

Nuremberg Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2023

31 July-11 August 2023



International Nuremberg Principles Academy

About us

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy (Nuremberg Academy) is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the advancement of international criminal law (ICL) 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 place of the first international trial before the International Military Tribunal. For the first time in history, an international tribunal was authorised 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, which comprise the principles of international law recognised in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and in the judgment of the Tribunal. They were formulated by the International Law Commission of the United Nation (UN) General Assembly in 1950.

Conscious of this historic heritage, the Nuremberg Academy supports the fight against impunity for universally recognised international core crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression. Its main fields of activity include providing a forum for dialogue by convening international conferences and expert meetings, conducting interdisciplinary and applied research engaging in specialised capacity building for practitioners of ICL and human rights education. Dedicated to supporting the worldwide enforcement of ICL, the Nuremberg Academy upholds 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.

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Dear participants of the Nuremberg Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2023,

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy (Nuremberg Academy) is pleased to welcome you to the 9th edition of its Nuremberg Summer Academy for Young Professionals – anglophone edition (Nuremberg Summer Academy). Every year, the Nuremberg Academy organises a two-week summer course, which brings together young professionals from conflict and post-conflict countries and countries with limited or no international criminal law (ICL) education. The Nuremberg Academy conducts two Summer Academies, one in English and one in French. This year, the programme will be held online.

The Nuremberg Summer Academy provides young lawyers, prosecutors, judges, legal practitioners and academics with an invaluable opportunity and stimulating learning experience to acquire or deepen their knowledge of substantive and procedural aspects of ICL. Guided by leading international experts and practitioners, the participants acquire practical and theoretical knowledge on the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of core international crimes.

The lectures delve into various aspects of ICL, such as its history, core international crimes, modes of liability, investigation, prosecutorial strategy, victims' rights, international cooperation, fair trial rights and the rights of the accused. Other relevant topics are the prosecution of sexual and gender-based violence, domestic prosecutions and the current challenges to international criminal justice.

This programme will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand and apply ICL in your respective jurisdiction, ensuring the general promotion of international criminal justice and human rights worldwide.

The anglophone edition will be attended by 27 participants coming from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Palestine, the Philippines, Uganda, Ukraine and South Sudan. You were carefully selected from a pool of several hundred applicants.

Welcome to the Nuremberg Summer Academy 2023! We wish you a fruitful and enriching experience.



Programme Overview

	Monday, 31 July 2023	
 Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)	
12.30 pm-1.00 pm	Opening Remarks	
	Prof. Dr Christoph Safferling, Ms Natacha Bracq	
1.00 pm-1.45 pm	Ice-Breaking Session (Experience Sharing)	
	Ms Natacha Bracq, Ms Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla	
1.45 pm-2.00 pm	Break	
2.00 pm-3.30 pm	Introduction to International Criminal Law	
	Prof. Roger S. Clark	
3.30 pm−3.45 pm	Debriefing	
	Tuesday, 1 August 2023	
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)	
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome	
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Crimes Part 1 (Genocide)	
	Prof. William Schabas	
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break	
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work	
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break	
4.00 pm-5.00 pm		
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing	
	Wednesday, 2 August 2023	
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)	
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome	
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Crimes Part 2 (Crimes against Humanity)	
	Prof. Leila Sadat	
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break	
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work	
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break	
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	Interactive Discussion	
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing	
	Thursday, 3 August 2023	
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)	
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome	
12.35 pm -2.35 pm		
12.55 hiii 5:25 hiii	(Introduction to International Humanitarian Law and War Crimes)	
	Prof. Robert Heinsch	
2.35 pm-2.50 pm	Break	
2.50 pm-4.20 pm	Group Work	
4.20 pm-4.30 pm	Break	
4.30 pm -5.30 pm	Interactive Discussion	
5.30 pm-5.45 pm	Debriefing	
	Friday, 4 August 2023	
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)	
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome	
12.35 pm-1.35 pm	Screening of the documentary "Peace Through Justice - The Legacy of Thomas Buergent	:hal"
	followed by a group debate	
1.35 pm-3.05 pm	International Crimes Part 4	
	(Sexual and Gender-Based Violence including Violence Against Children)	
	Ms Erin Gallagher	
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	Monday, 7 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Individual Criminal Responsibility and Modes of Liability
	Ms Meritxell Regué
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing
	Tuesday, 8 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.35 pm	Investigation and Prosecution of International Crimes (incl. Procedure)
	Mr Matthew Cross
2.35 pm-2.50 pm	Break
2.50 pm-4.20 pm	Group Work
4.20 pm-4.30 pm	Break
4.30 pm-5.30 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.30 pm-5.45 pm	Debriefing
	Wednesday, 9 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Cooperation and Judicial Assistance
	Dr Rod Rastan
2.05 pm-2.30 pm	Break
2.30 pm-4.00 pm	National Prosecutions of International Crimes Dr Ines Petersen
4.00 pm-4.15 pm	Debriefing
	Thursday, 10 August 2023
	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Victims' Rights in International Criminal Law
	Ms Najwa Nabti Break
2.05 pm-2.30 pm 2.30 pm-4.00 pm	International Fair Trial Standards. The Rights of the Defence
2.30 piii 4.00 piii	Ms Marie O'Leary
4.00 pm-4.15 pm	Debriefing
	Friday, 11 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Current Challenges of International Criminal Justice
<u> </u>	Prof. Olympia Bekou
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.45 pm	Exam
3.45 pm-4.15 pm	Evaluations
4.15 pm-4.30 pm	Closing Remarks
	Ms Natacha Bracq, Ms Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla



Detailed Programme

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12.30 pm-1.00 pm	Opening Remarks Prof. Dr Christoph Safferling, Ms Natacha Bracq
1.00 pm-1.45 pm	Ice-Breaking Session (Experience Sharing) Ms Natacha Bracq, Ms Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla
1.45 pm-2.00 pm	Break
2.00 pm-3.30 pm	Introduction to International Criminal Law Prof. Roger S. Clark
	Since the Nuremberg trials, international criminal law (ICL) has crystallised as a separate branch of public international law. This lecture introduces the fundamentals of ICL, its objectives and relationship with other relevant disciplines, such as transitional justice, international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law. The lecture also provides a comprehensive outline of the major developments of ICL, including the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC), other major international criminal tribunals, hybrid courts and accountability mechanisms, as well as their impact on the fight against impunity.
3.30 pm-3.45 pm	Debriefing

	Tuesday, 1 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Crimes Part 1 (Genocide) Prof. William A. Schabas Addressing one of the core international crimes, this lecture provides an in-depth presentation of the crime of genocide with a discussion on its origins, meaning and elements. The lecture discusses the historical events, which necessitated the criminalisation of genocide as a crime under international law, the major international conventions and UN resolutions, which have shaped the definition of the crime, and the relevant case law. The lecture also delves into describing the scope of the crime by discussing its material and mental elements, the crime of incitement to commit genocide, as well as the meaning and scope of the protected groups.
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing



	Wedneday, 2 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Crimes Part 2 (Crimes against Humanity) Prof. Leila Sadat This lecture deals with the evolution, meaning and scope of crimes against humanity. It offers a discussion on the elements of the crime, the meaning of "attack", "civilian population", "widespread or systematic attack", and its "organisational" element. The lecture entails an overview of the similarities, differences and possible overlaps between crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes. The differences between crimes against humanity and ordinary crimes are discussed. This lecture also addresses the recent development related to the Proposed Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity.
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing

	Thursday, 3 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.35 pm	International Crimes Part 3 (Introduction to International Humanitarian Law and War Crimes) Prof. Robert Heinsch Before addressing the meaning and scope of war crimes, a brief introduction to IHL is necessary. Born from the need to alleviate human suffering in situations of armed conflict, IHL offers protection for the victims of armed conflicts and regulates hostilities. This lecture provides basic knowledge of IHL. It examines its history and evolution, as well as introduces its scope of application, key IHL concepts and principles. This lecture also sheds light on the history and scope of war crimes. In tracing the origins of the crime, it reflects on how the definition of the crime has evolved since the end of the Second World War. The discussion on the meaning of war crimes entails an assessment of their material and mental elements, as well as underlying offences. The lecture analyses what constitutes an armed conflict and examines the meaning and scope of international armed conflicts, non-international armed conflicts, armed conflicts with both international and non-international elements, as well as non-state actors.
2.35 pm-2.50 pm	Break
2.50 pm-4.20 pm	Group Work
4.20 pm-4.30 pm	Break
4.30 pm-5.30 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.30 pm-5.45 pm	Debriefing



