



INTERNATIONAL  
NUREMBERG  
PRINCIPLES  
ACADEMY

# Annual Report

International Nuremberg Principles Academy

2019





#### Imprint

The Annual Report 2019 has been published by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. It is available in English, German, and French and can be ordered at [info@nurembergacademy.org](mailto:info@nurembergacademy.org) or be downloaded on the website [www.nurembergacademy.org](http://www.nurembergacademy.org).  
Egidienplatz 23  
90403 Nuremberg, Germany  
T + 49 (0) 911.231.10379  
F + 49 (0) 911.231.14020  
[info@nurembergacademy.org](mailto:info@nurembergacademy.org)

Executive Board:  
Klaus Rackwitz (Director),  
Dr. Viviane Dittrich (Deputy Director)  
Edited by:  
Evelyn Müller  
Final editing:  
Evelyn Müller  
Layout:  
Martin Küchle Kommunikationsdesign  
The following people worked on this publication: Evelyn Müller, Dr. Viviane Dittrich, Klaus Rackwitz, Petra Härtel

Photos:  
IANP/LÉROT, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (p. 10, p. 33), Bayerische Staatskanzlei/Henning Schacht (p. 11, p. 32), Berg Institute (p. 12, p. 16), Equipo de medios y redes sociales Instituto Iberoamericano de la Haya (p. 15), Sébastien Muñoz – Sciences Po (p. 16), Asser Institute (p. 20), Wayamo Foundation (p. 21), Club des Amis du Congo (p. 21)  
Printed by: Druckwerk UG  
This publication was financially supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

# Table of Contents

---

2	Foreword
5	The International Nuremberg Principles Academy
7	A Forum for Dialogue
8	• Events
14	• Network and Cooperation
19	Capacity Building
25	Research
29	Publications and Resources
32	Communications
34	Organization
36	Partners and Sponsors



# Foreword



In this Annual Report, we invite you to learn more about the work of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and to discover our priorities and projects

in 2019. The report contains details of the events and activities carried out and reviews the highlights and achievements throughout the year.

## The Nuremberg Academy in its Fifth Year

The year 2019 marked the fifth anniversary of the Nuremberg Academy. On 22 November 2014, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria, and the City of Nuremberg chartered the Nuremberg Academy, driven by their conviction to support safeguarding peace through the instruments of law, to advance international criminal law (ICL) and human rights, and to support the fight against impunity for core international crimes.

After laying the foundations for its structure and activities, we now focus on consolidating and developing the profile and operations of the Nuremberg Academy. The provisional location of the Academy's offices is drawing to a close and preparations for moving the Academy's seat to the east wing of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, in direct proximity to the historic Courtroom 600, are well underway.

## Emerging and Current Challenges

The Nuremberg Academy continues to make contributions to the field of ICL with a view to better equip the international criminal justice system and relevant actors to respond to new challenges and focus attention on topics of ongoing contemporary importance. By carrying out relevant research projects and organizing topical events and expert meetings, the Academy brings together leading scholars and practitioners. All activities are driven by the practice orientation in line with the mandate of the Academy.

Our well-established flagship programs continue to flourish. The Nuremberg Forum 2019 engaged renowned international experts from diverse backgrounds to analyze the Nuremberg Principles as a common ground for accountability and to identify their role in the work of accountability mechanisms beyond the International Criminal Court (ICC) as well as prospects to influence the future of the field of ICL. The Nuremberg Moot Court welcomed 50 teams from around the world and we continue to be impressed by the diligent preparation and outstanding performance of the participants. In 2019, the Nuremberg Academy held two Summer Academies in parallel. We are pleased to announce the launch of a Francophone edition of the Nuremberg Summer Academy, l'Academie d'été de Nuremberg pour jeunes professionnels, successfully held for the first time in August 2019. The Academy is thus at the forefront of meeting the demand for ICL training and capacity building in French.

The Nuremberg Academy explored further ground in 2019. A new research project, successfully launched, is a study of the length of proceedings of the ICC. Together with the International Criminal Law Research Unit (ICLU) of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), the Nuremberg Academy is conducting an assessment of the cases at the ICC. The findings will be presented in a report to the Federal Government in response to a resolution of the German Parliament intended to strengthen the Court. Moreover, in May 2019, referring to the Sustainable

Development Goal 16 “Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions”, the Nuremberg Academy held the international conference “Paving the Path of Human Rights” in Nuremberg. The high-level event offered a forum to discuss the achievements, challenges, lessons learned, and future paths for the advancement of human rights and ICL.

We are also pleased to report the successful continuation of some projects in 2019. Under the leadership of the Nuremberg Academy, together with the Commission for International Justice and Accountability, one project culminated in the elaboration of “Guiding Principles for Non-Public Investigative Bodies in the Field of International Criminal Law and Humanitarian Law” to answer the need for regulation in the area of private international criminal investigations. In collaboration with experts in the fields, the project “EProcedure: Evidence in Time of Increased Use of Technology and Digitalization” continued to analyze how the rules of procedures and evidence of judicial and quasi-judicial mechanisms adequately reflect the changes given the continuous advancement in information and communication technology. Also, good progress was made on three forthcoming edited volumes in the Nuremberg Academy Series.

### **Institutional Cooperation**

We have continued to invest in our well-proven partnerships, but also have established new ties. A renewed Memorandum of Understanding with the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden Law School, Leiden University was signed in May in order to strengthen a common basis for research cooperation and the organization of joint academic and scientific activities. In July, the Nuremberg Academy and FAU concluded a cooperation agreement aiming at expanding and intensifying their cooperation in research and teaching in the field of ICL. The agreement relates, inter alia, to the joint organization and realization of common research projects, conferences, and the „Nuremberg Moot Court“. Throughout the year 2019, we welcomed experts and participants from around the world in Nuremberg. Academy staff were invited to lecture at several universities and participated in numerous international conferences, events, and trainings in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the US.

The success of our work also depends on all those without whom our projects, events, training offers, and publications would not be possible. Special thanks go to all experts, speakers, contributors, participants, and partners. The ongoing engagement of the three founders of the Nuremberg Academy is crucial for our work. A very special mention should be made here of the invaluable support of the Foundation Board and of the Advisory Council of the Nuremberg Academy. We remain most grateful for the dedication and commitment of their members. We particularly thank Professor Cecilia Medina Quiroga, former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, who left the Advisory Council in 2019 for her longtime dedication and precious expertise as member of the Advisory Council.

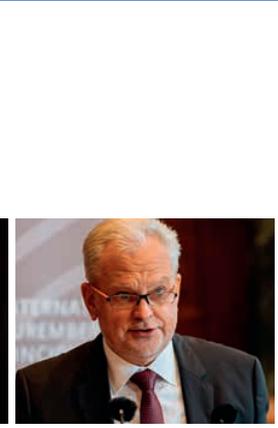
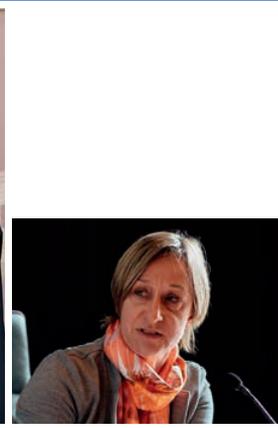
We wish to extend our warmest gratitude to all partners, especially the City of Nuremberg, the Free State of Bavaria, the Federal Foreign Office, the Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg, FAU, the Wayamo Foundation, the Centre of International Law Research and Policy, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the Asser Institute, the Antonio Cassese Foundation for Justice, Peace and Humanity, and of course to our team of the Nuremberg Academy for their dedication and hard work.

We look forward to continuing our common journey together also in the next year.

Klaus Rackwitz  
Director

International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Dr. Viviane Dittrich  
Deputy Director



# About us

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy (Nuremberg Academy) is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the advancement of international criminal law and human rights. It was established by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria, and the City of Nuremberg in 2014. The Nuremberg Academy is located in Nuremberg, the birthplace of modern international criminal law, where the Nuremberg Trials against the major war criminals were held by the International Military Tribunal (IMT) from 1945 to 1949. For the first time in history, an international tribunal was authorized to hold leading representatives of a state personally accountable for crimes under international law.

The foundation carries forward the legacy of the Nuremberg Trials and the “Nuremberg Principles”, principles of international law recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and in the judgment of the Tribunal and formulated by the International Law Commission of the United Nations General Assembly in 1950.

