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Welcome Address

On behalf of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, we cordially welcome you to the Nuremberg Forum 2026 titled "A Critical Alliance: the UN Charter and the Nuremberg Principles - Peace and Security in a Fragmented World".

Eight decades ago, the international community came together to establish the United Nations (UN), driven by a shared determination "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." The adoption of the UN Charter marked a historic and unprecedent commitment to collective security, the rule of law and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The judgment of the International Military Tribunal and the affirmation of the Nuremberg Principles by the UN General Assembly in 1946 laid the foundations for criminalising aggressive war and established individual criminal responsibility under international law. Yet, the institutional architecture and normative frameworks created by the Charter and the Principles have failed to prevent both the proliferation of armed conflict and the widespread perpetration of international crimes. This failure has contributed to a reality where we are witnessing the highest number of armed conflicts recorded since 1945. This situation is particularly amplified by repeated violations of the Charter´s prohibition on the use of force as witnessed in various regions of the world.

Reflecting on Robert H. Jackson´s call to "put the forces of international law, its precepts, its prohibitions and, most of all, its sanctions, on the side of peace", the Nuremberg Forum 2026 will focus on the UN Charter and its interactions with international criminal law. The panellists will thus examine the current state and future needs of international, regional and domestic systems and initiatives seeking to hold individuals accountable for the crime of aggression and other international crimes. The Forum discussions will address the roles of a plurality of stakeholders including survivor communities, the UN, states, international, regional and domestic courts and civil society in furthering justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the distinguished speakers and guests for your devoted and tireless commitment to this cause. In particular, we are grateful to see so many students attending the Nuremberg Forum. We are honoured by all of your presence, whether in person or online, and we look forward to your insights and contributions. Thank you once again for joining us at the Nuremberg Forum 2026.

Professor Dr Christoph Safferling
Director
International Nuremberg
Principles Academy

Dr Viviane Dittrich
Deputy Director
International Nuremberg
Principles Academy

Programme

7 October 2026 — Opening Day

3–3.40 pm — Opening Remarks

Christoph Safferling, Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Julia Monar, Director-General for Legal Affairs, Federal Foreign Office of Germany
Stephan Husemann, Judge at the Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg
Theo Deinlein, Representative of City of Nuremberg
Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy; former President, International Criminal Court and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

3.40–5 pm — Opening Discussion: The UN Charter and the Nuremberg Principles: A Shared Vision

Moderator:
Tilo Jung, Journalist and Podcast Creator of *Jung & Naiv*

Speakers:
Chaloka Beyani, Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Prevention of Genocide; former Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science and former UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons
Serge Brammertz, Chief Prosecutor, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and former Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
Agnès Callamard, Secretary General, Amnesty International and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
Navi Pillay, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; former President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and former Judge, International Criminal Court

5–5.30 pm — Coffee Break

5.30–6.20 pm — Special Panel: Strength through Art and Letters

Moderator:
Grażyna Baranowska, Professor of Migration Law and Human Rights, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and Chairperson, UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

Speakers:
Maziar Bahari, Journalist and Author of *Rosewater* (2011)
Alisa Kovalenko, Member, SEMA Ukraine and Film Director of *Traces* (2026) and *My Dear Théo* (2025)
Thikran Mato, Director of *Nobody's Listening: The Forgotten Voices of Sinjar VR & Art Exhibition*

6.20–7 pm — Keynote Addresses

Claus Kreß, Professor for Criminal Law and International Law, University of Cologne; Special Adviser on Crime of Aggression to the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court and Judge *ad hoc*, International Court of Justice

8 October 2026

Day 2 The Crime of Aggression: Origin, Developments and the International Criminal Court

10–11.30 am

Panel I: The UN Charter, the Use of Force and Accountability

Moderator:
Darleen Seda, Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Strengthening, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Speakers:
Janina Dill, Dame Louise Richardson Chair in Global Security, University of Oxford
Benedikt Franke, Vice-Chairman and CEO, Munich Security Conference
Devika Hovell, Professor of Public International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science
Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

11.30 am–12 pm — Coffee Break

12–1.30 pm

Panel II: The Crime of Aggression: Origins and Development

Moderator:
Astrid Walter, Project Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Speakers:
Shane Darcy, Professor and Deputy Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law, University of Galway
Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė, Assistant Professor, Vilnius University; former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Deputy Minister of Justice, Republic of Lithuania
Anton Korynevych, Director, Department of International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
Andreas Schüller, Programme Co-Director, International Crimes and Accountability, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights

1.30–2.30 pm — Lunch

2.30–4 pm

Panel III: The Crime of Aggression and the International Criminal Court

Moderator:
Gurgen Petrossian, Senior Officer for International Criminal Law, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Speakers:
Evelyn Ama Ankumah, Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid and Special Adviser to the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
David Donat Cattin, Adjunct Professor, Center for Global Affairs, New York University and Senior Fellow, Montreal Institute for Global Security, Concordia University
Jennifer Trahan, Clinical Professor, Center for Global Affairs, New York University and Convenor, Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression
Franz Xaver Perrez, Ambassador and Head of Directorate of International Law, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

4–5 pm

Dialogue on the 80th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Judgment

Moderator:
Viviane Dittrich, Deputy Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Speakers:
Agnès Callamard, Secretary General, Amnesty International and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President, Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy; former President, International Criminal Court and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
Claus Kreß, Professor for Criminal Law and International Law, University of Cologne; Special Adviser on Crime of Aggression to the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court and Judge *ad hoc*, International Court of Justice

7 pm

Reception by the City of Nuremberg given by the Lord Mayor

Meistersingerhalle Nürnberg, Münchener Str. 21, 90478 Nürnberg (For in-person attendees only)

9 October 2026

Day 3 Prevention, Reparations, Legitimacy and Universality

10.30 am–12 pm

Panel IV: Prevention, Reparations and Legitimacy

Moderator:
Pablo Gavira Díaz, Project Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Speakers:
Chaloka Beyani, Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Prevention of Genocide; former Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science and former UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons
Bernard Duhaime, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence and Professor of International Law, University of Quebec in Montreal
Betty Murungi, former Commissioner, Kenya Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and former Chairperson, United Nations International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia
Anna Myriam Roccatello, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programs, International Center for Transitional Justice

