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**Prohibition, Prosecution and Prevention of Enforced Disappearances**

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Online

**Program**  
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**11:15 - 11:30 CEST - Opening remarks**

**Klaus Rackwitz**, Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Klaus Rackwitz studied law at the Universität zu Köln, and was appointed as a judge in 1990, where he presided over criminal and civil cases at courts of first instance and at courts of appeal. He was one of the first judges in Germany heading a task force, which was established to improve the use of computers in the judicial work of judges and prosecutors. Mr. Rackwitz was part of the Advance Team of the International Criminal Court in The Hague in 2002. Subsequently, from January 2003 until September 2011, he served as the Senior Administrative Manager of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. From 2011 to September 2016, he served as Administrative Director of Eurojust, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit. Since 2016, he has been the Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy.

**Prof. Joachim Hornegger**, President, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Joachim Hornegger has been President of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg since 1 April 2015. Professor Hornegger became Chair of Pattern Recognition at the Faculty of Engineering and a secondary member of the Faculty of Medicine at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg in 2005. He was Vice Dean of Computer Science from 2009 to 2011. Professor Hornegger was a Vice President of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and part of the Executive Board from 2011 to 2015. In this capacity he was responsible for research and young researchers. Professor Hornegger, born in 1967, studied computer science with mathematics at FAU and completed his doctoral degree in 1996 with his thesis on statistical object modelling and recognition.

**11:30 – 12:15 CEST - Keynote Address**

**Prof. Olivier de Frouville**, Professor of Public Law, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II); Director, Paris Research Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; Vice President, United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Olivier de Frouville is Professor of Public Law at the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) and Director of the Paris Human Rights Center. He is also a member of the Institut Universitaire de France (I.U.F.), leading a program of research called *On a democratic theory of International Law*. Parallel to his academic career, Professor de Frouville has worked for more than twenty

years as a human rights expert in the United Nations. In June 2019, he was elected as a member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

## **Break**

### **13:00 - 14:15 CEST - Panel I: Historical Origins of the Crime of Enforced Disappearances and Its Legal Concept**

The crime of enforced disappearances can be traced back to the judgement of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. The Tribunal ruled in its judgement, with reference to the *Nacht und Nebel* decree that the secret detention of persons with the intent of creating terror among the population and the affected groups constituted both a crime against humanity and a war crime. This panel will analyse the historical origins of acts of enforced disappearances and evaluate how the historical origins have shaped the current nature of the concept of enforced disappearances as an international crime and a human rights violation.

Chair: **Verónica Hinestroza**, Independent Expert on Enforced Disappearances

Verónica Hinestroza is an independent consultant and advisor working on the documentation and investigation of grave human rights violations. During the last 18 years, Ms. Hinestroza serves as a member of the Steering Committee developing a set of Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering (APT/ATI/NHRC), as an Associate Expert at Omega Research Foundation, and as a member of Justice Rapid Response's roster of investigators. Ms. Hinestroza is currently working with GIZ Mexico on a study that aims at identifying common strengths and weaknesses of extraordinary mechanisms established for the search of disappeared persons in different countries in Latin America.

**Prof. Emilio Crenzel**, Professor of Sociology, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Researcher, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET)

Emilio Crenzel is Researcher at the National Council of Scientific Research and Professor of Sociology at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. He authored *Memory of the Argentina Disappearances: The Political History of Nunca Más* (Routledge, 2011), the first edition was written in Spanish (Siglo XXI, 2008 and 2014). The volume was translated to French (L'Harmattan, 2016), Italian (ed.it, 2015), and Portuguese (Letra e Voz, 2020). He is the coeditor of *The Struggle for Memory in Latin America: The Recent History of Political Violence* (Palgrave, 2015 - original in Spanish (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2015)).

**Prof. Barbara Frey**, Director of the Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Barbara Frey is Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Global Studies and directs the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota. Prof. Frey is a Principal Investigator with the Observatory on Disappearances and Impunity in Mexico. She co-edited the forthcoming volume, *Disappearances in the Post-Transition Era in Latin America* (Oxford U Press), with Karina Ansolabehere and Leigh A. Payne; and the volume *Mexico's Human Rights Crisis* (Penn

Press, 2018), with Alejandro Anaya-Muñoz. She received two Fulbright-Garcia Robles fellowships (2013 and 2019) for research in Mexico. Prof. Frey was an alternate member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2000 and 2003) and was Special Rapporteur for a Sub-Commission study on firearms and human rights.

## **Break**

### **14:30 - 15:45 CEST - Panel II: Disappearances of Migrants as a Challenge for International Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Action**

The context in which enforced disappearances occur has changed substantially since the Cold War era in which South American dictatorships practised it regularly as part of an orchestrated plan for the region. Today, enforced disappearances occur often in the context of migration. This issue intersects with human trafficking and slavery, among other crimes and human rights violations. This panel will identify the current challenges in the fight against enforced disappearances and connected human rights violations with the objective of proposing solutions, new forms of accountability, and prevention.

Chair: **Barbara Lochbihler**, Member, United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances; Associate Professor at Master of Human Rights, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Barbara Lochbihler is a member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances. From 2009 to 2019, Ms. Lochbihler was a member of the European Parliament. From 2011 to 2014, she was Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Vice-chair of the same committee during her second legislative term. Between 1999 and 2009, Ms. Lochbiler was Secretary General of Amnesty International Germany in Berlin. From 1992 to 1999, she held the same position at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Geneva. She holds a M.A. in Political Science, International Law, and Economics and a Diploma in Social Work.