Conscious of this historic heritage, the Nuremberg Academy supports the fight against impunity for universally recognized international core crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. Dedicated to supporting the worldwide enforcement of international criminal law, the Nuremberg Academy promotes the Nuremberg Principles and the rule of law with a vision of sustainable peace through justice, furthering knowledge, and building capacities of those involved in the judicial process in relation to these crimes.



## The Nuremberg Principles

Under UN General Assembly Resolution 177 (II), paragraph (a), the International Law Commission was directed to “formulate the principles of international law recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and in the judgment of the Tribunal.” In order to fulfill this mandate, the International Law Commission duly codified seven principles, listed below, and adopted them on July 29, 1950.

### Principle I

Any person who commits an act which constitutes a crime under international law is responsible therefore and liable to punishment.

### Principle II

The fact that internal law does not impose a penalty for an act which constitutes a crime under international law does not relieve the person who committed the act from responsibility under international law.

### Principle III

The fact that a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law.

### Principle IV

The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him.

### Principle V

Any person charged with a crime under international law has the right to a fair trial on the facts and law.

### Principle VI

The crimes hereinafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law:

#### (a) Crimes against peace:

(i) Planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war of aggression or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances;

(ii) Participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the acts mentioned under (i).

#### (b) War crimes:

Violations of the laws or customs of war which include, but are not limited to, murder, ill-treatment or deportation to slave labor or for any other purpose of civilian population of or in occupied territory; murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or persons on the Seas, killing of hostages, plunder of public or private property, wanton destruction of cities, towns, or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity.

#### (c) Crimes against humanity:

Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhumane acts done against any civilian population, or persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds, when such acts are done or such persecutions are carried on in execution of or in connection with any crime against peace or any war crime.

### Principle VII

Complicity in the commission of a crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity set forth in Principle VI is a crime under international law.



## A Forum for Dialogue

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy continues to attach the utmost importance to fostering dialogue and critical exchange, raising awareness, enhancing understanding of topical issues as well as strengthening knowledge transfer and networks in the field of international criminal law (ICL) and related human rights. An important instrument to advance the worldwide recognition and application of ICL is the organization of a wide range of international expert conferences, discussions, and other events.

During the course of 2019, the Nuremberg Academy initiated, held, hosted, and organized over 40 conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, and presentations, often in partnership with other organizations. These events brought together leading scholars, practitioners, and civil society actors and provided fruitful discussion and meaningful exchange. The participants had the opportunity to share and explore current practice and new paradigms and to reflect and discuss current developments in the field of ICL. The Nuremberg Academy continued extending its geographic reach in 2019 by organizing events not only in Nuremberg but also in Berlin, The Hague, Strasbourg, Erlangen, and Washington, D.C. The Academy addressed a variety of topical issues of current political interest, including two events on accountability for international crimes committed in Syria with a focus on national proceedings in Germany. Other topics covered in 2019 include, *inter alia*, the role of desk perpetrators (*Schreibtischtäter*) in the commission of international crimes, Head of State immunities, and international human rights policies.

The two main annual events, the international conferences conducted by the Nuremberg Academy at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, took place in May and in October 2019. According to its mission, the Nuremberg Academy is dedicated to the advancement of ICL and also to related human rights. The conference “Paving the Path of Human Rights – Synergies between International Criminal Law and UN Agenda 2030” took account of that aspect by being the first major conference of the Nuremberg Academy that had an explicit human rights focus. The engagement of high-level speakers and the substantial public interest in this event confirm the Academy’s intention to organize conferences with a human rights focus on a more regular basis.

The 2019 edition of the flagship event of the Nuremberg Academy organized every year in October, the Nuremberg Forum, dealt with “The Nuremberg Principles beyond the International Criminal Court: A Common Ground for Accountability”. Leading practitioners and academics in the field of ICL reflected on the options for reinforcing the global fight against impunity by analyzing accountability efforts for mass atrocities and the current landscape of ICL next to the efforts made by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Besides its sustained public engagement, the Nuremberg Academy continues to hold off-the-record events. For example, in March 2019 it hosted the retreat of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC).

The expertise of the Nuremberg Academy is valued by the ICL community and other institutions. Throughout the year, we were invited to speak at and contribute to high-profile events, such as international conferences, expert meetings and seminars, amongst others in Beijing, London, Madrid, Nancy, The Hague, and Tirana. In 2019, we also received requests to visit and to learn more about the Academy and its work in the field and welcomed visitors and study groups, *inter alia*, from Brazil, China, India, Kenya, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Uganda, the US, and Zambia.

## Events



Nuremberg, 28–29 March

### **Retreat of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court**

The Steering Committee of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) held its retreat in Nuremberg, hosted by the Nuremberg Academy. The retreat aimed at identifying the main challenges, gaps, and needs to strengthen the work of the International Criminal Court. The non-governmental organizations forming the Committee discussed the future of the coalition and identified the strategic steps needed to fortify the international criminal law (ICL) system. Convenor Bill Pace highlighted the historic relevance of the city of Nuremberg as the birthplace of modern ICL.

Strasbourg, 1 April

### **Expert discussion at the European Court for Human Rights**

The Nuremberg Academy organized an expert discussion at the European Court of Human Rights on the subject „No International Justice for Syria – National Proceedings as an Alternative?“ in the accompanying program of the exhibition „One Trail – Four Languages: The Pioneers of Interpreting in Nuremberg“. The experts represented the Office of the Federal Public Prosecutor General and the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR). They presented the efforts and advances in investigating and prosecuting international crimes committed in Syria and in holding national proceedings in Germany. Furthermore, they informed about activities in the field of the representation of victims and witnesses of grave crimes. The panel confirmed that as no international accountability mechanism has been established for Syria, domestic trials remain the most important tool in the fight against impunity.



Nuremberg, 3–4 May

### Conference: “Paving the Path of Human Rights: Synergies between International Criminal Law and UN Agenda 2030”

Leading practitioners and academics in the fields of international human rights and international criminal law (ICL) came together at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice for this international expert conference. They discussed the elements of ICL that are able to contribute to the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goal “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions” (SDG 16) of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Dr. Navi Pillay, former UN-High Commissioner for Human Rights and President of the Advisory Council of the Nuremberg Academy, gave the keynote address. Dr. Rainer Huhle, member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances and Co-Founder of the Nuremberg Human Rights Center, and Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich delivered the closing remarks. The high-level event offered a platform to discuss the achievements, challenges, lessons learned, and future paths for the advancement of human rights and ICL. In a series of five panels, the experts discussed, inter alia, the foundation for justice and rule of law, international cooperation and strengthening institutions to prevent conflict, remedy and protection of vulnerable groups, and the risks and mechanisms of protection for human rights defenders. Several prerequisites for meaningful engagement were identified from the wealth of experience of the experts gathered in Nuremberg, including, for example, reaffirming the universality of human rights and justice, increasing judicial cooperation between States, ensuring legal accountability for the lack of compliance with multilateral obligations, and protecting human rights defenders. The findings of the conference will be published in a conference report.





Washington D.C., 26 June

### **Film Screening and Panel Discussion “Peace Through Justice – The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal”**

Together with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), the Nuremberg Academy screened the documentary on the life and legacy of Judge Thomas Buergenthal, the Honorary President of the Academy’s Advisory Council, at the USHMM. The ensuing panel discussion between Thomas Buergenthal and Anna Cave, Director of the Ferencz International Justice Initiative of the USHMM, was moderated by Director Klaus Rackwitz. Benjamin “Ben” Ferencz, the last living prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials, sent a special video message for Thomas Buergenthal. The discussion addressed various topics such as ways to contribute to a more peaceful and just world; preventing, addressing, and redressing contemporary atrocities; and advancing justice and accountability for current atrocities.

Erlangen, 17 July

### **Panel Discussion “Syria – Impunity for War Crimes? How the Nuremberg Principles can be enforced in the Syrian Conflict”**

On the occasion of the World Day for International Justice, the Nuremberg Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg co-organized a panel discussion moderated by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich. Academics and practitioners explored possible criminal responses to the complex situation in Syria. The panelists agreed on the necessity and high symbolic function of criminal responses to core international crimes in order to also strengthen the credibility of Germany and the international community. The investigation of facts is an essential precondition for future comprehensive legal proceedings and sustainable peace.