12–1 pm — Lunch

1–2 pm

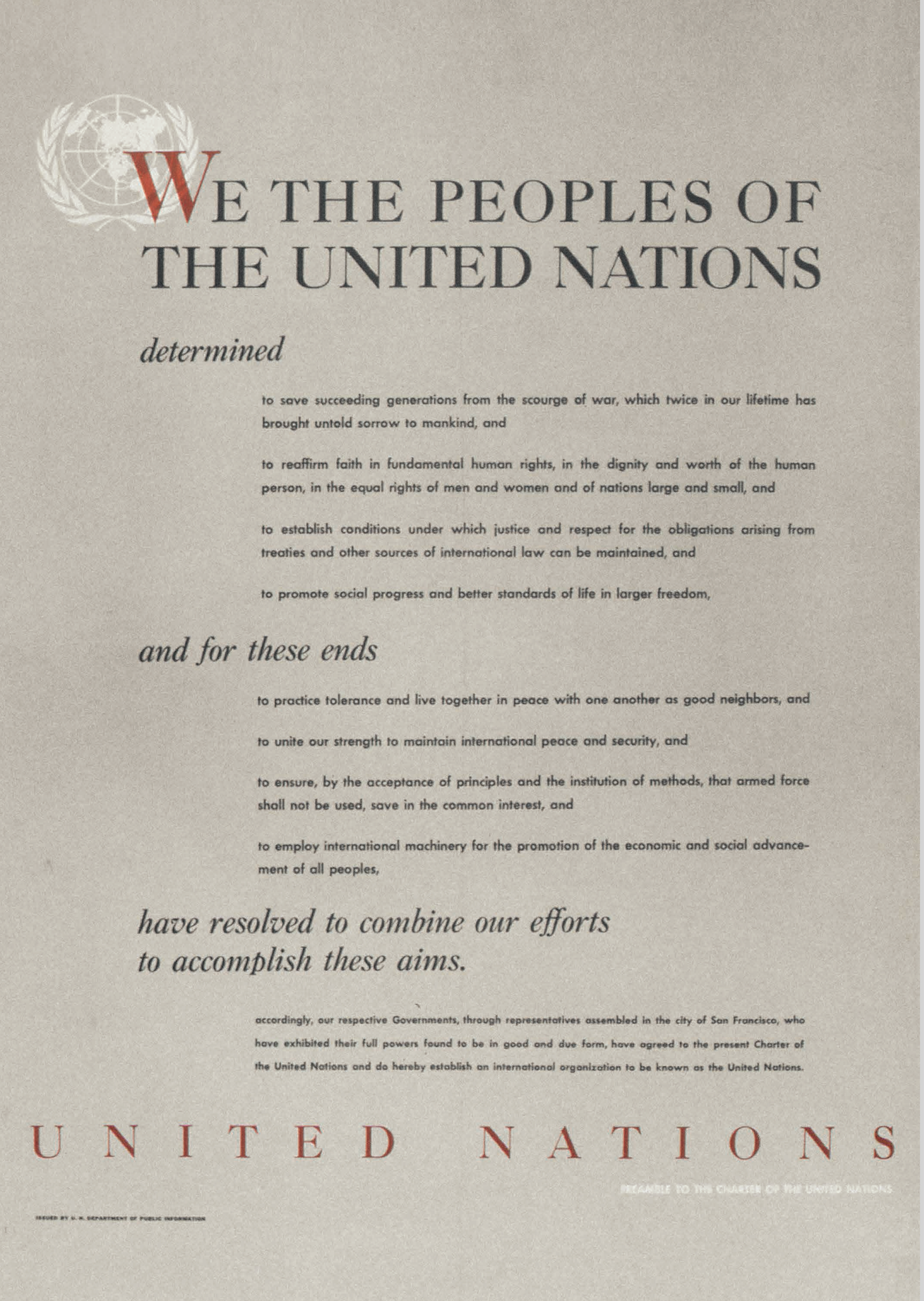
Closing Discussion: Universality and International Criminal Justice

Moderator:
Samuel Godsland, Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park
Speakers:
Shaharzad Akbar, Executive Director, Rawadari and former Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
Cécile Aptel, Principal Advisor, United Nations International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on Syria and Professor of the Practice of International Law, The Fletcher School, Tufts University
Eduardo Bertoni, Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law and former Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights
Mihir Kanade, Professor and Head, Department of International Law, United Nations mandated University for Peace and former Chair, United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

2–2.10 pm

Closing Remarks

Viviane Dittrich, Deputy Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy



Opening Remarks

Christoph Safferling

Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Professor Dr Christoph Safferling is the Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. He is also Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, International Criminal Law and Public International Law at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) and the Director of the International Criminal Law Research Unit (ICLU) at FAU. Previously, he was Professor of International Criminal Law at the Philipps-Universität Marburg where he was also the Director of the International Research and Documentation Centre War Crimes Trials (ICWC). Professor Safferling is the Whitney R. Harris International Law Fellow of the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York and was a visiting scholar at the Stanford Center for Human Rights and International Justice. He has been a member of the Independent Academic Commission at the Federal Ministry of Justice for the Critical Study of the National Socialist Past from 2012 to 2017. His books include *International Criminal Procedure* (Oxford University Press 2012), *The Rosenburg File: The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Nazi Era* (co-author with Manfred Görtemaker, C.H. Beck 2016), *State Security in the Cold War: The Federal Prosecutor's Office between the Nazi Past, the Spiegel Affair, and the RAF* (co-author with Friedrich Kießling, dtv 2021) and *The Powerlessness of International Law – The Return of War and Crimes Against Humanity* (dtv 2025).

Julia Monar

Director-General for Legal Affairs, Federal Foreign Office of Germany

Dr Julia Monar currently serves as Legal Advisor and Director-General for Legal Affairs of the German Federal Foreign Office. She was previously Director-General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Assistance at the German Foreign Office. Dr Monar has over thirty years of experience in the German Foreign Service, including serving as German Ambassador to Portugal (2022–2025) and to the Republic of Moldova (2017–2018). She studied law at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn, focusing on international and European law. She was a McCloy Scholar at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, where she obtained a Master in Public Administration, and later earned a doctoral degree from the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn.

Stephan Husemann

Judge at the Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg

Judge Stephan Husemann has been a member of the Bavarian judiciary since July 2000. He began his career as a public prosecutor at the Ansbach Public Prosecutor's Office. In 2002, he was seconded to the Federal Ministry of Justice, where he worked for two years. He subsequently served as a judge in both criminal and civil law at the Fürth Local Court and the Nuremberg-Fürth Regional Court. In 2017, he was appointed a judge at the Nuremberg Higher Regional Court, where he has since served in the 3rd Civil Division, a specialised division dealing with intellectual property law. In addition to his judicial duties, Judge Husemann is involved in the administration of the Nuremberg Higher Regional Court and in the training of trainee lawyers. He is an examiner for the Second State Examination in Law and a member of the academic staff at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, at the Chair of Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law and Technology Law, held by Prof. Dr Franz Hoffmann.

