

## Biography – Georges Michel Abi-Saab

Born in Egypt on 9 June 1933, Georges Michel Abi-Saab is Honorary Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva (having taught there from 1963 to 2000); Honorary Professor at Cairo University's Faculty of Law; and a Member of the Institute of International Law.

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Professor Abi-Saab graduated in law from Cairo University and pursued his studies in law, economics and politics at the Universities of Paris, Michigan (MA in Economics), Harvard Law School (LLM and SJD), Cambridge and Geneva (Docteur es Sciences Politiques). He also held numerous visiting professorships, inter alia, at Harvard Law School, the Universities of Tunis, Jordan, the West Indies (Trinidad), as well as the Rennert Distinguished Professorship at NYU School of Law and the Henri Rolin Chair in Belgian Universities.

Professor Abi-Saab is the author of numerous books and articles, including "Les exceptions préliminaires dans la procédure de la Cour internationale: Etude des notions fondamentales de procédure et des moyens de leur mise en oeuvre" (Paris, Pedone, 1967); "International Crises and the Role of Law: The United Nations Operation in Congo 1960-1964" (Oxford University Press, 1978); "The Concept of International Organization" (as editor) (Paris, UNESCO, 1981; French edition, 1980); and of two courses at the Hague Academy of International Law: "Wars of National Liberation in the Geneva Conventions and Protocols" (Recueil des cours, vol. 165 (1979-IV)) and the "General Course of Public International Law" (in French) (Recueil des cours, vol. 207 (1987-VII)).