Nuremberg, 9 September

### **Public Lecture and Discussion “One Hundred Years of Turpitude: A Century of War Crimes Trials”**

Professor Gerry Simpson (Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science; Fellow of the British Academy) gave a public lecture at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, hosted by the Nuremberg Academy. He offered an assessment of a century of war crimes trials and accentuated the merits and limitations of the system of international criminal justice. The event concluded with a discussion moderated by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich and a lively interaction with the audience about the current challenges of international criminal law, in relation to the lessons and legacies of the different war crimes trials in history.

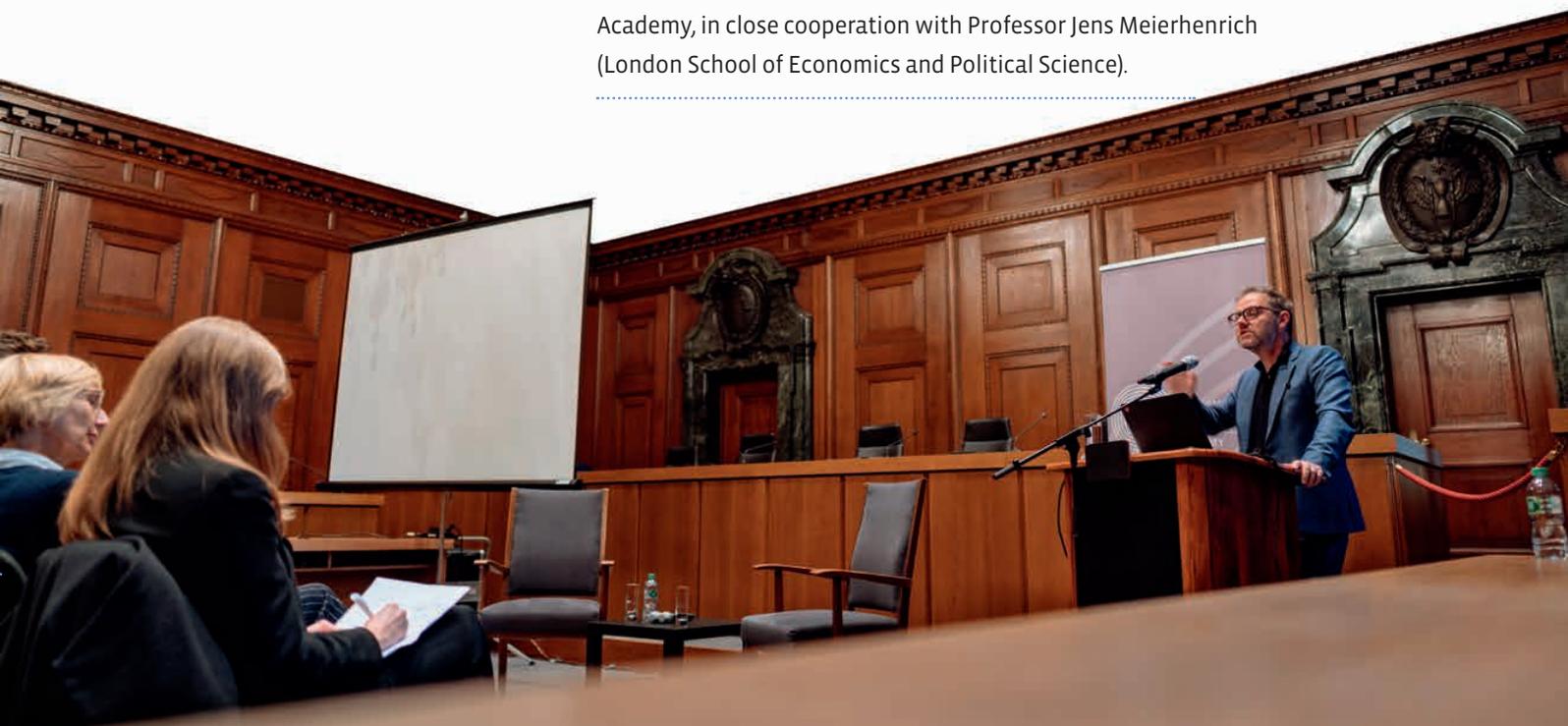


Berlin, 24 September **Film Screening and Panel Discussion on “International Human Rights – Vision or Reality?”**

The Bavarian Representation in Berlin welcomed the Nuremberg Academy for a public screening of the documentary “Peace Through Justice – The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal” and a related panel discussion on international human rights moderated by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich. From the perspectives of law, politics, and civil society, the speakers discussed current challenges for the application and protection of international human rights in light of contemporary crises and conflicts and the alarming contestation of multilateralism by certain states. The audience included, inter alia, representatives of political institutions and foundations, policy makers, judges, and journalists.

Nuremberg, 26 September **Panel Discussion “Desk Perpetrators – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” and Workshop**

The Nuremberg Academy organized a panel discussion exploring the nuances and intricacies of the history, current evolution, and development of *Schreibtischtäter* (desk perpetrators) and their international crimes. It was co-organized with and held at the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds in Nuremberg. The event, initiated and chaired by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich, brought together leading experts specializing in history, law, literature, and political science. The discussions contemplated the nature of the trope of the *Schreibtischtäter* as a socio-legal phenomenon, reflecting on its connections to modern international criminal law and procedure. Following the public event, an expert workshop on “*Schreibtischtäter* and their International Crimes” with 20 internationally leading scholars was organized by the Nuremberg Academy, in close cooperation with Professor Jens Meierhenrich (London School of Economics and Political Science).



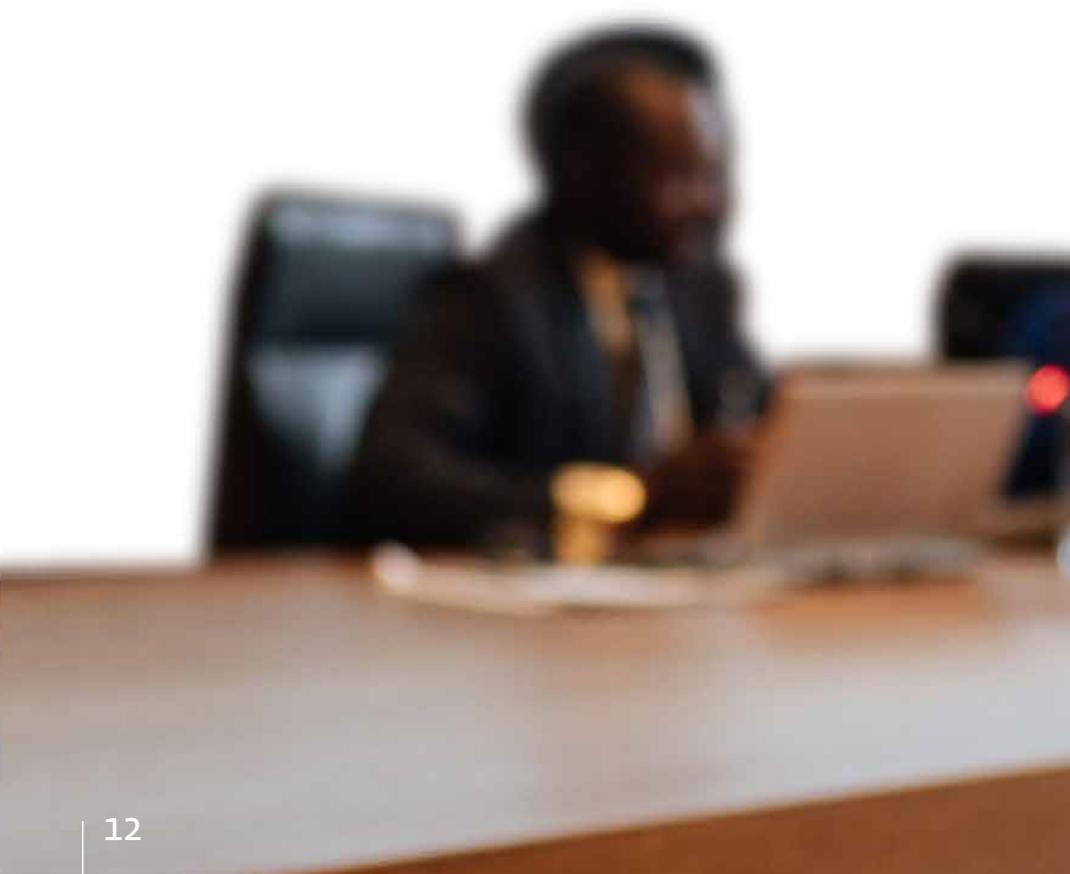


Nuremberg, 18–19 October

### Nuremberg Forum 2019

The fifth edition of the major annual high-level expert conference of the Nuremberg Academy addressed “The Nuremberg Principles beyond the International Criminal Court: A Common Ground for Accountability”. Leading practitioners and academics in the field of international criminal law (ICL) reflected on the options for reinforcing the global fight against impunity. They analyzed accountability efforts for mass atrocities and the current landscape of ICL next to the efforts made by the International Criminal Court. Professor Leila Nadya Sadat (Washington University School of Law) delivered the keynote address and Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich gave the closing remarks.