Theo Deinlein

Representative of the City of Nuremberg

Theo Deinlein has been a member of the Nuremberg City Council since 2026, representing the CSU parliamentary group. He serves on the Committees for Construction and Procurement, Urban Planning, the Environmental Committee, as well as on the Committee for Nuremberg's Public Space Service (SÖR).
As a self-employed real estate agent, he combines professional experience in the private sector with a strong background in public administration. These different perspectives also shape his work in local politics, with a particular focus on sustainable urban development, social participation and strengthening social cohesion.
He is also the founder and chairman of the non-profit organisation "Lebensmittelretten & Nachhaltigkeit Nürnberg e. V.", where more than 150 volunteers work together to save several tonnes of food from going to waste every week. The organisation combines the fight against food waste with social engagement, creating opportunities for community, participation and support for people from different walks of life.
As a City Councillor, Theo Deinlein is committed to a liveable, open-minded and responsible Nuremberg. The city's unique historical responsibility and the enduring importance of the Nuremberg Principles for the rule of law, human rights and international understanding are of particular importance to him.

Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi

President, Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy; former President, International Criminal Court and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Dr Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi is the President of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. She is a former judge and President of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and was also the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC. She played a leadership role in the creation and setting up of the ICC as the President on the Working Group on Criminal Procedure and the Vice-President of the Committee of the Whole at the Rome Conference. Moreover, she was instrumental in the negotiations of the complementary instruments of the Rome Statute as Chair of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Working Group on Aggression. Dr Fernández de Gurmendi has taught international law and international criminal law at the Universities of Buenos Aires and Palermo of Argentina and has published extensively on international humanitarian law and international criminal law issues. She is also a Special Representative of Argentina to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, Chair of the Global Action against Mass Atrocity Crimes and President of the Latin American Society of International Law.

Opening Discussion — The UN Charter and the Nuremberg Principles: A Shared Vision

Eight decades after the establishment of the United Nations, the shared ambitions of the international community symbolised by its founding document is under threat amidst the proliferation of armed conflict and unlawful use of force. The opening discussion will reflect on the aspirations and responsibilities imparted by the spirit and letter of the United Nations Charter. The panellists will examine the fragmentation of the rules-based international order, the roles of the United Nations and regional system(s), states and civil society in strengthening the rule of law and human rights protection. The discussants will also delve into the significance and methods of ensuring that accountability initiatives are not negated by economic considerations and realpolitik.

Moderator:

Tilo Jung

Journalist and Podcast Creator of *Jung & Naiv*

Tilo Jung is a German journalist, podcaster and web video producer. He is the creator and host of the political interview format *Jung & Naiv*. Mr Jung has over a decade of experience in German political journalism. He launched *Jung & Naiv* in 2013 as an independent, crowd-funded project and built it into one of Germany's most widely followed interview formats. The show features long-form conversations with senior politicians, diplomats, academics and other public figures. It was awarded the Grimme Online Award in 2014 and in 2026, it received the YouTube Podcast Award in the category Independent Journalism. Mr Jung has been a permanent member of the Federal Press Conference (Bundespressekonferenz) since 2014, where he documents federal government press briefings in full length.

Speakers:

Chaloka Beyani

Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Prevention of Genocide; former Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science and former UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

Dr Chaloka Beyani was appointed Special Adviser to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General (UNSG) for the Prevention of Genocide at the Under-Secretary-General level in August 2025. He was Associate Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science and held visiting professorships and teaching positions in numerous universities including in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and Zambia. An expert on internally displaced persons, population transfers, sexual and reproductive health, as well as human rights-based approaches to development and climate change, he brings practical legal, diplomatic and political experience in international law and human rights, including national constitutions and treaty-making. Dr Beyani has served as Legal Adviser to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner on Refugees, the World Health Organization, the UN Population Fund, UN Development Fund for Women, the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU). He served further as Member of the Expert Advisory Group for the UNSG's High-level Panel on Internal Displacement (2019-2021), UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (2010-2016), Member of the joint AU-EU *ad hoc* Expert Group on Universal Jurisdiction and Member of the AU High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Formation of an AU Government.

Serge Brammertz

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

Dr Serge Brammertz of Belgium has been serving as the Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (MICT) since 2016. He has also served as the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) until the closure of the Tribunal in 2017, where he has overseen the arrest and prosecution of key political and military leaders, including Radovan Karadžic and Ratko Mladić. He is also the Vice-President of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. Previously, he was elected as the first Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Moreover, he was appointed to serve as the Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission into the murder of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon from January 2006 until the end of 2007. Prior to his international appointments, he was the head of the Federal Prosecution of the Kingdom of Belgium where he supervised numerous investigations and trials related to organised crime, terrorism, international drug trafficking, human trafficking and violations of international humanitarian law. He has published and lectured widely on the investigation and prosecution of international crimes, organised crime and terrorism, as well as judicial cooperation in criminal matters, and judicial capacity building.

Agnès Callamard

Secretary General, Amnesty International and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Dr Agnès Callamard is the Secretary General of Amnesty International, where she leads the organisation's human rights work, serves as its chief spokesperson and provides overall leadership of the International Secretariat, including setting its strategic direction and overseeing relations with Amnesty International's national entities. A prominent figure in the global human rights movement for decades, Dr Callamard was appointed in 2016 as the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Alongside her UN mandate, she served as Director of Global Freedom of Expression at Columbia University in New York. Previously, she was Executive Director of the freedom of expression organisation ARTICLE 19. She returned to Amnesty International after two decades, having earlier served as Chef de Cabinet to former Secretary General Pierre Sané. She has advised multilateral organisations and governments around the world on human rights, including most recently the Special Advisor to the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide. She has also led human rights investigations in more than 30 countries and published extensively, in both English and French, on human rights, women's rights, freedom of expression, refugee movements and the methodology of human rights investigation.

Navi Pillay

Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; former President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and former Judge, International Criminal Court

Dr Navi Pillay served as High Commissioner for Human Rights at the United Nations (UN) from 2008 to 2014. After studying law at the University of Natal, South Africa, she worked on behalf of the victims of racial segregation as a criminal defence lawyer and as an activist for the anti-Apartheid movement. Later, she earned a Master's degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Science from Harvard University. In 1995, after the end of Apartheid, Dr Pillay was appointed to the High Court of South Africa as a limited-term judge. In the same year, she was elected by the UN General Assembly as a judge to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), where she also served for four years as President. She also served as a judge on the International Criminal Court (ICC) for five years. She also served as the Chair of the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel from July 2021 until stepping down in late 2025. Currently, Dr Pillay is a Judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice on *The Gambia v Myanmar* relating to the application of the Genocide Convention. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and served as its President from 2017 to 2025.

