

## **The Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

### **Dr Alice Jill Edwards (Australia)**



Dr Alice Jill Edwards (Australia) is the seventh, and first female, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. She was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council and began her tenure on 1 August 2022. A highly skilled lawyer, scholar and negotiator, Dr Edwards has an established record of sustained engagement on behalf of victims of human rights violations and of critical contributions to the development of standards in international law. She is presently adjunct professor on Oxford University's Masters in Human Rights Law, sits on the board of a number of leading journals including the Torture Journal, has published over 50 books, articles and reports, and holds honorary fellowships at University of London (UK), University of Nottingham (UK) and York University (Canada). Previously, Dr Edwards was Head of the Secretariat of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), the Chief of Section on Protection Policy and Legal Advice at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva following field assignments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Morocco and Rwanda, and she held academic appointments at Nottingham and Oxford universities. Dr Edwards holds a doctorate in public international law from the Australian National University.