In a series of six panels, the experts discussed, inter alia, common elements for criminal accountability, the endeavors of the international community, how to address impunity through hybrid mechanisms, how to achieve prosecutions at the domestic level, and practical implications for the future. A number of needs were identified from the wealth of experience of the experts, such as the need to increase the implementation of laws on international crimes in all national jurisdictions; increased complementarity between national jurisdictions and hybrid tribunals; the establishment of a permanent investigative mechanism under the mandate of the United Nations; a stronger focus on victims’ participation in judicial proceedings; ensuring that national core crimes legislations meet international standards; wider proliferation of national investigative mechanisms; and more focused civil society advocacy. The findings of the conference will be published in a conference report.



INTERNATIONAL  
NUREMBERG  
PRINCIPLES  
ACADEMY



The Hague, 4 and 6 December

### **Side Events at the Eighteenth Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute**

The Nuremberg Academy was present for the full session of the eighteenth Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute, which took place from 2 to 7 December, and contributed with two side events. The first panel discussion addressed “Head of State Immunities” and focused on situating Nuremberg Principle III within the current international legal framework. The high-level panel, moderated by Professor Claus Kress (Universität zu Köln), maintained that Nuremberg Principle III remains to be fundamental for the fight against impunity and the equality of all before the law. It is a key element to ensuring accountability of all responsible under international law.

With respect to the perspective from customary international law, the event highlighted the need for further debates in terms of jus cogens crimes, their nature, and scope. The Nuremberg Academy held the second side event entitled “Enhancing Prosecution: A Crucial Factor in Cooperation for Core International Crimes” in partnership with the International Center for Transitional Justice. The leading experts discussed possible venues and forms that could advance international criminal law by maximizing efforts related to accountability for core international crimes. They further analyzed the importance of promoting international efforts in the fight against impunity, the need to continuously support civil society organizations in their respective efforts to maximize accountability, as well as the need to learn from past experiences.



## Network and Cooperation



Nuremberg, 28 January

### **Presentation of the Nuremberg Academy to Nuremberg City Guides**

A group of 27 city tour guides from Nuremberg visited the Nuremberg Academy to learn more about its history, mandate, and work. Director Klaus Rackwitz gave a presentation on the institution and particularly highlighted the importance of Nuremberg as the birthplace of modern international criminal law. The Nuremberg Academy's offices are currently located in the so-called Peller- und Imhoff-houses, which are protected historic buildings and frequently figure among the stations of guided city tours.

Madrid, 4 and 8 March

### **International Criminal Law Lectures at the Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio**

Director Klaus Rackwitz and Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, Eduardo Toledo, held lectures in the Masters programs "Dynamics of Cooperation, Conflict, and Negotiation in International Relations and Diplomacy" and "International Protection of Human Rights, Public Policy, and Sustainability" at Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio in Madrid, Spain. Both lectures highlighted the importance of the Nuremberg Principles for the evolution of the international criminal law system and the work of the Nuremberg Academy.

Beijing, 22–29 March

### **Dr. Viviane Dittrich represented the Nuremberg Academy in Beijing**

The Nuremberg Academy was represented by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich in several academic activities: She gave the opening lecture for all participants of the Chinese national round for the ICC Moot Court Competition 2019 and acted as a judge in the competition held at the China University of Political Science and Law. Dr. Dittrich also gave lectures for international law students and graduates at the China University of Political Science and Law, China Foreign Affairs University, and Peking University.

Beijing, 25 and 26 March

### **The Nuremberg Academy participated in the 2019 International Symposium on International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law**

At this symposium, Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich presented on the Nuremberg Trials, their legacies, and lasting relevance for international criminal justice. More than 30 Chinese and international experts, including from the International Criminal Court, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and various universities, participated in the two-day symposium organized by the China University of Political Science and Law.

Nuremberg, 28 March

### **Visit by a Delegation of East African Jurists**

A delegation of high-ranking judges and jurists from East African countries visited the Nuremberg Academy as part of their mission within the Dialogue Program of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The participants included representatives from the Kenyan Court of Appeal and Zambian High Court as well as the former President of the Uganda Law Society. Director Klaus Rackwitz presented the Academy and its work, highlighting the capacity building activities and applied research projects.



Nuremberg, 5 April

### Visit by Fellows of the Chancellor Fellowship for Tomorrow's Leaders Program

Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich gave an expert lecture during the study visit of the 2019 Fellows of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's German Chancellor Fellowship for tomorrow's leaders program. The group consisted of 46 young professionals from Brazil, China, India, Russia, and the US with an international outlook and initial leadership experience. Dr. Dittrich gave a lecture on the Nuremberg Trials, the Nuremberg Principles, the legacies of Nuremberg, and the relevance for international criminal law today.

Nuremberg, 29 April

### Presentation by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich at the Nuremberg Human Rights Center

On invitation of the Nuremberg Human Rights Center, Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich gave a talk about the current projects and activities of the Nuremberg Academy. She presented its main conferences and events, capacity building activities, key publications, and research projects. The ensuing lively discussion addressed, inter alia, contemporary developments in international criminal justice, the interplay between law and politics, and possible synergies between international criminal law and human rights.

Salzburg 10–11 May

### Annual Meeting of the Arbeitskreis Völkerstrafrecht

Director Klaus Rackwitz attended the fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Arbeitskreis Völkerstrafrecht, a gathering of German-speaking international criminal law (ICL) experts. Around 100 scholars and practitioners met at the Salzburg Law School and discussed relevant questions and recent developments in ICL. Key topics covered in 2019 included core international crimes in the case law of the Federal Court of Justice and the relation between ICL and the United Nations International Law Commission in light of crimes against humanity, immunity, and customary law.

Erlangen, 20 May

### Dr. Marian Yankson held a Lecture for Students in the Human Rights Master Program

Project Officer Dr. Marian Yankson-Mensah gave a lecture on "Crimes Against Humanity" to international students of the Human Rights Master Program of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. It was part of the module on International Criminal Law organized by the International Criminal Law Research Unit. The lecture reflected, among others, on the definition, elements, and origins of crimes against humanity. The interactive lecture ended with a discussion of a hypothetical case by the students.

The Hague, 4–5 June

### Participation in the Ninth Iberoamerican Week of International Justice

The Nuremberg Academy participated in two activities of the ninth Iberoamerican Week of International Justice. As part of the sixth Iberoamerican Seminar on International Justice, Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, chaired the panel "The Experience of the Inter-generational Dialogue in the Parishes of the Archdioceses of San Salvador: May It Be an Effective Measure to Overcome Policies Promoting Forget?". Director Klaus Rackwitz moderated the panel "Outstanding Issues on the Implementation at the National Level of the Geneva Conventions in their Seventieth Anniversary" in the context of the third Polyphonic Day of International Justice.



Otzenhausen, 15 June

### **Participation in the Program “Human Rights in Context: Europe 2019 – Human Rights, International Relations and Public Democratic Leadership”**

Director Klaus Rackwitz gave a lecture for an academic session of the twenty-sixth edition of the program “Human Rights in Context” organized by the Berg Institute. He presented on the creation of the international criminal law system, the formulation of the Nuremberg Principles, and the work of the Nuremberg Academy. The ensuing discussion with the participants focused on the future of the field of core international crimes and the challenges of the International Criminal Court.

Erlangen, 17 June

### **Eduardo Toledo delivered a Lecture for Students in the Human Rights Master Program**

Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, gave a general introduction to international criminal law to international students of the Human Rights Master Program of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. The lecture was part of the module on International Criminal Law organized by the International Criminal Law Research Unit. Topics covered included the objective structure of the crime, the mental element, modes of liability, and grounds for excluding criminal responsibility.

Nuremberg, 27–28 June

### **Participation in the International Conference „Human Rights in Times of Contestation“**

The Nuremberg Academy was invited to participate in the conference organized by the Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (CHREN) of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, the City of Nuremberg, and the Nuremberg Human Rights Centre. The event focused on the current situation of the field of human rights facing political contestation at the international and national level. Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, chaired the panel “Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Business and Human Rights”.

