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Dr. Lee worked for the United Nations Secretariat from 1967 to 1998 where he handled human rights issues (in Division of Human Rights till 1972) and in the Office of Legal Affairs legal and policy issues of environmental law, treaty-making, human rights, law of the sea, international humanitarian law, settlement of disputes. He also trained legal advisers and diplomats in multilateral negotiation.

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He was Special Fellow of the United Nations Training and Research Institute from 1998-2009 and organized training courses for delegates and UN Secretariat members on various subjects of international law and policy.

He taught United Nations law, humanitarian law and peacekeeping at Columbia Law School between 1997 and 2014, during that period he also organized conferences and seminars for UN diplomats. Since 2007 he has been teaching Environmental Diplomacy Practicum focusing on climate change and sustainable development at the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

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