Special Panel — Strength through Art and Letters

This panel features three extraordinary voices who use art to shine a light on the testimonies, courage and compassion of survivors of international crimes in Iran, Ukraine and the Yazidi communities respectively. The panel will evoke the power of art and the strength of communities to unite while conveying poignant and complex issues of justice.

Moderator:

Grażyna Baranowska

Professor of Migration Law and Human Rights, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and Chairperson, UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

Professor Grażyna Baranowska has held the Chair of Migration Law and Human Rights at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg since 2024. Her research focuses on disappeared persons, human rights violations at borders and memory laws. Next to her academic work, she was involved in the process of drafting the General Comment on enforced disappearances and migration for the United Nations (UN) Committee on Enforced Disappearances. In 2022, she was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as an independent expert of the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances where she currently serves as Chairperson. Previously, she was a senior researcher at Hertie School's (Berlin) Centre for Fundamental Rights, leading a project on missing migrants funded by the EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Warsaw). She has worked as policy advisor at the German Institute for Human Rights and has worked for the Volkswagen Stiftung funded MEMOCRACY project (2021-2024), which scrutinizes the intersection of memory laws and democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the EU-funded project on Memory Laws in European and Comparative Perspective (2016-2019).

Speakers:

Maziar Bahari

Journalist and Author of *Rosewater* (2011)

Maziar Bahari is an Iranian-Canadian journalist, author, filmmaker and human rights activist. When reporting on the Iranian presidential election protests in 2009, Mr Bahari was detained by the Iranian government and held in captivity for 118 days. He was charged with espionage and, after escaping the country, was tried and sentenced in absentia by a revolutionary court to thirteen and a half years' imprisonment plus 74 lashes. He wrote about this detention and torture in his family memoir Rosewater (previously titled *Then They Came for Me*, Random House 2011), which was adapted into a movie by Jon Stewart in 2014. Among other affiliations, Mr Bahari is the founder of the freedom of expression campaign *Journalism is not a Crime*, and *IranWire*, a news website run by professional Iranian journalists in the diaspora and inside Iran which was founded in response to ongoing and brutal assaults on freedom of expression inside the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr Bahari was awarded the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Elie Wiesel Award in 2020.

Alisa Kovalenko

Member, SEMA Ukraine and Film Director of *Traces* (2026) and *My Dear Théo* (2025)

Alisa Kovalenko is an award-winning Ukrainian documentary filmmaker, human rights activist and a veteran of the Russian-Ukrainian War. Her work bridges documentary story-telling and civic engagement, focusing on resilience, justice and the human impact of war. She emerged on the international documentary scene with the award-winning films *Alisa in Warland* (2015) and *Home Games* (2018). Her third feature, *We Will Not Fade Away* (2023), a teenage adventure documentary set in war-torn Donbas, premiered at the Berlinale 2023, won over 20 international awards and was named Best Ukrainian Documentary by the Ukrainian Film Academy. Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Ms Kovalenko volunteered on the front line before returning to filmmaking with the personal documentary *My Dear Théo* (2025). A former captive and survivor of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), she is an active human rights advocate and member of the survivor-led organisations SEMA Ukraine and SEMA, the Global Network of Survivors of Conflict-related Sexual Violence. Her personal experience and advocacy work led her to create *Traces* (2026), a documentary about Ukrainian women survivors of CRSV and torture resulting from Russian aggression The film premiered at the Berlinale 2026, where it received the Panorama Audience Award for Best Documentary.

Thikran Mato

Director of *Nobody's Listening: The Forgotten Voices of Sinjar VR & Art Exhibition*

Thikran Mato is a human rights advocate, Director of *Nobody's Listening* and a Yazidi genocide survivor from Kocho, Iraq. After surviving two years of ISIS captivity and rebuilding his life in Germany, he has dedicated his work to advancing justice, remembrance, and the rights of victims of atrocity crimes. Through the internationally recognised *Nobody's Listening* VR and art exhibition, Mr Mato works with museums, parliaments, universities and international organisations to bring the experiences of survivors directly to decision-makers and the public. His advocacy has reached institutions including the Iraqi Parliament and the French Senate, demonstrating how immersive storytelling can strengthen accountability, preserve memory and promote the prevention of future atrocities. As a survivor, advocate and public speaker, he believes that art and personal testimony are not only powerful forms of remembrance but also essential tools for defending human dignity, promoting accountability and ensuring that the voices of survivors help shape a more just future. Beyond public advocacy, Mr Mato has trained Yazidi survivors in human rights advocacy and worked with the International Commission on Missing Persons to support families of the missing through DNA identification initiatives and justice efforts.

Keynote Address

Claus Kreß

Professor for Criminal Law and International Law, University of Cologne; Special Adviser on Crime of Aggression to the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court and Judge *ad hoc*, International Court of Justice

Professor Claus Kreß is a Professor of International Law and Criminal Law and the Director of the Institute of International Peace and Security Law at the University of Cologne. His prior practice was in the German Federal Ministry of Justice. In addition to his scholarly work, comprising more than 200 publications on the law on the use of force, the law of armed conflicts and international criminal law, he has been a member of Germany's delegations in the negotiations regarding the International Criminal Court between 1998 and 2017. In 2019, he was appointed Judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice in the *Case of the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide* (The Gambia v. Myanmar). Since 2021, he has been serving as the Special Adviser to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the Crime of Aggression.

Conference Moderator

Kiran Mohandas Menon

Senior Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Kiran Mohandas Menon is a lawyer specialised in international law and transitional justice. Apart from his long association with the Nuremberg Academy (including a stint with its Founding Office), Mr Menon has extensive international experience working on international law and human rights matters. He is a Visiting Faculty at the United Nations mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica and a guest lecturer at various other institutions such as the British Institute of International & Comparative Law (BIICL), Kyiv Mohyla University, Universidad de los Andes and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI). He has previously worked in the investment arbitration department of the law firm Cuatrecasas in Madrid, prepared briefs in relation to universal jurisdiction proceedings for the Guernica Centre for International Justice and has taught and tutored courses on international human rights law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

Panel I — The UN Charter, the Use of Force and Accountability

"A war of aggression is a crime against international peace", the United Nations (UN) General Assembly Resolution 3314 vehemently declared on 14 December 1974. The first panel will highlight legal, diplomatic and policy initiatives that can reinforce the UN Charter and reflect on the significant contestations facing the Charter's ability to regulate the use of force. The panellists will focus on the damage inflicted to the international rules-based order when the Charter's provisions regulating necessary and proportionate acts of self-defence are misused or face disputation. Despite the apparent erosion of these norms and the paralysis of the UN Security Council, the International Court of Justice is dealing with an unprecedented number of proceedings concerning the alleged perpetration of international crimes. The panel will also explore the tensions and possibilities emanating from the relationship between norms and proceedings regulating state and individual criminal responsibility.

