



Arts & Humanities
Research Council



Landscape &
Environment

UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton



The Open University

The Indian Ocean: Narratives in Literature and Law
(an AHRC Landscape and Environment funded project based at the
School of Humanities, University of Southampton, and
The Literature Department, Open University)

in collaboration with

The Centre for Law, Ethics and Globalisation (School of Law, University of Southampton)

present a public lecture by

Richard Gifford

(Lawyer, Clifford Chance LLP)

The Chagos Islanders - Do they Exist?

A consideration of the legal, political and moral ramifications of
R (on the application of Bancoult) (Respondent) v
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Appellant)

As one of the most controversial and potentially far-reaching House of Lords rulings of recent years, the judgments handed down in October 2008 on this case are setting many constitutional and human rights agendas in both academic and practicing legal circles.

Tireless, passionate, brave and persistent, Richard Gifford continues to be much more than the Chagos Islanders' advising solicitor as he works towards a hearing of their case in the European Court of Human Rights.

A response by **Dr Mark Elliott** (University of Cambridge)
will follow the lecture and open up discussion.

Dr Elliott is an esteemed academic of constitutional law, whose careful and insightful work reveals the legal and constitutional flaws in the Law Lords' ruling.

6pm, Thursday 5 November 2009

Nightingale Lecture Theatre, Nightingale Building,
Highfield Campus, University of Southampton

For a map of the location (building number 67) please see:

http://www.soton.ac.uk/about/whereissoton/maps/highfield_3d.pdf

All Welcome

If you have any queries, please contact Dr Stephanie Jones (s.j.jones@soton.ac.uk)