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## Power in International Criminal Justice: Towards a Sociology of International Justice

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The International Nuremberg Principles Academy, in co-operation with the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP) and other leading international partners, is pleased to co-host an international expert conference in Florence on the crystallization of a sociology of international criminal justice as a way to increase our understanding of international justice institutions and the quality of their operation.

**Topic:** International criminal justice has come of age after more than two decades of comprehensive international practice. The field is now sufficiently mature – the institutions have had adequate time to grow into their mandates and roles – for scholars to forge a proper sub-discipline of sociology of international criminal justice where the behaviour of relevant institutions and other actors is analyzed.

Sociology of law has made indispensable contributions to our understanding of the administration of justice, law-making processes, and the relationship between law, justice and power in several domestic legal systems. Such knowledge-generation can increase acceptance of a legal system's role, expose its weaknesses, and drive improvement. A responsible discourse invites greater transparency that can, in turn, foster higher standards of integrity in international criminal jurisdictions, enhance quality in their recruitment, and increase institutional legitimacy. It may also generate information of significance for non-States Parties continuing to consider their position outside the Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The research project '*Power in International Criminal Justice: Towards a Sociology of International Justice*' focuses on the relationship between power and autonomy in international criminal justice. Power plays a role because sovereign States and non-governmental organisations are the main enabling stakeholders of international criminal jurisdictions, and because human beings fill the institutions' leading positions. The justice dispensed by the jurisdictions cannot be independent, impartial and otherwise fair without sufficient autonomy. The project will analyze the design and behaviour of institutions of international criminal justice and key actors in their orbit, by that identifying patterns in the arrangement of power, its distribution and reproduction, other relationships of power, actors' capacity and intent to use their power.

The project will produce an open access anthology on the topic, and all lectures will be made freely available online.

### Among the speakers:

- Mr. **Klaus Rackwitz** (Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy)
- H.E. **Helen E. Clark** (former Prime Minister, New Zealand)
- H.E. Judge **Marc Perrin de Brichambaut** (International Criminal Court)
- H.E. Judge **David Baragwanath** (Special Tribunal for Lebanon)
- Dr. **Djordje Djordjević** (Sustaining Peace Advisor, United Nations Development Program)
- Dr. **Christopher Mahony** (CILRAP, United Nations Development Program)
- Professor **Morten Bergsmo** (Peking University, CILRAP)
- Professor **Joachim J. Savelsberg** (University of Minnesota)
- Associate Professor **Mikkel Jarle Christensen** (Copenhagen University)
- Associate Professor **Gregory S. Gordon** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Associate Professor **Mark Klamberg** (Stockholm University)
- Dr. **Jackson Nyamuya Maogoto** (Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester)
- Assistant Professor **Kirsten Ainley** (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Assistant Professor **Alexander Heinze** (Göttingen University)
- Assistant Professor **Marieke de Hoon** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Assistant Professor **Emma Irving** (Leiden University)
- Assistant Professor **Sergey Vasiliev** (Leiden University)
- Dr. **Kate Cronin-Furman** (Harvard Kennedy School)
- Dr. **Mark Kersten** (University of Toronto)
- Dr. **Kjersti Lohne** (University of Oslo)
- Dr. **Chris Tenove** (University of Toronto)
- Dr. **Viviane Dittrich** (Deputy Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy)

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