Acceptance Fellowship Program 2015/2016

We are looking for academics and practitioners in the early stages of their careers to support the Nuremberg Academy’s efforts in researching the acceptance of international criminal justice in conflict and post-conflict societies.

The participants will be affiliated as fellow researchers with the Interdisciplinary Research Department of the Nuremberg Academy. They will conduct research as part of the acceptance project while receiving appropriate guidance, training, and support.

The deadline for submission of applications is November 15th 2015.

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The countries eligible for fellowship application are:

Bosnia Herzegovina, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Nigeria, Palestine, Ruanda, Serbia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, and Ukraine; and other countries as exceptions.

Acceptance Fellowship Program: Call for applications

The Nuremberg Academy is seeking early- to mid-career scholars and practitioners involved in research-related activities from situation countries to participate in a six-month learning through exchange program focused on an interdisciplinary research project assessing the acceptance of international criminal justice in these countries.

This program is part of the Academy’s interdisciplinary research department. It is designed as a learning program for small groups in conjunction with an interdisciplinary research project on international criminal justice acceptance. The Nuremberg Academy fellows will pursue the program under the supervision of a qualified team of academics. The program will be implemented in both Germany and the designated situation country.

The Nuremberg Academy

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy (Nuremberg Academy) is a foundation dedicated to the advancement of international criminal law. Located in Nuremberg, Germany – the birthplace of modern international criminal law – it is conceived as a forum for the discussion of contemporary issues in the field.

The mission of the Nuremberg Academy is to promote the legitimacy, legality, and acceptance of international criminal law and its application around the world. Its main fields of activity include interdisciplinary research, trainings, and consultant services tailored to specific target groups as well as human rights education. Special emphasis is placed on collaboration with countries and societies facing challenges related to international criminal
Acceptance interdisciplinary research
The acceptance of international criminal justice is one of the main research topics at the Nuremberg Academy. The research project seeks to comprehend the various aspects that inform the acceptance of international criminal justice and its various dimensions.

With international criminal justice forming a large portion of transitional justice after mass atrocities, understanding if and how it is perceived by different actors in situation countries is of major significance. In order to assess acceptance, the Academy's research focuses on the forms of international criminal justice, such as courts, tribunals, and legal provisions, as well as the actors who accept or do not accept them.

Acceptance refers to an appreciation, favorable reception, or approval – or the absence thereof – by various actor groups. It is important to note that acceptance is not simply a matter of yes or no, but rather is a complex process whose direction may change over time.

Acceptance of international criminal justice may depend on current or past developments in legal proceedings, often leading to some aspects of a court, tribunal, or legal provision being appreciated while others are viewed more critically. Acceptance may, moreover, vary with the positions of the actors being analyzed, because they are always situated in a particular socio-political, historical, and/or cultural context that determines their attitudes.

The acceptance fellowship program
The Acceptance Fellowship program serves to promote early- to mid-career scholars and practitioners involved in research-related activities from the following countries: Bosnia Herzegovina, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Georgia, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Nigeria, Palestine, Ruanda, Serbia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, and Ukraine; and other countries with experience and a justified research interest in the application of international criminal justice in (post) conflict or war situations.

The participants in the program will receive a stipend from the Academy in addition to travel and other eligible expenses during their stay in Germany. The stipends are intended to cover the recipients' costs of living during their stay in Germany and project-related costs in situation countries. Other eligible expenses include, for example, visas and travel insurance. These expenses will be covered by the Academy in addition to the stipend.

For the duration of the fellowship, recipients will be required to support the research efforts of the Nuremberg Academy in areas relevant to the objective of the fellowship. They are also expected to submit a paper for publication by the Nuremberg Academy and to follow up on project proposals to be implemented in collaboration with their home-country institution/university.

The application deadline is November 15, 2015
Eligibility requirements

- This program is dedicated to emerging scholars and practitioners with a strong interest in supporting the mission and the work of the Nuremberg Academy. For more information, please consult our website: www.nurembergacademy.org

- The program is open to researchers already working in situation countries as part of research, education, and policy-making institutions. Priority will be given to researchers from situation countries who have been affiliated for at least three years with a university or relevant research and/or policy-making institute.

- For proposals submitted from Germany or other non-situation countries, the eligibility requirements also stipulate that applicants must have spent more than three years in one of the eligible situation countries and must have a continuing research interest in this field of study and geographical area (for example, conducting doctoral or postdoctoral research).

- To be eligible to apply, the applicant should hold a master’s degree or an equivalent in one of the following fields: law, social sciences, political science, international relations, history, or other relevant subject. Qualified graduates in related subjects with a strong social science background and with a research interest matching the Nuremberg Academy profile are strongly encouraged to apply. It is desirable that applicants are in the process of completing their doctorate in an area closely matching the proposed research theme.

- The applicant must have an excellent command of English.

Program duration and funding

The Acceptance Fellowship program is designed as a learning through exchange program for small groups in connection with an interdisciplinary research project. The program will take place in Germany and the designated situation country. Its main purpose is to build capacities of emerging scholars and practitioners in situation countries.

The fellowship program will last six months, from December 2015 to May 2016 (first group) and from June 2016 to December 2016 (second group).

The Academy will award a stipend of 8,160 euros to each successful participant in the program. The stipends are intended to cover the recipients’ costs of living during their stay in Germany and project-related costs in situation countries. The first half of this amount will be disbursed at the beginning of the program and the other half after the successful completion of the entire program. In addition, the Academy will cover travel expenses (including the cost of the visa and travel health insurance).

Publications and outreach activities

The Nuremberg Academy will organize publications, dissemination, and outreach activities relevant to the research project in concert with German and situation country universities or research institutions.
Proposal format and submission

- The deadline for application submission is **November 15, 2015.**
- Both electronic and paper-based applications are eligible. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The application should arrive at the following address before the deadline:

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To qualify for a fellowship, before the deadline each applicant must submit the following:

1. **Cover letter**

   In the cover letter you are kindly requested to demonstrate your commitment:
   - To participate in the program and to be available during the period from December 2015 to May 2016, with about 30 days spent in Germany spread over the six-month duration of the fellowship.
   - To conduct a number of assignments in relation to different stages of acceptance research, including mapping and fieldwork, and to write an academic and/or a policy-related paper in relation to international criminal justice acceptance in the applicable country/situation.
   - To adhere to the highest ethical standards.

2. **Letter of motivation** (maximum 500 words)

3. **Applicant data, including references:**
   - A short biography stating your relevant (interdisciplinary) research experience. You can also attach a CV
   - Contact information (address, telephone, email, Skype, or other)
   - Names and contacts of two references who can attest to your research ability and professional standing

4. **Degree certificates and transcripts**
   - Transcripts of your documents, including degree certificates and your master’s or doctoral thesis (in chronological order), as well as your English-language proficiency, in a single document.
   - If your transcripts are in a language other than English, you are required to submit certified translations.

5. **English proficiency**
Unless you are a native speaker, English proficiency can be documented through one of the following English tests: TOEFL (minimum score of 95), IELTS (minimum band score of 7). A copy of the official test results must be attached with the transcripts (item 6); or an academic degree completed entirely in English that includes a final thesis written in English. If your degree certificate and transcripts do not specify this clearly, please provide a confirmation letter of English proficiency from the degree-granting institution.