Moderator:

Darleen Seda

Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Strengthening, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Darleen Seda is a Kenyan lawyer and international justice practitioner specialising in international criminal law, transitional justice and international human rights law. Her work centres on accountability for international crimes and on strengthening domestic justice systems in conflict and post-conflict settings. She currently serves as Senior Officer for Training and Capacity Strengthening at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy where she leads capacity strengthening initiatives for justice practitioners across regions. Her work encompasses the design and delivery of specialised training programmes, practitioner exchanges and study visits, as well as engagement with national and international institutions on international criminal justice related topics. Ms Seda's professional experience spans international and regional institutions as well as national transitional justice processes. She has previously worked with the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, the Kenyan Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and has contributed to the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan. She is Co-Chair of the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Interest Group of the African Society of International Law and an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.

Speakers:

Janina Dill

Dame Louise Richardson Chair in Global Security, University of Oxford

Professor Janina Dill is the Dame Louise Richardson Chair in Global Security at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, a Professorial Fellow of Trinity College Oxford and Co-Director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. Previously, she was an assistant professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science and held the John G. Winant Associate Professorship in American Foreign Policy at the University of Oxford. Her research on the law in war has been published in major journals of both international law and political science. In 2021, she was awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize for her work on analytical philosophy, legal and international relations theory with the rigorous empirical study of war in international relations. Professor Dill is a frequent public commentator on laws and ethics of war. She currently co-convenes studies on cumulative civilian harm in war, funded by UK Research and Innovation and the US National Science Foundation, and on the concept of military objectives in international humanitarian law, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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Dr Benedikt Franke is Vice-Chair and CEO with the Munich Security Conference (MSC). Before joining the MSC, he served as Senior Advisor for Strategic Affairs at the Christian Social Union (CSU) and previous to that, he was the Special Assistant for former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Laureate Kofi Annan. Dr Franke holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and a Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He publishes regularly on foreign and security policy topics and sits on a number of relevant committees such as the Foundation Council of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and the International Commission of the CSU. He is also a Special Envoy of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

Devika Hovell

Professor of Public International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science

Professor Devika Hovell is a Professor of Public International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She specialises in international criminal law, including universal jurisdiction, law on the use of force, international dispute resolution and procedure, sanctions and Security Council practice and procedure. She has written numerous articles for leading international legal journals, including the European Journal of International Law (EJIL), the American Journal of International Law, the Modern Law Review, the British Yearbook of International Law and Current Legal Problems. Moreover, she is a member of the Editorial Board of EJIL and is an editor of the international law blog *EJIL:Talk*. Professor Hovell is a fixed-term member at Matrix Chambers in London. In her current research and writing, she examines the future of collective security. She has served as a judicial clerk at the International Court of Justice and as Associate to Justice Hayne at the High Court of Australia and has worked and provided legal advice to a range of NGOs, governments, law firms and the United Nations International Law Commission.

Christian Wenaweser

Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Ambassador Christian Wenaweser has served as the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (UN) in New York since 2002, having previously worked as Counselor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN and as diplomatic officer in the Office for Foreign Affairs in Liechtenstein. From 2020 to 2022, he led Liechtenstein's efforts at the UN to reform the use of the veto in the Security Council (known as the 'Veto Initiative'), which came to fruition when the General Assembly adopted a resolution by consensus in April 2022. Under his leadership, Liechtenstein spearheaded the creation of the legal Syria Mechanism (known as the 'IIIM') through the General Assembly. From 2009 to 2011, he served as President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and from 2004 to 2009 and as Chairman of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression. Moreover, he has been Vice-President of the 61st session of the UN General Assembly, Vice-Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Security Council Reform, Chairman of the *ad hoc* Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the 1994 Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel and Chairman of the UN General Assembly's Third Committee.

Panel II — The Crime of Aggression: Origins and Development

In its judgment, the International Military Tribunal described the crime of aggression as the "supreme international crime [...as it] contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole." This led to the Nuremberg Principle VI (a) including the crime of aggression – as part of the crimes against peace – under its remit. This panel will analyse the origins and development of the crime of aggression within the framework of international law and re-assess the harms inflicted by the perpetration of this crime on natural persons, as well as on the wider international community. As the International Criminal Court continues to face a jurisdictional vacuum in relation to the crime, the panel will also explore the role of domestic jurisdictions, the Human Rights Committee and other initiatives that are attempting to prosecute the crime including the proposed Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

Moderator:

Astrid Walter

Project Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Astrid Walter is a Project Officer at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy where she is working on research projects on international criminal law, human rights and refugee law. Previously, she has been working at the International Documentation and Research Centre War Crimes Trials (ICWC), Marburg, where she managed an interdisciplinary student-run Trial-Monitoring Project. She has substantial experience in monitoring international criminal law and terrorism-related criminal trials, particularly trials based on universal jurisdictions held before German national courts, including on genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Syria since 2011. She holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science and a Master's degree (MA) in International Criminal Justice from Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany. From this academic background, she pursues an interdisciplinary approach combining perspectives of legal and social sciences on international law, transitional justice and terrorism studies.

Speakers:

Shane Darcy

Professor and Deputy Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law, University of Galway

Professor Shane Darcy is the Deputy Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights in the School of Law at University of Galway where he teaches international criminal law, humanitarian law and business and human rights. He is also the Programme Director of the LL.M. in International Criminal Law and the PhD Programme at the Irish Centre for Human Rights as well as the Director of the annual Summer School on the International Criminal Court at University of Galway. Professor Darcy is a member of the Editorial Board of the Irish Yearbook of International Law and the Editorial Committee of Criminal Law Forum. He has served on the National Board of Amnesty International's Irish Section and is a member of the Academic Board of the Siracusa International Institute of Criminal Justice and Human Rights. He has been a visiting scholar at the Central European University, Harvard Law School, University of Queensland and Doshisha University, Kyoto. In his research and writing he focuses on the role of international law in times of armed conflict, his most recent book being *To Serve the Enemy: Informers, Collaborators and the Law of Armed Conflict* (Oxford University Press 2019).

Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė

Assistant Professor, Vilnius University; former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Deputy Minister of Justice, Republic of Lithuania

Dr Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University. She previously served as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, where her responsibilities included shaping and implementing policy on international law, sanctions, export controls and accountability for breaches of international law by Russia and Belarus. She also served as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Justice of Lithuania, representing the state in international legal forums and focusing on the application of international and EU law, as well as legal accountability relating to the crime of aggression against Ukraine. For six years, she worked as Legal Adviser to President Grybauskaitė of Lithuania, ensuring the compliance of legislative processes with national, international and EU law. Dr Grigaitė-Daugirdė holds a PhD in international law from Vilnius University, specialising in the legality of the use of force for humanitarian purposes, as well as a Bachelor's degree in economics in the field of international finance. She has taught international humanitarian law and international criminal law across various academic institutions for more than 15 years.

Anton Korynevych

Director, Department of International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Dr Anton Korynevych is a Ukrainian lawyer specialising in public international law, international humanitarian and international criminal law, currently serving as Legal Adviser and Director of the Department of International Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and Chair of the Core Group on the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine. He has been working on legal consequences of Russian aggression against Ukraine since February 2014. He is the Head of the Task Force Working Group on freeze, seize and confiscation of Russian assets within the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, member of the working group on the development and implementation of international legal instruments of reimbursement of damage caused to Ukraine by armed aggression of the Russian Federation within Office of the President of Ukraine, and member of the International Advisory Board of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, as well as the Scientific Advisory Council at the Supreme Court of Ukraine. He has been the Agent of Ukraine before the International Court of Justice in multiple cases including the ongoing dispute on *Allegations of Genocide* (Ukraine v. Russian Federation). He participated in the drafting of relevant national legislation and provided trainings on international humanitarian and international criminal law to Ukrainian human rights NGOs.

Andreas Schüller

Programme Co-Director, International Crimes and Accountability, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights

Andreas Schüller is an international lawyer, registered in Germany, and Co-Director of the International Crimes and Accountability programme at the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR). He is part of ECCHR's team advocating for a harmonisation of the Rome Statute for the crime of aggression. Since 2009, Mr Schüller has worked on projects and cases in relation to Guantanamo, CIA renditions and drone strikes, abuses by British soldiers in Iraq, as well as international crimes committed in various conflicts worldwide, most recently in Palestine, Ukraine, Libya and Syria. He has appeared as lawyer in national criminal proceedings based on the principle of universal jurisdiction across Europe as well as in the International Criminal Court, the European Court of Human Rights and the German Federal Constitutional Court. In publications and lectures, he focuses on international criminal law and the protection of human rights from a critical civil-society perspective. He is affiliated with various academic research projects, *inter alia* on Artificial Intelligence in warfare, and part of advisory boards of non-profit organisations. He studied law in Trier, Germany, and Orléans, France, and received his LL.M. from Leiden University, Netherlands, with an emphasis in public international law and international criminal law.

Panel III — The Crime of Aggression and the International Criminal Court

The Nuremberg Declaration on the Crime of Aggression released in May 2023 called upon "States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to amend the jurisdictional provisions governing the crime of aggression to align them with those applicable to the other crimes within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court." Three years later, with that amendment still lacking, the international legal architecture is visibly unable to prevent or prosecute the crime of aggression as well as provide adequate reparative frameworks in this regard. This panel will consider the role of states, scholars and civil society representatives as they attempt to rectify this unique and significant legal vacuum amidst a highly charged and expectant political context.

Moderator:

Gurgen Petrossian

Senior Officer for International Criminal Law,
International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Dr Gurgen Petrossian is a Senior Officer at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. He obtained an LLB from Yerevan State University, followed by an LLM from Universität Heidelberg and ultimately earned a PhD from Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). He holds teaching positions at FAU, the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and Yerevan State University. Previously, he consulted for one of Germany's largest textile companies, focusing on business and human rights in accordance with the German Act on Due Diligence in Supply Chains. He has also worked as the Head of the International Criminal Law Research Unit at FAU. Dr Petrossian has provided assistance to the Republic of Armenia and the Iraqi Kurdistan Autonomous Region in incorporating international criminal law into their respective legal systems and has served as legal advisor in Armenia, where he made significant contributions to the prison facility investigation project of the NGO Helsinki Association for Human Rights.

Speakers:

Evelyn Ama Ankumah

Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid and Special Adviser
to the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Dr Evelyn Ama Ankumah is the founder and Executive Director of Africa Legal Aid (AFLA) and serves as Special Advisor to the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. She holds a Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota and an Advanced Diploma for Human Rights Researchers and Lecturers from the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg and was a Research Fellow at the Department of International and European Law, Maastricht University. Dr Ankumah has legal experience across Africa, Europe and North America. She led initiatives addressing marginalised rights issues, accountability and access to justice, and promoting gender-sensitive and victim-centred approaches. In 2014, she was recognised by Power List Magazine as one of 25 Africans driving progress on the continent. She has convened the Review of the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression, initiated the Cairo-Arusha Principles on Universal Jurisdiction and is member of the International Gender Champions network, promoting gender equality and international justice. She also leads the Gender Mentoring Training Programme for Judges of International Courts and Tribunals and engaged in the establishment of the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA).

David Donat Cattin

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Dr David Donat Cattin is Adjunct Professor of International Law, Climate Change and Human Rights, and International Protection of Common Heritage at the Center for Global Affairs, New York University, having previously taught at the Universities of Verona, Teramo and LUISS-Rome, Italy; Salzburg, Austria, and the University of Botswana. He is a Senior Fellow at the Montreal Institute for Global Security, Canada, as well as a research fellow at the Center for International Law and Policy Research in Florence, Italy, and the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee of the Global Initiative Against Impunity, a consortium on international justice supported by the EU. His academic work has been running parallel to a career in civil society, in particular as former Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), where he coordinated a global campaign for the universality and domestic implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Dr Donat Cattin is currently serving in the Advisory Councils of the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression and the International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma in New York. His publications on International Criminal Law include the chapters on victims' rights in *Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Article-by-Article Commentary* (edited by Kai Ambos, Beck 2022).

Jennifer Trahan

Clinical Professor, Center for Global Affairs, New York University and Convenor,
Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression

Jennifer Trahan is a Clinical Professor at the Center for Global Affairs at New York University, where she directs the Concentration in International Law and Human Rights. She also serves as Convenor of The Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression. She is a leading expert on topics of international law, international justice, international criminal tribunals and, in particular, the crime of aggression. She holds various positions with the American Branch of the International Law Association (ILA), including as Vice President. She served on the Council of Advisers on the Application of the Rome Statute to Cyberwarfare and as part of a working group advising Ukraine and others on the establishment of a special tribunal on the crime of aggression. Her book *Legal Limits to Security Council Veto Power in the Face of Atrocity Crimes* (Cambridge University Press 2020) was awarded the 2020 ABILA Book of the Year Award by the American Branch of the ILA. Her ideas in the book are featured in the documentary short film entitled The Veto (2025) by Tim Slade, producer. Her book *The Crime of Aggression and Russia's Invasion of Ukraine* was published by Asser Press in summer 2026.

