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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests, Inquiries, International Law

Annahita specialises in international law, inquests & inquiries. Annahita is ranked in inquests and inquiries by the Legal 500, described as being 'very considered in her cross-examination and very meticulous in her approach'.

International law

Annahita acts before international human rights mechanisms and diplomatic procedures in cases concerning criminal and administrative detention abroad, state hostage-taking, diplomatic protection, consular duties, ill-treatment and torture, human trafficking and modern slavery, land, natural resources, indigenous rights, healthcare, and sanctions.

Annahita has worked on cases before the African Commission, UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, UN Committee Against Torture and other UN Special Procedures; with the Respondent States in her cases based in Western Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. Annahita is on the International Criminal Court's List of Assistants to Counsel. She has acted as a legal expert to the Council of Europe on separate matters concerning international minimum standards on administrative detention conditions.

Annahita advises on domestic civil and human rights claims associated with her international cases, where there is UK jurisdiction.

Inquests & inquiries

In inquiries, Annahita has significant experience acting for core participants and inquiry legal teams, drafting Rule 9 requests, responding to Rule 9 requests, advising on issues of privacy, advising on Rule 10 questions, and drafting legal submissions.

Annahita has particular experience acting in inquests concerning emergency, adult and paediatric medicine; mental health; social care; and health and safety.

International Law and Human Rights

Detention, ill-treatment and torture abroad

Work includes:

- Foreign Office and UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Communications: on behalf of individual detained in Saudi Arabia (2025 Present, Junior Counsel).
- Foreign Ministry and UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Communications: on behalf of individual



- detained in Saudi Arabia (2025 Present, Junior Counsel).
- Foreign Office and UN Special Procedures, Communications: on behalf of individual detained in the Philippines (2023 2024, Junior Counsel: Repatriated).
- X v Sweden, UN Committee Against Torture, Communication: on behalf of individual at risk of deportation where
 there was a real risk of torture by the recipient state (2023 2024, Junior Counsel: Deportation Order
 withdrawn following submissions).
- · Advice on communication to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (2023, Junior Counsel).
- Foreign Office and UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Communications: on behalf of individual arbitrarily detained and tortured in a prison abroad as a state-hostage (2020 2022, Junior Counsel: Repatriated and UN finding of arbitrary detention).

Land, environment and natural resources

Work includes:

• African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Communication: concerning Egypt and Ethiopia's alleged violations of the African Charter, including the rights to development, natural resources, property, and employment, through the construction and operation of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (2022 – Present, Junior Counsel).

Advisory work

Work includes:

- Advice on international human rights law protections for child abuse victims and child witnesses of abuse (2025, Counsel).
- Advice on indigenous language recognition rights at international law (2025, Junior Counsel).
- Legal expert to the Council of Europe: Opinion on Article 3 and 5 ECHR standards in response to the EU Pact on migration and asylum implication on detention conditions (2024, Junior Counsel).
- Advice on proposed EU Regulation on the protection of adults deprived of their legal capacity: <u>Advice published</u> <u>by the European Disability Forum</u> (2023, Junior Counsel).
- Advice on the criminalisation of forced sterilisation at EU level: <u>Advice published by the European Disability</u>
 <u>Forum (2022, Junior Counsel).</u>
- Advice on EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime concerning alleged torture in the Middle East (2022, Junior Counsel).
- Advice on sanctions procedures concerning alleged torture in Eurasia (2022, Junior Counsel).
- Advice on international human rights law compliance of Central Asian country's new law (2022, Junior Counsel).
- Legal expert to the Council of Europe: drafted and presented codifying document on international laws
 concerning administrative detention conditions (adopted by Member States in May 2023 and co-authored by
 former European Court of Human Rights judge, Judge Ledi Bianku).

Seminars and workshops

Annahita has trained and delivered the following talks to NGOs and public bodies on human rights issues relating to human trafficking and modern slavery:

• '<u>Adjudication of sexual and gender-based violence before the specialized criminal courts'</u> – talk for International Commission of Jurists and Tunisian judges.

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- 'Support for modern slavery victims' talk for three law centres.
- 'Police duties towards modern slavery victims' talk for victim support charities.
- 'Youth Criminal Justice: exploitation' talk for Law Centres Network.



- 'Rights of victims' public bodies focus group.
- 'Child sexual exploitation and criminal exploitation' talk for education authorities and Youth Offending Team.
- 'Indicators of child sexual exploitation' talk for Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations.
- 'Criminal and sexual exploitation' talk for Nations of Migration Awakening the Diaspora (NOMAD).
- 'Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the non-punishment principle' training for a law firm.