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Charismatic international law teacher who has inspired generations of students, Georges Abi-Saab developed a Third World perspective on international law and advocated its progressive development in many fields. He tirelessly worked as judge, arbitrator and counsel to apply the rule of law in international affairs. His driving passion for justice led him to play a central role in the elaboration of the 1977 Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions. Georges Abi-Saab taught at the Institute from 1963 to 2000.



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Georges Abi-Saab is seen here as a judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, a tribunal created by the United Nations to deal with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990s. He served from November 1993 until October 1995.



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Lead Counsel and advocate for the Palestinian delegation Georges Abi-Saab is seen meeting Palestinian political leader Yasser Arafat during the opening hearing of the ICJ Advisory opinion proceedings on the legality of Israel's controversial separation barrier in the occupied Palestinian territories in February 2004.



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Georges Abi-Saab was awarded the Manley O. Hudson Medal for outstanding achievement in international law at the 2017 American Society of International Law annual meeting. He is the only Afro-Asian citizen to receive this distinction to date.