Franz Xaver Perrez

Ambassador and Head of Directorate of International Law, Federal Department
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Ambassador Franz Perrez has been Switzerland's legal advisor and the Director General of the Directorate of Public International Law at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs since July 2023. He has served in this capacity as Switzerland's counsel to the International Court of Justice in several advisory opinions. From 2010 to 2023, he was appointed Switzerland's Ambassador for the Environment and Head of International Affairs at the Federal Office for the Environment. He was Switzerland's chief climate change negotiator and led the Swiss delegations at international environmental negotiations. He has also served as President of the Conferences of the Parties of the Rotterdam and the Basel Conventions, facilitated the negotiations on mitigation for the Paris Agreement, and served as a panellist in the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) tuna-dolphin dispute between Mexico and the United States (WT/DS381). Previously, he worked in the WTO division of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO. Ambassador Perrez studied law in Bern, Paris and New York, is admitted to the bar and earned a J.S.D. and an LL.M. from New York University. He is teaching international environmental law at the University of Bern since 2008 and regularly publishes on international law, international environmental law, governance and trade and environment.

Dialogue – 80th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Judgment

Marking 80 years since the International Military Tribunal issued its historic judgment in Nuremberg on 1 October 1946, this dialogue will address the relevance and reception of the judgment, past and present. The discussion will explore the lasting influence of the Nuremberg trials, also in light of subsequent proceedings and contemporary developments and accountability efforts.

Moderator:

Viviane Dittrich

Deputy Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Dr Viviane Dittrich is the Deputy Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. Previously, she taught for several years at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), at Royal Holloway, University of London and at Sciences Po Paris. Also, she has been Visiting Fellow at the LSE Centre for International Studies, Honorary Research Associate at Royal Holloway and Visiting Researcher at iCourts, Centre of Excellence for International Courts at the University of Copenhagen. Her research has appeared in journals and edited volumes (e.g. Cambridge and Oxford University Press). Dr Dittrich co-edited three volumes published in the Nuremberg Academy Series with TOAEP: *The Past, Present and Future of the International Criminal Court* (2021), *Integrity in International Justice* (2020) and *The Tokyo Tribunal: Perspectives on Law, History and Memory* (2020). Her new book is an edited collection on the Nuremberg Principles (forthcoming). After studies in France, England and the United States (Wellesley College), she received an MSc in International Relations from the LSE and a Master's degree from Sciences Po Paris. She holds a PhD from the LSE.

Speakers:

Agnès Callamard

Secretary General, Amnesty International and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Dr Agnès Callamard is the Secretary General of Amnesty International, where she leads the organisation's human rights work, serves as its chief spokesperson and provides overall leadership of the International Secretariat, including setting its strategic direction and overseeing relations with Amnesty International's national entities. A prominent figure in the global human rights movement for decades, Dr Callamard was appointed in 2016 as the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Alongside her UN mandate, she served as Director of Global Freedom of Expression at Columbia University in New York. Previously, she was Executive Director of the freedom of expression organisation ARTICLE 19. She returned to Amnesty International after two decades, having earlier served as Chef de Cabinet to former Secretary General Pierre Sané. She has advised multilateral organisations and governments around the world on human rights, including most recently the Special Advisor to the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide. She has also led human rights investigations in more than 30 countries and published extensively, in both English and French, on human rights, women's rights, freedom of expression, refugee movements and the methodology of human rights investigation.

Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi

President, Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy; former President, International Criminal Court and former President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Dr Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi is the President of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. She is a former judge and President of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and was also the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC. She played a leadership role in the creation and setting up of the ICC as the President on the Working Group on Criminal Procedure and the Vice-President of the Committee of the Whole at the Rome Conference. Moreover, she was instrumental in the negotiations of the complementary instruments of the Rome Statute as Chair of the Working Group on Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Working Group on Aggression. Dr Fernández de Gurmendi has taught international law and international criminal law at the Universities of Buenos Aires and Palermo of Argentina and has published extensively on international humanitarian law and international criminal law issues. She was also the Special Representative of Argentina to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), Chair of the Global Action against Mass Atrocity Crimes and President of the Latin American Society of International Law.

Claus Kreß

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Professor Claus Kreß is a Professor of International Law and Criminal Law and the Director of the Institute of International Peace and Security Law at the University of Cologne. His prior practice was in the German Federal Ministry of Justice. In addition to his scholarly work, comprising more than 200 publications on the law on the use of force, the law of armed conflicts and international criminal law, he has been a member of Germany's delegations in the negotiations regarding the International Criminal Court between 1998 and 2017. In 2019, he was appointed Judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice in the Case of the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide* (The Gambia v. Myanmar). Since 2021, he has been serving as the Special Adviser to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the Crime of Aggression.

Panel IV — Prevention, Reparations and Legitimacy

As the world witnesses the resurgence of calls for blanket amnesties for international crimes in various contexts, this panel will situate the crucial and irreplaceable place of justice within wider transitional justice and peace frameworks. The panellists will also consider steps needed to augment international law´s preventive capabilities which continue to be undermined. In this context, this panel will focus on best practices and international legal standards applicable to reparative frameworks, documentation of gross violations of human rights, preservation of evidence and archives as well as in relation to memorialisation efforts. The panel will also reflect on how reparations for the crime of aggression can interplay with wider efforts to provide reparations for international crimes and serious human rights violations. It will further take into consideration the role of technology and artificial intelligence as the international legal landscape strives to adapt to a rapidly changing environment.

Moderator:

Pablo Gavira Díaz

Project Officer, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

Dr Pablo Gavira Díaz is Project Officer at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, where he contributes to a wide variety of matters, including legal research, policy analysis, event management as well as public dissemination of knowledge in the field of international criminal justice. He is a Spanish lawyer, specialised in international humanitarian law and international criminal law. He received his doctorate in International Law from the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law at the University of Kiel, where his doctoral research focused on the international protection of immovable cultural property and the criminal liability for attacks against those objects in international criminal law. Dr Gavira Díaz has also worked in academic environments, namely the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law and the European Centre for Minority Issues. In addition, he provided legal support to the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE), which is responsible for the planning and execution of all NATO military operations.