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	Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
	12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
	12.35 pm-1.35 pm	Screening of the documentary "Peace Through Justice - The Legacy of Thomas Buergenthal" followed by a group debate
		As a Holocaust survivor and jurist, Judge Thomas Buergenthal was a tireless champion of the principle that governments and individuals must be held accountable under international law for human rights violations. The film shows the extraordinary life of Thomas Buergenthal and his influence on global efforts to educate and empower a new generation of advocates to seek justice for victims and survivors and accountability for perpetrators.
	1.35 pm-3.05 pm	International Crimes Part 4 (Sexual and Gender-Based Violence including Violence Against Children) Ms Erin Gallagher
		Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is all too often a reality in armed conflicts. It is therefore one of the prominent, yet often marginalised issues of concern in the fight against impunity. Providing an understanding of how the current international legal framework addresses the issue, this lecture entails a discussion of how sexual and gender-based crimes (SGBC) are prosecuted under ICL. The lecture provides an overview of conflict related SGBC generally and an overview of such crimes in the Rome Statute. It includes a clarification of key terminologies such as "gender", "sexual violence" and "rape". The lecture also examines the barriers to successful investigation and prosecution of SGBC and analyses examples from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), International Criminal Tribunal
		for Rwanda (ICTR) and ICC case law.
	3.05 pm-3.20 pm	Debriefing

	Monday, 7 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Individual Criminal Responsibility and Modes of Liability Ms Meritxell Regué
	Aimed at connecting crimes to the individuals involved in their commission, modes of liability are essential for establishing criminal responsibility under ICL. This lecture examines individual criminal responsibility and modes of liability under ICL. The interpretation of specific modes of liability by the <i>ad hoc</i> tribunals and the ICC are highlighted, including the forms of "commission", accessorial modes of liability and superior responsibility. The lecture also provides participants with a practical understanding of the legal and evidentiary challenges against establishing linkage in cases involving joint criminality.
2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.50 pm	Group Work
3.50 pm-4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm-5.00 pm	Interactive Discussion
5.00 pm-5.15 pm	Debriefing



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	Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
	12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
	12.35 pm-2.35 pm	Investigation and Prosecution of International Crimes (incl. Procedure) Mr Matthew Cross
	2.35 pm-2.50 pm	Following the referral of a situation to the ICC Prosecutor or after the Prosecutor decides <i>proprio motu</i> to initiate an investigation, the prospects of building a good case depend on the quality of investigations and the nature of evidence collected. Various challenges can arise in this regard. This lecture reflects on the investigations and evidence gathering procedures under ICL with a special focus on the ICC. The lecture also focuses on outlining the procedures regarding the prosecution of core international crimes, essential to understand how ICL is practiced before international courts and tribunals. Established to address international atrocity crimes, the ICC's jurisdiction is limited materially, temporarily and geographically. The lecture further discusses how the Court determines that it has jurisdiction, and a case is admissible before it. It also discusses the various stages of proceedings, from the initiation of an investigation to the appellate stages, participants and their roles in the proceedings.
	2.50 pm-4.20 pm	Break
	4.20 pm-4.30 pm	Group Work
	4.30 pm-5.30 pm	Break
	5.30 pm-5.45 pm	Interactive Discussion
		Debriefing

	Wednesday, 9 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	International Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Dr Rod Rastan To fulfil its mandate, the ICC relies on cooperation from States Parties and non-State Parties to the Rome Statute, as well non-state actors, such as the UN, regional organisations and non-governmental organisations. This lecture elucidates the basic elements of international cooperation with the Court and the key national mechanisms for mutual legal assistance. The main part of the lecture focuses on the facilitation and requirement of cooperation among national authorities and the role of international organisations in enhancing this process. The lecture also entails a discussion of individual case studies on cooperation and mutual legal assistance and highlights the challenges faced by the ICC in that regard.
2.05 pm-2.30 pm	Break
2.30 pm-4.00 pm	National Prosecutions of International Crimes Dr Ines Peterson Before the ICC, States bear the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute core international crimes. Recently, national legal systems have been playing an increasing role in ensuring accountability for core international crimes. This lecture provides an overview of how international crimes can be prosecuted at the domestic level. Key topics will include the various bases for jurisdiction, using examples from specific case law and domestic provisions criminalising international crimes. The lecture also addresses the current challenges faced in the prosecution of crimes under international law, as well as most recent developments in this field.
4.00 pm-4.15 pm	Debriefing