Nancy, 29 August 2019

### **Keynote Lecture by Dr. Viviane Dittrich at Sciences Po Paris Campus in Nancy**

During the official opening of the new academic year (“rentrée solennelle”) at the Sciences Po Paris campus in Nancy, Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich gave the inaugural lecture in French. She presented on “Mémoire, État de droit, Justice : des défis actuels de l’Europe” (Memory, Rule of Law, Justice: Current Challenges in Europe), addressing, inter alia, German and European memory culture, the importance of the rule of law, and the role of the European Union to promote the rule of law in Member States and worldwide.



London, 6 September

### **Participation in Joint Roundtable on Permanent Investigatory Mechanism**

Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich participated in the joint roundtable “A Permanent Investigatory Mechanism to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence?” organized by the International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) and Legal Action Worldwide (LAW). The invited experts discussed the potential scope, function, and legal basis for a permanent investigative body focused on securing accountability for sexual violence in conflict and in the context of atrocities.

Tirana, 17 September

### **Presentation of the Documentary “Peace Through Justice” at the International Human Rights Film Festival-Albania and Panel Discussion**

The documentary “Peace Through Justice – The Legacy of Thomas Buerghenthal” was screened at the fourteenth edition of the International Human Rights Film Festival-Albania (IHRFFA). The 2019 theme “Ignorance Kills” addressed a serious development that threatens the very roots of democratic principles and the respect of human rights. The screening of the documentary at the Albanian Parliament was followed by a panel discussion, in which Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, took part.

Nuremberg, 2 October

### **Visit by South African Journalists**

A group of journalists from South Africa visited the Nuremberg Academy as one station of their information tour on the subject of „Democracy and the Past“ organized by the Goethe-Institut and part of the “Visitors Programme” of the Federal Republic of Germany. Director Klaus Rackwitz presented the Academy, its work, and the Nuremberg Principles to the journalists. The subsequent discussion addressed questions on tackling injustice through legal processes.

The Hague, 15 November

### **Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich participated in the Seventh International Meetings of the Defence**

Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich attended the seventh International Meetings of the Defence, which took place at the seat of the International Criminal Court. The annually held International Meetings of the Defence pursue the dual purpose of examining the best practices of existing defense structures within the international criminal courts and proposing practical solutions to improve defense capabilities before the international criminal courts. The fifth International Meetings of the Defence hosted by the Academy in Nuremberg were officially mentioned on several occasions.



## Capacity Building

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy is one of the few institutions specialized in international criminal law (ICL) with the resources and capacity to assist relevant stakeholders in meeting their obligations under international law, and more particularly ICL. It enjoys an extensive network of experts covering a wide array of expertise all over the world. Thus, building capacities and equipping practitioners and institutions with the relevant knowledge and skills to investigate and prosecute core international crimes is one of the main activities of the Nuremberg Academy.

Capacity building was carried out in 2019 through specifically designed and tailored joint trainings and seminars in Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, The Netherlands, Nigeria, and Nuremberg, and by organizing the Nuremberg Moot Court and the Nuremberg Summer Academies for Young Professionals. We were anew impressed by the professionalism and preparation of the highly qualified applicants and participants.

In 2019, the Nuremberg Academy successfully intensified its efforts of internationalization and held and co-organized four capacity building programs in English and four programs in French. A very special mention should be made here of the launch of an entire Francophone edition of our flagship summer training program, *l'Académie d'été de Nuremberg pour jeunes professionnels*. As a novelty, in August 2019, the Nuremberg Academy organized a Francophone edition of its Summer Academy in parallel to its established Anglophone program.

For the co-organized offers, the Nuremberg Academy partnered with the International Criminal Law Research Unit of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, the Wayamo Foundation, the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the Asser Institute, the Antonio Cassese Initiative, the European Judicial Training Network, the Genocide Network Secretariat, and the Club des Amis du Droit du Congo.

In the course of two field trips, to Nigeria and to Colombia, in May and September respectively, Academy staff were able to hold background talks with key officials from justice institutions to discuss current developments, topical interests, and needs in terms of capacity building. In May, Director Klaus Rackwitz, Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Building Natacha Bracq, and Bettina Ambach, Director of the Wayamo Foundation, traveled to Abuja, Nigeria. They met with several Nigerian key actors to assess their needs for further joint training workshops, such as acting Chief Justice Emmanuel Olayinka Ayoola, representatives of the National Judicial Institute, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the Complex Case Group of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, the Defence, the Army, and UNODC. The recruitment of the Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Building at the Academy in early 2019 laid the ground for more fully engaging in training activities in light of a renewed capacity building strategy.

The Hague, 18–22 March

### International and Transnational Criminal Law Seminar

The Nuremberg Academy, the Asser Institute, and the Antonio Cassese Initiative co-organized a seminar on international and transnational criminal law entitled “Strengthening Domestic Capacity to Prosecute International and Transnational Crimes in Africa”. This high-level seminar was a follow-up on a course held in February 2018. Participants included judges and prosecutors from countries under investigation of the International Criminal Court or neighboring countries, including Burkina Faso, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, and Niger. The thematic modules covered topics such as human smuggling and trafficking, the correlation between international humanitarian law and counterterrorism, use of open-source evidence, and vertical and horizontal cooperation in the prosecution of international crimes. Renowned expert speakers from international courts and tribunals in The Hague as well as from academic and professional institutions in the relevant fields led the modules.



Abidjan, 6–10 May

### Advanced Seminar on Investigation and Prosecution of International Crimes

Together with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (the Mechanism) the Nuremberg Academy held a five-day advanced seminar for 26 magistrates from French-speaking Central and West African countries. The participants had the opportunity to share their experience and discuss practical issues related to international criminal investigations and prosecutions. Trainers were members of the Office of the Prosecutor of the Mechanism, a member of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, and a former member of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Senegalese courts. The seminar combined discussions and practical exercises on international criminal law and international humanitarian law. The ultimate objective of the seminar was to strengthen national capacities of Central and Western African prosecutors and judges as well as the establishment of a network of experts.



Abuja, 24–26 June

**Workshop “Strengthening Justice and Accountability in Nigeria”**

The Nuremberg Academy, in cooperation with the Wayamo Foundation, offered the seventh workshop for Nigerian civilian and military investigators and prosecutors in the “Strengthening Justice and Accountability in Nigeria” workshop series, which started in December 2016. The participants acquired the necessary expertise and skills to address the most serious and complex crimes, including crimes that may potentially fall under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court. Twenty civil prosecutors and six investigators from the Department of State Services, and, on the last day, a group of military investigators attended the workshop.

After the official opening by Natacha Bracq, Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Building at the Nuremberg Academy, and the Director of the Wayamo

Foundation, Bettina Ambach, a panel of experts addressed various practical aspects of the prosecution of complex crimes. Presentations combined with group exercises enabled a fruitful dialogue and a stimulating learning atmosphere for all participants.



Lubumbashi, 12–23 August

**2019 Summer Course of the Club des Amis du Congo**

The Nuremberg Academy contributed to the eighth edition of the Human Rights, International Criminal Law, and Transitional Justice Summer Course organized by the non-governmental organization Club des Amis du Droit du Congo, in collaboration with the Faculté de Droit de l’Université protestante de Lubumbashi. Since 2012, this program aims to fill a domestic gap in training and research on human rights and international criminal law (ICL). In 2019, the two-week intensive course addressed 115 judges, lawyers, public defenders, academics, and civil society actors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). High-level experts provided theoretical and practical knowledge on human rights, ICL, international humanitarian law (IHL), and transitional justice. The participants learned more about the implementation of ICL, IHL, and the various transitional justice mechanisms in the DRC and benefited from a roadmap that provides perspectives, formulates proposals, and proposes avenues of action to advance the implementation of ICL, IHL, and transitional justice in the DRC.



Nuremberg, 5–16 August

### Nuremberg Summer Academies for Young Professionals 2019

In addition to the fifth Anglophone Summer Academy for Young Professionals, the Nuremberg Academy offered for the first time also a Francophone edition, which took place in parallel. Young lawyers, prosecutors, legal experts, UN staff members, and academics had the opportunity during the two-week intensive summer course to benefit from an inspiring learning environment in which they could acquire or deepen their knowledge of content and procedural aspects of international criminal law (ICL). The faculty was composed of 30 international academics, staff of the International Criminal Court and other international tribunals, and experts in ICL. The courses combined lectures, case studies, and practical exercises to carry out the application-oriented design of this capacity building measure. Furthermore, the Nuremberg Summer Academy provided daily debriefings discussing core aspects of the lectures, training on the use of ICL databases, and several study visits.

