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International Criminal Law before Domestic Courts

14 - 16 October, 2021

Law Faculty, University of Vienna
‘A person stands a better chance of being tried and judged for killing one human being than of killing 100,000.’

José Ayala-Lasso,
former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
08:30-09:30

REGISTRATION

09:30-10:00

WELCOME AND OPENING

Michael Lysander Fremuth
University of Vienna; Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

Thomas Suermann
Fritz-Thyssen Foundation

Brigitta Zöchling-Jud
Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Vienna

Alma Zadić
Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria

10:00-10:45

KEYNOTE

‘...it is the duty of every State’
William Schabas
Middlesex University London

10:45-11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:30

PANEL I

The Interlink between Human Rights and International Criminal Law

Chair: Christina Binder, Bundeswehr University Munich

Approaching International Criminal Law with a Human Rights Lens
Michael Lysander Fremuth
University of Vienna; Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

Cumulative Prosecution – Combining Charges of Counterterrorism and International Crimes: Remarks from a National Prosecutor’s Point of View
Christian Ritscher
Federal Public Prosecutor Office of the German Federal Court of Justice

12:30-14:00

LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:15

**PANEL II**

**The Role of Culture in International Criminal Proceedings**

*Chair: Miloš Vec, University of Vienna*

**Culture, Rights and Crimes: The Legacy and Potential of International Criminal Law**

*Joseph Powderly*

Leiden University

**ICC and the Construction of Evidence – A Cultural Perspective**

*Adina-Loredana Nistor*

University of Groningen

15:15-15:45

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15:45-17:30

**PANEL III**

**Re-examining the Principles of International Criminal Law**

*Chair: Konrad Bühler, Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs*

**The National Prosecution of International Crimes and the (International) Public**

*Stefanie Bock*

Philipps University Marburg

**The Complementarity Test of the International Criminal Court between Self-referrals and Contesting States**

*Astrid Reisinger Coracini*

University of Vienna

**Migration and the Demand for Transnational Justice**

*Máximo Langer (online contribution)*

University of California

17:30

**END OF CONFERENCE DAY I**
09:00-10:15  PANEL IV

Challenges and Opportunities for the Prosecution of Core International Criminal Cases at the Domestic and International Levels: Practitioners' Perspectives

Chair: Ingeborg Zerbes, University of Vienna

EU national jurisdictions in the front line of fighting impunity – perspectives of the
Genocide Network
Matevž Pezdirc
Genocide Network Secretariat, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation

Collection and Evaluation of Evidence in a Blended Common Law–Civil Law Legal System
Cuno Tarfusser
Former Vice-President of the International Criminal Court

10:15-10:45  COFFEE BREAK

10:45-12:00  PANEL V

Immunities in International Criminal Law

Chair: Ingrid Mitgutsch, Johannes Kepler University Linz

Entering a New Era of Head of State Immunity: Surveying Potential Paths and their Pitfalls
Donald Riznik
Bundeswehr University Munich

Maximising the Exercise of Jurisdiction Against the Backdrop of Immunity
Nicolas Angelet & Anna Facchinetti
Université Libre de Bruxelles and University of Pavia

12:00-13:30  LUNCH BREAK
13:30-14:45  
**PANEL VI**

**The Prosecution of Conflict-related Sexual Violence as Part of Core International Crimes**

**Chair:** Moritz Birk, Amnesty International Austria

*Progress and Challenges of Obtaining Justice for Conflict-related Sexual Violence in Syria and Iraq in Universal Jurisdiction Cases (before Domestic Courts)*

Stephanie Barbour  
Commission of International Justice and Accountability

*Access to Justice for Victims of Male-directed CRSV before Colombia's Special Jurisdiction for Peace*  
Jelia Sane (online contribution)  
All Survivors Project

14:45-15:15  
**COFFEE BREAK**

15:15-17:00  
**PANEL VII**

**The Use of Open Source Evidence in International Criminal Proceedings before Domestic Courts**

**Chair:** Konstantina Stavrou, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

*Taking Stock: How Digital Technologies Are Changing International Justice*  
Federica D’Alessandra  
Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

*Open Source Evidence and the Domestic Prosecution of International Crimes*  
Yvonne McDermott Rees  
Swansea University

*40 years’ Worth of Footage from Syria Alone: Global Documentation Requires Commensurate Global Justice*  
Jeff Deutch  
Syrian Archive

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**END OF CONFERENCE DAY II**
09:00-09:45

KEYNOTE

Transnational Corporations and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
Kai Ambos
Georg-August-University Göttingen

09:45-11:00

PANEL VIII

International Criminal Law in Domestic Proceedings

Chair: Andreas Th. Müller, University of Innsbruck

Application of International Criminal Law by Domestic Courts: Some Recent Examples
Harmen van der Wilt
University of Amsterdam

The Use of the ICTY Adjudicated Facts in War Crimes Trials Before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jasenka Ferizović
Independent Researcher

11:00-11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00

PANEL IX

International Criminal Law and Corresponding State Practice

Chair: Andrea Lehner, University of Vienna

Approaches to Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters in the EU and the Western Balkans
Daniela Pisoiu
Austrian Institute for International Affairs

Developments in International Criminal Prosecutions in Austria
Christine Gödl
Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice

13:00

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