		Thursday, 10 August 2023
	Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
_	12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
_	12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Victims' Rights in International Criminal Law Ms Najwa Nabti
		There is increasing recognition at the international level that victims of international crimes are entitled to certain rights, including participation and reparations, which play pivotal roles in the pursuit of international justice. Historically, international criminal law and procedure did not prioritise the involvement of victims. This lecture aims to shed light on the foundations and
		frameworks governing victims' rights under international law, including their participation in proceedings and reparations at the ICC and other courts responsible for adjudicating core international crimes. Integrating case examples, the lecture will also address challenges that emerge in proceedings involving victims' participation and reparation and efforts to give fuller recognition to victims' other rights; to equal and effective access to justice; respect, dignity
_		and acknowledgement; access to information; and protection and support.
	2.05 pm-2.30 pm	Break
_	2.30 pm-4.00 pm	
-		International Fair Trial Standards. The Rights of the Defence Ms Marie O'Leary A trial is guided by high standards of guarantees for the accused. Putting a person through an unfair trial is considered as a failure to provide justice. Different safeguards are therefore included in international human rights law, IHL, and ICL to guarantee that those who are accused of a crime are given a fair trial. This session will discuss the rational and relevance of upholding fair trial
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	Friday, 11 August 2023
Self-study time	Assignments (Moodle)
12.30 pm-12.35 pm	Welcome
12.35 pm-2.05 pm	Current Challenges of International Criminal Justice Prof. Olympia Bekou International criminal justice, and the ICC in particular, continue to face serious challenges in fighting against impunity. To reflect on some of these challenges, this lecture discusses key problems that international criminal justice is currently battling with. The key topics discussed in this session are the politics of international criminal justice, withdrawals from the Rome Statute, issues relating to selectivity and prioritisation, immunities under ICL and the Third Nuremberg Principle. The lecture also sheds light on the most recent developments in ICL. The views of participants will also be harnessed on the plausible strategies that can be used to resolve the discussed issues.
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2.05 pm-2.20 pm	Break
2.20 pm-3.45 pm	Exam
3.45 pm-4.15 pm	Evaluations
4.15 pm-4.30 pm	Closing Remarks Ms Natacha Bracq

Biographies



Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, LL.M. (LSE), is the Director of the International Law. Criminal Law Procedure. International Criminal Law and Public International Prof. Dr Christoph Safferling town, N.Y. In 2018, he was visiting scholar at the Stanford Center for Human Rights and International Justice. From 2006 to 2015 he has been Professor of International



Natacha Bracq is a French lawyer specialising in ICL, IHL and international human International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (MICT).



Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla is a Colombian lawyer with experience in the field and for Human Rights in Practice, and has also assisted the ICTY and the ICC Chambers. building programs in Colombia and the monitoring of other project activities in Latin



Prof. Roger S. Clark

Professor Roger S. Clark, Board of Governors Professor Emeritus, Rutgers Law



Prof. William A. Schabas

Professor William A. Schabas is professor of international law at Middlesex



Prof. Leila Nadya Sadat

Professor Leila Nadya Sadat is the James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law at Washington University and a Fellow at the Schell Center for Against Humanity to the ICC Prosecutor since 2012. Professor Sadat is one of the and regularly lectures and teaches abroad, including *The International Criminal*



Dr Robert Heinsch

Universität Bochum in the Federal Republic of Germany. He served as Rapporteur of nation Officer for International Humanitarian Law of the German Red Cross from 2011





Erin Gallagher

Erin Gallagher recently joined the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria (IIIM Syria) as a lead investigator. Prior, she was an investigator at the ICC since 2015. She also has recently worked as a consultant on the Murad Code. She was the Director of Investigations for Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) and from 2006 to 2013, Ms Gallagher worked as an investigator with the ICTY focused on the Srebrenica genocide. She has worked on the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria and on Libya as a human rights investigator/SGBV expert. Ms Gallagher was a commentator for the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office's (FCO's) International Protocol on Sexual Violence in Conflict. She has conducted trainings for investigators and documenters in Afghanistan, Turkey, Jordan, Rwanda, Cairo, Colombia, Qatar, Senegal, Bangladesh, Bangkok, The Hague and the United States. She has been teaching for the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI) in The Hague since 2011. Prior to her international work, she worked domestically as a police officer and senior investigator for the San Francisco Police Department and District Attorney's Office from 1995 to 2006, investigating cold cases, homicide, sexual assault and sexual child abuse.



Meritxell Regué

Meritxell Regué is an international criminal lawyer with 20 years of experience. Since 2009 she has been working as a prosecutor at the Appeals and Legal Coordination Section at the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the ICC. In her capacity she provides legal advice to teams of the OTP at different stages of the proceedings (preliminary examination, investigation, trial and appeals). She also litigates before the Chambers of the ICC, in particular, the Appeals Chamber. Previously, Meritxell has worked as a prosecutor at the ICTY and at the Criminal Justice department of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). She has published and collaborated in publications on matters of ICL and transitional justice and regularly participates in conferences and provides trainings on ICL.



