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Lyndel Vivien Prott holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws of the University of Sydney, a Licence Spéciale en Droit international of the Free University of Brussels and of Dr. Juris of the Eberhard-Karls University of Tübingen in Germany. Between the latter two degrees she was an officer of the Legal and Treaties Section of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs. Before joining UNESCO as Chief of the International Standards Section in the Division of Cultural Heritage in 1990, she had a distinguished career as an academic, teaching and researching at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. Her expertise in Comparative Law, International Law, Jurisprudence, and especially in Cultural Heritage Law, where she is regarded as one of the pioneers of the subject, led to her appointment to a personal Chair in Cultural Heritage Law at that University, from which she resigned after taking up her post in UNESCO. In January 2001, Dr Prott was appointed Director of UNESCO's Division of Cultural Heritage. Dr. Prott has lectured at many universities and institutes around the world and has authored, co-authored or edited over 200 books, reports or articles. She has written in English, French and German and been published in Arabic, Croat, Chinese, Italian, Magyar, Russian and Spanish. With her husband, Dr. P.J.O'Keefe, she is co-authoring the fundamental research text in cultural heritage law *Law and the Cultural Heritage* of which two of the planned 5 volumes are already published. Her book on the International Court of Justice *The Latent Power of Culture and the International Judge* 1979 and her more recent *Commentary on the UNIDROIT Convention 1995* are also well known among experts in international law. She is on the Editorial Board of three international specialist Journals. In 1991 she was honoured for her work in Cultural Heritage Law as Member of the Order of Australia, and in 2000 the Government of Austria awarded her the "Croix d'honneur autrichienne pour les Sciences et l'Art première classe". In 1991 she was honoured for her work in Cultural Heritage Law as Member of the Order of Australia, and in 2000 the Government of Austria awarded her the "Croix d'honneur autrichienne pour les Sciences et l'Art première classe". Professor Prott taught International Heritage Law at the ANU from 2003 to 2006 and is currently engaged in similar programmes and supervising PhD students in Museum Studies at the University of Queensland as a distinguished professor.