Speakers:

Chaloka Beyani

Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Prevention of Genocide; former Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics and Political Science and former UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

Dr Chaloka Beyani was appointed Special Adviser to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General (UNSG) for the Prevention of Genocide at the Under-Secretary-General level in August 2025. He was Associate Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science and held visiting professorships and teaching positions in numerous universities including in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United Stated and Zambia. An expert on internally displaced persons, population transfers, sexual and reproductive health, as well as human rights-based approaches to development and climate change, he brings practical legal, diplomatic and political experience in international law and human rights, including national constitutions and treaty-making. Dr Beyani has served as Legal Adviser to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner on Refugees, the World Health Organization, the UN Population Fund, UN Development Fund for Women, the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU). He served further as Member of the Expert Advisory Group for the UNSG´s High-level Panel on Internal Displacement (2019-2021), UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (2010-2016), Member of the joint AU-EU ad hoc Expert Group on Universal Jurisdiction and Member of the AU High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Formation of an AU Government.

Bernard Duhaime

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence and Professor of International Law, University of Quebec in Montreal

Professor Bernard Duhaime is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence since 1 May 2024. He is also Full Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada, where he specialises in international human rights and humanitarian law. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute and a Visiting Professor at the Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas. Professor Duhaime has been a visiting scholar, professor or fellow at the European University Institute in Italy, Harvard University, University of Southern California and New York University in the United States, at the University of Victoria in Canada, at the Universities of San Martin and Palermo in Argentina, Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, Université Aix Marseille and the René Cassin Foundation in France, as well as at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in Spain. He is a Senior Counsel at the Québec Bar and has served as a Member of the United Nations Working group on enforced or involuntary disappearances from 2014 to 2021, including as Chair-Rapporteur from 2017-2019.

Betty Murungi

Former Commissioner, Kenya Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and former Chairperson, United Nations International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia

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Anna Myriam Roccatello

Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programs, International Center for Transitional Justice

Dr Anna Myriam Roccatello is the Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programs of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), where she oversees ICTJ's global and country programmes. Prior to joining ICTJ in 2013, she has been working for the United Nations (UN) for over 15 years, including the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, where she gained considerable international experience in criminal prosecution, mutual legal assistance, judicial reforms and strengthening judicial institutions, and the UN Mission in Kosovo, focusing on rule of law. Having also worked at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, focusing on States Parties' compliance to their international obligations, and contributed to a capacity building programme for judicial personnel in Afghanistan, she has over 25 years of international experience in rule of law, human rights and transitional justice. Dr Roccatello is an Italian lawyer and has practiced in both Italy and the United Kingdom. She obtained law degrees from the University of Strasbourg and the University of Turin and completed her PhD in European Law at the University of Milan. Since 2014, she is a visiting professor at the Bicocca University of Milan, where she chairs the Transitional Justice and State Building department.

Closing Discussion — Universality and International Criminal Justice

Eight decades since the International Military Tribunal delivered its judgment, the acceptance and universality of international criminal law continue to face significant challenges. An assessment of the membership to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court shows a – geographically and culturally – uneven distribution of member states. The worsening situation has strained even frameworks of international humanitarian law that previously saw relatively strong acceptance. Despite this reality, states are increasingly internalising international law norms and engaging with the creation of new international conventions and treaties on *inter alia* crimes against humanity, mutual legal assistance and the right to development. This closing discussion will identify the lessons that can enhance the authority of international law by increasing its inclusivity especially in relation to the protection of less powerful states and vulnerable groups.

Moderator:

Samuel Godsland

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

Samuel Godsland is a Senior Programme Director for Wilton Park where he facilitates international dialogues on justice, conflict, national security and the Indo-Pacific. Wilton Park is an Executive Agency of the United Kingdom (UK) Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), having been founded in 1946 as a centre for education for German prisoners of war. It is now the UK's foremost multilateral facilitator. Prior to Wilton Park, Mr Godsland spent more than twenty years at the FCDO. After an undergraduate degree in Mandarin, he worked on a wide range of policy areas, from the politics of China and Asia-Pacific, to conflict and stability in the Middle East, Afghanistan, South Asia, and East Africa. A counter-terrorism specialist, he led the UK's overseas counter-terrorism strategy, working across relevant government departments and agencies. He holds a Masters' degree in Terrorism, Security, and Society from King's College London.

Speakers:

Shaharzad Akbar

Executive Director, Rawadari and former Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

Shaharzad Akbar is an Afghan human rights advocate in exile and the Executive Director of Rawadari, an Afghan human rights organization focused on monitoring violations, promoting accountability and expanding culture of human rights. She previously served as the Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) from 2019 until August 2021, where she led national human rights monitoring and high-level advocacy during a critical period of escalating conflict. With over fifteen years of experience spanning human rights, democratic governance and international development, Ms Akbar is a leading voice on women's rights and justice. Since the fall of Kabul, Ms Akbar has continued her vital work from exile, regularly briefing international bodies including the United Nations Security Council, the Human Rights Council and relevant governments. Her current work as Executive Director for Rawadari focuses heavily on human rights monitoring and reporting, victim-centred justice and expanding alliances for human rights in Afghanistan. Ms Akbar holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor's degree from Smith College. Her writing has appeared in Washington Post, Foreign Policy, Just Security, Justice Info and other international outlets.

Cécile Aptel

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Professor Cécile Aptel is the Principal Advisor of the United Nations (UN) International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on Syria's (IIIM). She is also Professor of the Practice of International Law at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges, Visiting Scientist at Harvard and has taught at the Geneva Graduate Institute as well as the universities of Pretoria, Caen, and Oxford. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Deputy Director of the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Global Office of Research and Foresight and as Deputy Director of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research. Before that, she was Director and Acting Under-Secretary-General at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, served as the top legal policy adviser to UN High Commissioners for Human Rights, to the UN International Independent Investigation Commission, as well as the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. She played a leading role in the creation of the IIIM, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the Special Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina. She was awarded the 2010 Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship by the United States Institute of Peace for her pioneering work on justice for children.

Eduardo Bertoni

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Professor Eduardo Bertoni is the Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law. Previously, he served as an advisor to the Argentinian Department of Justice and Human Rights and as Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights at the Organization of American States. An Argentinian lawyer with a Master's degree in International Policy and Practice, he was a Teaching Fellow at the Human Rights Institute at Columbia University School of Law, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy and held teaching positions at several universities including at Buenos Aires University School of Law and as a Global Clinical Professor at New York University School of Law. At Palermo University School of Law, Argentina, he founded and directed the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information. He was Representative of the Regional Office for South America of the Inter American Institute of Human Rights, the first Director of the Agency of Access to Public Information and has served on advisory boards of the Human Rights Initiative (Open Society Foundations), the Media Legal Defence Initiative, the Freedom of Information Advocates Network.

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Closing Remarks

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