Matthew Cross

Matthew Cross is an Appeals Counsel at the OTP of the ICC. He has been a prosecutor for more than 15 years, and participated as counsel in numerous international cases, particularly at the ICC and ICTY. He has also enjoyed brief periods of time working with Chambers (Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and ICTR) and the Defence (ICTY). He is a member of the editorial committee of the Journal of International Criminal Justice and the scientific advisory board of the Max Planck Encyclopaedia of International Procedural Law.



Dr Bod Bacta

Dr Rod Rastan serves as Legal Advisor in the ICC's OTP, where he deals with international law issues, particularly in relation to jurisdiction, admissibility and judicial assistance. Prior to joining the ICC, he worked for several years in human rights, rule of law and mediation, primarily with UN missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, East Timor and the Republic of Cyprus, as well as with field presences of the European Union and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He also participated in the negotiation of the Rome Statute and Rules of Procedure and Evidence. He holds a PhD in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science and has published and lectured on ICL. His publications include law journal article as well as chapters in leading commentaries on the ICC and can be found here: https://independent.academia.edu/RodRastan.



Dr Ines Peterson

Dr Ines Peterson is specialised in German national law and ICL. In 2014, she became a judge in Germany. She is now a prosecutor at the office of the German Federal Public Prosecutor, where she works on war crimes and crimes against humanity cases under universal jurisdiction. Prior to joining the German justice system, she worked as a lawyer at the ICTY and ICTR. Dr Peterson holds a PhD in ICL and was a Senior Research Assistant at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



Naiwa Nabti

Najwa Nabti is a Legal Officer and Expert on Gender and Victim/Survivor-Centred Approach with the IIIM Syria. She previously worked on prosecutions for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide at international tribunals in The Hague for more than a decade (the ICTY and the MICT). At the MICT, she worked extensively on witness protection and consent issues and successfully advocated for the consideration of victim and witness perspectives in the course of proceedings. During this time, Ms Nabti also participated in expert trainings with national prosecutors and supported national war crimes investigations/prosecutions. As a Professor of Practice at the University of Arizona College of Law, she directed two law programs and co-taught an international human rights course. She has also provided guest lectures on international law topics at various law schools and universities and has authored/co-authored several book chapters addressing conflict-related sexual violence. For two years, she served as Coordinator of the Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Network of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), a global network of practitioners working on national and international investigations and prosecutions.



Marie O'Leary

Marie O'Leary works as Counsel/Legal Adviser for the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD) at the ICC since 2013. Prior to the ICC, she worked on several Defence teams at the ICTY, where she also worked for an Amicus Curiae Prosecutor and in the Trial Chambers as an Associate Legal Officer. She also briefly served as a Legal Consultant for the STL Defence Offices. Formerly employed as the Head of Office of the Association of Defence Counsel of the ICTY (now ADC-ICT), she presently sits on its Training Committee (and formerly served as President and on its Executive and Amicus committees). She currently serves on the ICC Bar Association (ICCBA) Executive Council and on its the Working Group on Gender Parity, Equality, and Welfare (and formerly its Training and Legal Advisory committees). An attorney-at-law licensed in the United States (Minnesota), she holds both a Juris Doctor and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) and possesses experience with both the Minneanalis City Attorney and Minnesota Public Defenders' offices



Prof. Olympia Bekou

Professor Olympia Bekou is professor of Public International Law and Head of the School of Law at the University of Nottingham. A qualified lawyer, she specialises in ICL. Professor Bekou has undertaken numerous capacity-building missions, including in post-conflict situations, has provided legislation drafting assistance to Independent State of Samoa and Jamaica and has been involved in training the Thai judiciary.

She is Deputy Director of the Case Matrix Network, a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP) and Editor of the Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (TOAEP). She is also a member of the Executive Board of Civitas Maxima and the Boards of Global Justice and Research Project (GJRP) and Tallawah Justice for Women. Professor Bekou is responsible for the National Implementing Legislation Database (NILD) of the ICC Legal Tools Project, the creator of the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD) and has taught extensively worldwide. In 2014, she was awarded the University of Nottingham Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Award for Societal Impact in Social Sciences for her work, and from 2015 to 2016 she was recognised as an Impact Leader as part of ESRC's impact leaders programme.

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