torts in UK Foreign Relations:*

- Offers the first comprehensive account of private international law aspects of tortious claims arising out of the external exercise of British executive authority
- Segregates issues raised by such tortious claims and clarifies the principles, rules and practice that determine the law governing these issues
- Maps out the relationship between different jurisdictions and rules that are engaged
- Discusses important developments and case law affecting the field, including the Supreme Court judgments in *Rahmatullah*, *Belhaj*, *Maduro* and *Brownlie*

*Torts in UK Foreign Relations* is available to order on the OUP website.