Out of the 260 applications, 21 participants were selected for the Anglophone program. For the Francophone edition, the Nuremberg Academy received 283 applications, out of which 19 participants came to Nuremberg. Given the large number of applications and the very high level of the participants in both courses combined with the overall success and positive echo of the Summer Academies, the Nuremberg Academy will from now on also offer a Francophone edition of the Nuremberg Summer Academy on an annual basis.



Nuremberg, 18–20 September

### Joint Training “Impact of Refugees in Europe on the Investigation and Prosecution of Core International Crimes”

The Nuremberg Academy hosted the second “Joint Training on the Impact of Refugees in Europe on the Investigation and Prosecution of Core International Crimes”, organized by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and the Genocide Network Secretariat (GNS). The training provided judges and prosecutors from European countries with an improved understanding of substantive international criminal law. This included the most relevant international and national jurisprudence therein as well as practical knowledge of the instruments of judicial cooperation within the European Union and stemming from international treaties. The three-day workshop combined lectures by experienced judges, prosecutors, and experts with practical workshops and plenary discussions. The event started with introductory remarks by Deputy Director Dr. Viviane Dittrich on “Refugees in Europe: Implications for the Fight against Impunity for Core International Crimes” and ended with a moot court held at Courtroom 600.



## Research

According to its mandate, the International Nuremberg Principles Academy carries out multidisciplinary and applied research with a focus on international criminal law (ICL) topics. It seeks to cover relevant and topical areas that are under-researched or require renewed attention. The research projects of the Nuremberg Academy place the prolific interplay of theory and practice centerstage to contribute to contemporary debates and enhanced practice and international, hybrid, and national jurisdictions. Together with academics and practitioners, the Nuremberg Academy aims to respond to new challenges for the international criminal justice system by providing tangible results and practice-oriented recommendations, which intend to contribute to advancing the field in the long run with regard to standard-setting and a wider acceptance of ICL.

In 2019, a new major research project was successfully launched on the length of proceedings of the International Criminal Court, in cooperation with Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). The Nuremberg Academy pursued the work on its ongoing project “EProcedure: Evidence in Time of Increased Use of Technology and Digitalization”, its most extensive research project so far. The Academy also focused its attention on two topics of current interest with projects on private investigations in international criminal justice and benchmarks of international criminal justice.

The research activities in 2019 also emphasized the consolidation of the work and deliverables in terms of their practical application. The Nuremberg Academy continued its engagement on the topics of complementarity and hate speech. We also revisited some of the past projects to accordingly update and adapt the outputs, including e.g. the Guidelines for Social Workers and Care Providers in Germany and the Deterrence Guidelines.

The Nuremberg Academy continuously extends its research networks and institutional partnerships. Its keen interest in closer institutional research cooperation has been reaffirmed in 2019. On 3 May, Director Klaus Rackwitz and Professor Carsten Stahn, Programme Director of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice. The two institutions thus identified a strong basis for research cooperation and the organization of joint academic and scientific activities, including the ongoing project on complementarity.

The cooperation agreement with FAU has been solemnly signed by Director Klaus Rackwitz and FAU President Professor Joachim Hornegger on the occasion of a joint event at the Auditorium of Schloss Erlangen on 17 July. The two institutions aim at expanding and intensifying their cooperation in research and teaching in the field of ICL, especially between the Nuremberg Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit of FAU. Ongoing cooperation includes the Nuremberg Moot Court and the project on length of proceedings.

### **E-Procedure: Evidence in Time of Increased Use of Technology and Digitalization**

The Nuremberg Academy has dedicated a project with an interdisciplinary focus to the question of the advancement of technology and digitalization and the increased usage and sophistication of digital evidence. In February, the Nuremberg Academy invited experts from 17 international organizations and institutions in Europe and North America to Nuremberg. The workshop focused on mapping the field, exploring possible synergies, and discussing the scope, structure, objectives, and added value of the project. The Nuremberg Academy developed a roadmap, which has been shared with the stakeholders for further consultation in 2019. The core project question remains what amendments, if any, to the rules of procedures governing international criminal law sphere are necessary, considering the increased use of technology and digitalization. The project was started in 2018 and is currently foreseen to run up to three years and to cover various phases relevant to answering the core question.

### **Length of the Proceedings at the International Criminal Court**

In this new joint research project on the length of proceedings, the Nuremberg Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg are assessing the cases at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The project aims to identify the legal processes in the procedure of the ICC and practical issues arising outside its legal framework that impact the length of its proceedings. The findings will be presented in a report to the Federal Government in response to a resolution entitled “Strengthening the International Criminal Court” adopted by the German Parliament in June 2018. The purpose of the document is to support the work of the Court and to analyze its current situation through a comprehensive study of how long the cases last. According to the resolution, the Federal Government is requested “to ascertain with the help of a study of proceedings conducted by the ICC to date, which factors lead to the disproportionate length of proceedings and to formulate proposals on accelerating proceedings”. In 2019, the project was launched following meetings with all three Principals of the ICC in The Hague.

### **Private Investigations in International Criminal Justice**

In specific circumstances, for example as seen in Syria, public authorities are unwilling or unable to investigate core international crimes. Thus, a growing variety of non-state actors are entering the field of private international criminal investigations to fill this gap. The Nuremberg Academy together with the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law and the Commission for International Justice and Accountability started this project with an expert meeting in Nuremberg in November 2018 to discuss the prospects of private investigations in international criminal justice. The participants concluded that the activities of organizations and individuals collecting, classifying, and preserving evidence on international crimes are indispensable. They also agreed on the necessity of a set of guidelines to instruct such activities and to address pressing issues in relation to the use of information and evidence obtained from private investigations in judicial proceedings. In 2019, under the leadership of the Academy, the project partners met again and created the substantive contents of the “Guiding Principles for Non-Public Investigative Bodies in the field of International Criminal Law and Humanitarian Law”. Before the guidelines are published, a review round will be conducted to invite expert input by project stakeholders, leading academics, and practitioners.

**Nuremberg Benchmarks  
for International  
Criminal Justice**

The Nuremberg Academy conducted a feasibility study together with the Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiIL) and in collaboration with Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Colombia. The goal was to determine whether benchmarks for international criminal justice could be established, and if so, to assess the practicability of such benchmarks. In two workshops, held in Bogota and in The Hague in September 2019, diverse groups of experts coming from the international criminal justice system, monitoring justice systems, and related fields collected data that was analyzed in the feasibility study. The main conclusion of the study has been positive and the Nuremberg Academy together with the partners currently evaluate the continuation of the project.

**Complementarity**

The ability of crisis and situation countries to investigate and prosecute core international crimes by their domestic judicial system is a key element in the determination whether a case is admissible before the International Criminal Court or not. The project, which started in 2016, aims to develop reliable assessment methodology regarding the ability to conduct domestic proceedings as well as an online repository where the findings per assessed country can be found for future perusal. In 2019, the project has been reassessed in light of its deliverables and practicality and work on the website continued. The project partners, the Nuremberg Academy and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, met several times to assess the project achievements and to discuss further steps in light of the methodology and the advancement of this project.

**Hate Speech**

The project on prevention and accountability for hate speech has addressed a topical issue with an interdisciplinary focus at the Nuremberg Academy. The initially developed methodology for this project is suitable for tracing and analyzing the emergence of hate speech in various countries. The activities for this project in 2019 continued to analyze the existing material and to collect necessary data and information for a more effective legal response to hate speech that could possibly lead to the commission of international crimes.



The International Nuremberg Principles Academy makes its publications and online resources freely available given its firm commitment to open access publishing. Research results as well as the findings and conclusions arising from its conferences and workshops are published and can be downloaded from the Nuremberg Academy website. The preparation of high-quality publications including contributions of internationally renowned experts requires a thorough review process. The Nuremberg Academy has had the pleasure of working with very committed contributors, editors, and reviewers.

## Publications and Resources

Throughout the year 2019, good progress has been made on several

publications, which are forthcoming with an expected publication date in 2020. The *Nuremberg Academy Series* will be extended by three additional volumes: *70 Years On: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East; Past, Present, and Future of the International Criminal Court; and Integrity in International Justice*. The results of the past Nuremberg Fora and the 2019 conference on Sustainable Development Goal 16 have been compiled in conference reports and recommendations.