**Dr. Grażyna Baranowska**, Assistant Professor, Polish Academy of Sciences

Dr. Grażyna Baranowska is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Starting in September 2021, she will be based at the Hertie School in Berlin for her Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action project on missing migrants. In her previous work as a Researcher and Policy Advisor on enforced disappearances at the German Institute for Human Rights, she published the report *Disappeared Migrants and Refugees*. Her book *Rights of Families of Disappeared Persons. How International Bodies Address the Needs of Families of Disappeared Persons in Europe* is forthcoming with Intersentia (Transitional Justice series, 2021).

**Ana Lorena Delgadillo**, Executive Director, Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho

Ana Lorena Delgadillo is a lawyer. She is the Executive Director and founding partner of the Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho, where she has worked since 2011. Together with other non-governmental organizations, she promoted projects related to access to justice and the truth for migrants. Ms. Delgadillo has also promoted various actions to influence structural changes in the search for people, prosecution, and administration of justice in Mexico, such as the group #FiscalíaQueSirva and the Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanism. Under her direction, the foundation obtained in 2016 the Human Rights Prize of the Republic of France.

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**14:30 - 15:45 CEST - Panel III: Determining the Fate of the Disappeared and Investigating Perpetrators**

Under the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance*, States parties are required to search for disappeared individuals and to investigate the disappearance. The accomplishment of these two basic duties encounters many specific difficulties. This panel will present the two guidelines that aim to define the specific duties for each of the two obligations and propose ways to coordinate the work of the organs in charge of them: the *United Nations Guiding Principles for the Search of Disappeared Persons* adopted by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances in 2019, and the *Standards and Public Policies for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances*, adopted by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances in 2020.

Chair: **Prof. Gabriella Citroni**, Professor of International Human Rights Law, University of Milano-Bicocca

Gabriella Citroni is Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Prof. Citroni is also Lecturer at the Geneva Academy of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, holding a course on “Enforced Disappearances in International Law” for LL.M. students in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. She is the International Legal Advisor for the Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared People (FEDEFAM) and Senior Legal Advisor at TRIAL International. Her research focuses on subjects related to international human rights law and she cooperates with a number of non-governmental organizations providing legal assistance to victims of gross human rights violations and their relatives in different countries.

**Luciano Hazan**, Chairperson, United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

Luciano Hazan is a lawyer graduated at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and journalist (TEA). He holds an LL.M. from the Southwestern Law School and was a Fulbright Siderman Fellow. Mr. Hazan is a member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and head of the Program against Institutional Violence at the Federal Public Defender’s Office in Argentina. He was a member of the United Nations Committee on

Enforced Disappearances from 2011 to 2017 and head of the legal team of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo Association. He also coordinated the Truth and Justice Program and was Undersecretary of Criminal Policies, both at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Argentina.

**Dr. Rainer Huhle**, former Member, United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances; Co-Founder, Nuremberg Human Rights Center

Dr. Rainer Huhle holds a Ph.D. in Political Science. In 1989, he co-founded the Nuremberg Human Rights Center (NMRZ). He is the co-editor of the Center's website [www.menschenrechte.org](http://www.menschenrechte.org). He teaches Transitional Justice at the M.A. in Human Rights program at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. Since 2011, he is a member of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances. From 2003 to 2016, he was a member of the Board of the German Institute for Human Rights (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte) in Berlin and has been its Vice-Chairperson since 2007. From 1982 to 2008, he worked with the Department for Culture and Education of the City of Nuremberg. From 1986 to 1988, he served as volunteer for the Servicio Paz y Justicia in Peru.

## Break

### 16:00 - 17:15 CEST - Panel IV: Prosecuting Enforced Disappearances at the National and International Level

Enforced disappearance in judicial proceedings poses different challenges, institutional approaches have thus been employed by the international community to safeguard the rights violated through acts of enforced disappearances, both collectively and individually. This panel will critically analyse legal instruments under international criminal law and international human rights law, at the national and international level, meant to address enforced disappearances and will also identify and examine the complementary nature of the different enforcement systems and the avenues for harmonising the efforts related to each.

Chair: **Julieta Solano**, Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Julieta Solano is a lawyer graduated at the *Universidad de Los Andes* and holds an LL.M. from Oxford University. Ms. Solano works as a Trial Lawyer in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court since 2004, where she has worked on the cases arising out of the situations in the Great Lakes region, initially the Democratic Republic of the Congo (*Lubanga, Ntaganda, Mbarushimana, Mudacumura*). Prior to her current role, she was Special Assistant to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in 2003 and 2004.

**Andreas Schüller**, Coordinator of the International Crimes and Accountability Program, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights

Andreas Schüller directs the International Crimes and Accountability program at the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR). Mr. Schüller holds a Master of Laws from Leiden University in public international law and international criminal law and is admitted as lawyer to the Berlin bar. Schüller works on cases related to the United States' torture and

drone strikes, Latin American dictatorship cases, war crimes in Sri Lanka and Syria, among other international crimes cases. He publishes and lectures on international criminal law and human rights enforcement.

**Dr. Dilek Kurban**, Fellow, Hertie School

Dilek Kurban is a Fellow and Lecturer at the Hertie School in Berlin. She holds a Ph.D. from Maastricht University Law Faculty, a *Juris Doctorate* from Columbia Law School and a Master's Degree from Columbia University. Her dissertation received the Erasmus Prize in the Netherlands and was published as a monograph under the title *Limits of Supranational Justice: The European Court of Human Rights and Turkey's Kurdish Conflict* (CUP, 2020). Before transitioning to academia, Dr. Kurban engaged in policy-oriented research at the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation. Dr. Kurban worked at the United Nations Department of Political Affairs in New York. She has been awarded the 2021-2022 Max Weber post-doctoral fellowship at the European University Institute.

**17:15 - 17:30 CEST - Closing Remarks**