In terms of other publications, Natacha Bracq, Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Building contributed a book chapter on the Modes of Liability and Individual Criminal Responsibility, co-authored with Wayne Jordash QC, to a book publication edited by Charles C. Jalloh, Kamari M. Clarke, and Vincent O. Nmeielle and published by Cambridge University Press in May 2019. The new book entitled *The African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights in Context: Development and Challenges* is also an open access document.

The Nuremberg Academy also offers comprehensive and timely open access online databases and tools, which are regularly updated. The online service Lexsitus was developed by the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP) with the support of the Academy. Lexsitus is cost-free and freely accessible through the Academy's website. The Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database developed by the Nuremberg Academy and freely accessible online allows users to conduct research specifically related to sexual and gender-based violence. The unique feature of the database is the combination of available data, including relevant jurisprudence from international, hybrid, regional, and national courts, and other transitional justice mechanisms as well as academic literature and other publications.

### Open Access Policy

The Nuremberg Academy is firmly committed to open access publishing. It thus ensures that all interested persons can access and use the publications and resources as freely available electronic versions. The cost-free availability of publications and learning and working tools facilitates the dissemination of international law, proper access to law, and thereby access to justice. Book publications are also available for order as hard copies at a reduced rate as the Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (TOAEP) only charges the production and handling costs.

## Nuremberg Academy Series

The Nuremberg Academy Series seeks to cover relevant and topical areas in international criminal law and includes work that is interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary bringing together academics and practitioners. Grounded in the legacy of the Nuremberg Principles – the foundation of contemporary international criminal law – it addresses persistent and pressing legal issues and explores the twenty-first century challenges encountered in accountability for core international crimes.

The first volume in the Series, *Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The Deterrent Effect of International Criminal Tribunals*, edited by Jennifer Schense and Linda Carter, explored the deterrent effect of international criminal tribunals, including case studies on the deterrent effect in ten situations of four different international tribunals. The second volume, *Islam and International Criminal Law and Justice*, edited by Tallyn Gray, focused on Islamic perspectives and criminal law and examined the relevancy and applicability of the Nuremberg Principles to notions of justice in the Muslim world.

In 2019, significant editorial work was undertaken on three additional volumes:

The edited volume *The Tokyo Tribunal: Perspectives on Law, History, and Memory* (volume 3) is an original collection of more than 15 chapters from leading scholars and experts, combining perspectives from law, history, and the social sciences. Edited by Kerstin von Lingen, Viviane Dittrich, Philipp Osten, and Jolana Makraiová, the volume takes its origins in the international conference “70 Years On: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East” organized by the Nuremberg Academy in Nuremberg in May 2018. In 2019, all reviews were completed, and the manuscript was finalized for publication in 2020.

The anthology *Integrity in International Justice* (volume 4) is based on the international conference on the same topic held by the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (‘CILRAP’) and the Nuremberg Academy in The Hague in December 2018. The book, edited by Morten Bergsmo and Viviane Dittrich, is the first publication to focus in-depth on the subject of integrity in international courts and tribunals and a comprehensive volume with more than 30 chapters written by scholars and practitioners. In 2019, the review process of chapters advanced. The final review process is underway, and publication is planned in 2020.

The next volume *The Past, Present, and Future of the International Criminal Court* (volume 5) examines key developments and addresses important challenges and critiques that have remained unresolved or have newly emerged. Following a call for papers, the volume was initiated in the context of the Nuremberg Forum 2018 and the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute. The book, edited by Alexander Heinze and Viviane Dittrich, includes more than 20 contributions from both practitioners and academics working in the field of international criminal law and other relevant disciplines. Throughout the year 2019, progress was made in terms of the review process and finalizing chapters. Pending the review of revised contributions, the book manuscript will be prepared for publication in the coming year.



## Guidelines and Databases

### Guidelines



#### Updated Version of the Guidelines for Social Workers and Care Providers in Germany: Refugees as Potential Witnesses of International Crimes

In 2019, the Nuremberg Academy, together with the City of Nuremberg, finalized its updated version of the guidelines related to refugees and asylum seekers as potential witnesses of international crimes (initially launched in 2017). Based on the feedback received, the partners revised the guidelines focusing more on practical explanations on how potential bridging and channeling of relevant information could be beneficial and help advancing the prosecution of core international crimes. The guidelines explain the legal system in Germany that is applicable to the prosecution of core international crimes and legal provisions that might be of relevance in this context. They further include explanations on the concepts of universal jurisdiction, reporting duty, and the potential venues of bridging the information. The updated guidelines were presented to social workers and related experts from the region specializing in refugee counselling at their biannual meeting in Nuremberg on 9 November 2019. Printed versions are available at the City of Nuremberg or are accessible for download through the Nuremberg Academy website. The Nuremberg Academy, as well as the City of Nuremberg, welcome further feedback on the guidelines.

#### Practical Guide on the Deterrent Effect of International Criminal Tribunals

Upon the publication of the book *Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The Deterrent Effect of International Criminal Tribunals* in 2017 as the first volume of the *Nuremberg Academy Series*, the next project step consisted in creating hands-on support for practitioners in the field. In 2019, the Nuremberg Academy, together with consultants, analyzed the book and established a practical guide aiming to advance the discussions in relation to deterrence. The publication of the practical guide is currently in preparation.

### Databases



#### New Features of the LexSitus Online Service

LexSitus, an open access online platform to support the learning of, and work with, legal sources in international criminal law (ICL) has been further developed through a project spearheaded and supported by the Nuremberg Academy and now includes new main features.

First, a new commentary on the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which contains at least one comment on each rule with hyperlinks to legal sources referred to in the comments, has been added. This supplements the existing commentary on the ICC Statute. The commentaries are continuously updated by a team of more than 50 lawyers.

Second, a new library of all publications of the Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (TOAEP) offers free access to monographs, anthologies, occasional papers, and policy briefs by more than 560 authors from around the world, among them leading ICL experts. This includes the *Nuremberg Academy Series* and the four other TOAEP publication series. The user-friendly service allows to browse, read, download, print, or store any publication in a personalized reading list. Finally, LexSitus Lectures has been expanded with 10 new lectures, including 2 in English (bringing the overall number of English lectures in LexSitus to 236, covering all articles and main provisions of the ICC Statute), 4 in Arabic, and 4 in Farsi. These lectures represent the start of Arabic and Farsi versions of LexSitus. The lectures are subtitled and the transcript files are available in LexSitus, which is freely accessible online on the Nuremberg Academy website.

#### Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database

After careful updates of the content and monitoring of the ongoing cases and situations, the Nuremberg Academy released an updated and reviewed version of the Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database in 2019. The database now contains more than 740 entries of relevant case-law and literature on conflict-related sexual violence. The Sexual Crimes in Conflict Database is a unique tool for finding relevant information and conducting research on conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence. It combines entries on relevant jurisprudence from international, hybrid, regional, and national courts with literature entries based on a broad collection of books, journal articles, and other literature. The database also provides information on the relevant findings from commissions of inquiry, truth commissions, and other transitional justice mechanisms. Relevant areas of focus include gaps in jurisprudence, obstacles to establishing accountability, negative impacts of prosecution, means of prevention as well as training materials dealing with investigation and prosecution. The database is freely accessible online on the Nuremberg Academy website.

All activities of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy reach broad audiences through traditional media, online, and social media. The two main conferences in May and in October were instantly covered on Twitter, as was the Nuremberg Moot Court on Facebook. The final rounds of the Moot Court could again be followed directly in a livestream.

In 2019, more emphasis was placed on audiovisual documentation and digital content. The YouTube channel of the Nuremberg Academy has been restructured. It now offers a more user-friendly access to videos of the conference speeches and all panel discussions, the Moot Court finals, and public lectures hosted by the Nuremberg Academy, which are available for sustained documentation. In addition, the Nuremberg Academy produced a promotion video in English and in French informing about the Nuremberg Summer Academy for Young Professionals. The advertising of the Nuremberg Moot Court on Facebook is also accompanied by several short videos realized to that end.

We are pleased to see that the attention the Nuremberg Academy receives through electronic media (Twitter, YouTube, and the electronic newsletter), increased steadily throughout 2019, albeit to varying degrees depending on the medium.

The Nuremberg Academy is also present in the traditional media, regularly receiving media and interview requests from radio and newspapers. Next to several articles covering events, Director Klaus Rackwitz gave two radio interviews to the German nationwide broadcasting station *Deutschlandfunk*. The first, dealing with the potential creation of a special international tribunal in Syria for imprisoned ISIS members, was broadcasted on 19 February; the second interview on the legal submission to the International Criminal Court on alleged crimes against humanity committed by the European Union in relation with migrant deaths, was broadcasted on 3 June. An extended interview with both members of the Executive Board on the fifth anniversary of the Nuremberg Academy was published in the *Nürnberg Nachrichten* on 17 December.

# Communications



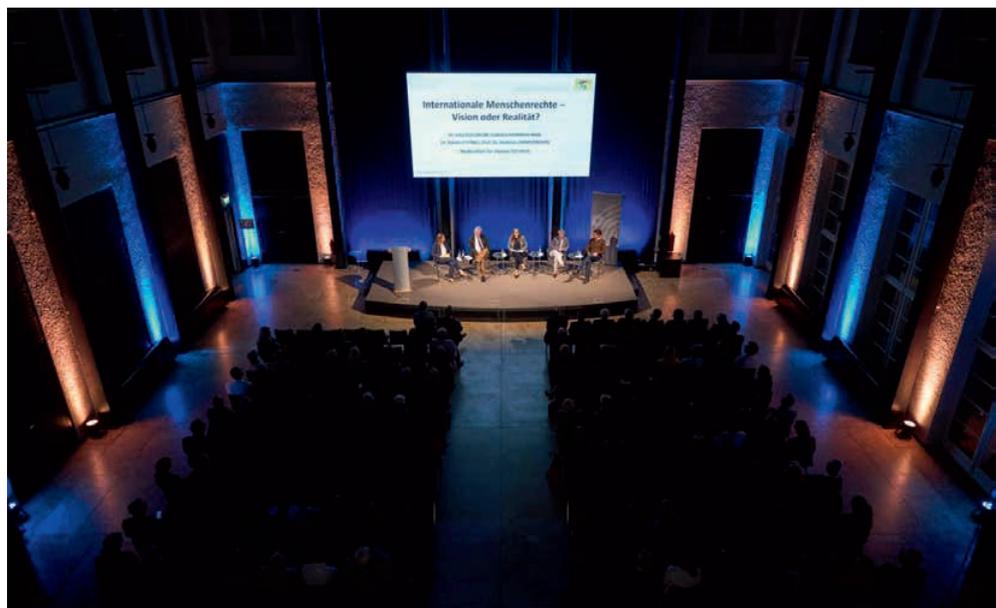
@NurembergAcadem



[www.nurembergacademy.org](http://www.nurembergacademy.org)



[www.nuremberg-moot.de](http://www.nuremberg-moot.de)





Regarding the documentary “Peace Through Justice – The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal”, the public interest remains undiminished. This led to co-organized events combining the film screening with expert discussions, in Berlin and Washington, D.C. The International Human Rights Film Festival-Albania (IHRFFA) in Tirana included the documentary in its festival program under the 2019 theme “Ignorance Kills”. The screening of the documentary at the Albanian Parliament was followed by a panel discussion, in which Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, and one of the authors of the documentary, Sabine Jainski, took part.

On the occasion of the “Movies that Matter” film festival in The Hague, Press and Event Management Officer Evelyn Müller participated in the Asser Spring Academy on Film and International Law. The seminar offered valuable insights on, amongst others, documentary film theory in the field of international law and the representation of justice in documentary film.

# Organization

The Foundation Board of the Nuremberg Academy consists of the Adviser to the Federal Government on International Law and Head of the Legal Department of the Foreign Office, on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany; one representative each appointed by the Free State of Bavaria and the City of Nuremberg; and the President and the two Vice-Presidents of the Advisory Council. The Foundation Board decides on the fundamental strategic matters with regard to the foundation and determines the foundation's basic orientation. It must ensure that the foundation's purpose is lastingly and sustainably fulfilled. § 12 of the Statute of the Nuremberg Academy details the duties of the Foundation Board. In 2019, the Foundation Board met three times, on 22 February, on 1 May, and on 16 October.

The Advisory Council is composed of at least nine and not more than 18 persons of international repute in the scholarship and practice of international law (especially international criminal law) or related scholarly fields according to § 14 of the Statute of the Nuremberg Academy. In addition, one representative of each founder shall attend the meetings and have a vote; this representative may also be a member of the Foundation Board. The Advisory Council advises the Executive Board and Foundation Board on the foundation's professional focus and ensures the quality of the foundation's scholarly work. After the former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Cecilia Medina Quiroga, resigned from the Advisory Council in 2019 for reasons of age, the Council currently consists of 12 members, including Professor Thomas Buergenthal as Honorary President.

## Members of the Advisory Council

### **Navi Pillay** (President)

Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

### **Christoph Safferling** (Vice-President)

Professor of International Criminal Law, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

### **Serge Brammertz** (Vice-President)

Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

### **Thomas Buergenthal** (Honorary President)

Former Judge at the International Court of Justice

### **Brenda J. Hollis**

Chief Prosecutor of the (Residual) Special Court for Sierra Leone

### **Karl Huber**

Former President of the Higher Regional Court of Munich, former President of the Bavarian Constitutional Court

### **Cecilia Medina Quiroga**

Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

### **Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations Office in Geneva

### **Betty Kaari Murungi**

Lawyer, Co-Founder of „The Urgent Action Fund – Africa“, former Vice Chairperson of Kenya Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission

### **Stefanie Schmahl**

Professor of Public International Law, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

### **Bertram Schmitt**

Judge at the International Criminal Court

### **Sang-Hyun Song**

Former President of the International Criminal Court

### **David Tolbert**

Ford Foundation Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Duke University, former President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (2010–2018)





**The Nuremberg Academy Team Members:**

• **Executive Board (Director, Deputy Director)**

Klaus Rackwitz, Director  
Dr. Viviane Dittrich, Deputy Director

• **Senior Officers (3)**

Natacha Bracq, Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Building  
Jolana Makraiová, Senior Officer for Interdisciplinary Research  
Eduardo Toledo, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law

• **Project Officers (4)**

Salim Amin  
Kiran Mohandas Menon  
Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla  
Dr. Marian Yankson-Mensah

• **Head of Administration**

Petra Härtel

• **Press and Event Management Officer**

Evelyn Müller

• **Executive Assistant**

Frauke Selbmann

• **Interns during 2019**

Merlina Herbach  
Besa Maliqi Syla  
Trisha Rodriguez Nuernberger  
Tendai Emilia Makani  
Elisa Vitória Ferreira Melo  
Marilena Stegbauer

**The governing bodies of the Nuremberg Academy:**

- Executive Board
- Foundation Board
- Advisory Council

**Financial Overview**

The three founders of the Nuremberg Academy are the Federal Republic of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria, and the City of Nuremberg.

The contribution of the City of Nuremberg consists in providing office space including telephone and IT structure for the Academy. The Nuremberg Academy currently uses offices, which are located in a historic building at the northern part of the old town of Nuremberg.

In 2020, the Academy will move into offices in the east wing of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice as provided by the Free State of Bavaria once the construction of a new office building for the Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg is finished.

The Federal German Government, represented by the Federal Foreign Office, provides the financial support for the Academy’s work. The annual budget plan has to be approved by the Foundation Board of the Nuremberg Academy and authorized by the Federal German Parliament.

In 2019, the overall budget spent amounted to 1,869,743 Euro divided according to the budget plan into four different clusters:

Personnel costs:	882,718 Euro
Administrative costs:	150,918 Euro
Program work costs:	65,920 Euro
For the realization of the documentary “Peace Through Justice – The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal” the Academy received a donation of 50,000 Euro from the “Zukunftsstiftung der Sparkasse Nürnberg”.	
Conferences, events, research activities costs:	770,187 Euro
For the Nuremberg Moot Court 2019 the Academy received a donation of 6,838 Euro from the law firm Salleck + Partner.	

# Partners and Sponsors

## Project Partners



Pontificia Universidad  
**JAVERIANA**  
Bogotá

Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas

memorium  
nürnberger prozesse  
**museen** der stadt nürnberg

**museen** der stadt nürnberg



## Event Partners



Bayerische Vertretung in Berlin



dokumentationszentrum  
reichsparteitagsgelände  
**museen** der stadt nürnberg



Network for investigation and  
prosecution of genocide, crimes  
against humanity and war crimes



## Event Sponsors







[www.nurembergacademy.org](http://www.nurembergacademy.org)