

**Resumed Seventh session of the Assembly of States Parties**

19 Jan 2009 - 23 Jan 2009

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*Location: UN Headquarters, New York, USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information, visit [http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/documentation/doc\\_7thsessionRes.html](http://www.icc-cpi.int/asp/documentation/doc_7thsessionRes.html)

**ICTJ Bogotá transitional justice workshop for journalists**

23 Jan 2009

Presented in alliance with Mass Media in Support of Peace.

*Location: Cúcuta, Colombia*

*Contact Information:* For more information, contact Maria Cristina Rivera: [mrivera@ictj.org](mailto:mrivera@ictj.org)

**SPECIALIZED HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM**

25 Jan 2009 - 12 June 2009

SPECIALIZED HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM: The 2009 Specialized Human Rights Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law is now accepting applications. Application due date is: May 1, 2009.

The 2009 program will offer 17 courses, in English and Spanish, taught by 33 leading experts in the field. Participants can earn ABA credit, a Diploma or a Certificate of Attendance. The program brings together over 180+ participants, from more than 35 countries, with diverse backgrounds and levels of experience including law students, lawyers and human rights advocates.

[Info for CICC](#)

*Location: Washington DC, USA*

*Contact Information:* Please visit [www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy) for more information or contact us at [hracademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4070.

**4th Annual ICC Moot at Pace Law School**

30 Jan 2009 - 01 Feb 2009

The American Society of International Law and Pace / ICLN International Criminal Court Moot (formerly the Pace International Criminal Court Moot Competition) are pleased to announce the upcoming 4th Annual ICC Moot at Pace Law School January 30-February 1, 2009, and to report the exciting news that it also has become the North American Qualifying Round for the international ICC Trial Competition sponsored by the International Criminal Law Network. Winners of the Pace ICC Moot will advance to the ICLN Finals in The Hague, February 16-20, 2009.

The global competition is sponsored by the Dutch government, in cooperation with Pace, the University of Amsterdam, the American Society of International Law, and the International Criminal Law Network (ICLN).

Eligibility: The North American round is open to all law students from the US, Canada, and Mexico. All

other international students will compete in the qualifying rounds at The Hague, unless requested otherwise.

Registration: Each team must submit a registration form and fee by October 15, 2008.

*Location: Pace Law School is located in White Plains, NY, in Westchester County, 25 miles north of New York City*

*Contact Information:* For registration details and more information about the Competition, please click [here](#).

### ***From 'Crime against Peace' to the 'Crime of Aggression': Towards a new definition of aggression***

01 Feb 2009

This event, organized by the Welsh Centre for International Affairs and Swansea University School of Law in cooperation with British Institute for International and Comparative Law and the United Nations Association of Wales, is intended to bring together members of delegations, academics, civil society and the legal profession to facilitate the adoption of a definition of aggression and its corresponding implementation into domestic law. The conference will address three major themes, they are: (i) jurisdictional issues, (ii) definitional issues and (iii) ratification and implementation of aggression.

*Location: Cardiff, Temple of Peace, UK*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact the Welsh Center for International Affairs at [centre@wcia.org.uk](mailto:centre@wcia.org.uk) or visit <http://www.wcia.org.uk/>

### ***Reporting on the Lubanga Trial in the DRC***

04 Feb 2009

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture entitled 'Reporting on the Lubanga Trial in the DRC' as part of the Autumn 2008-2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speaker: Ewing Ahmed, Presenter of Face a la Justice in the DRC & Katy Glassborow, IWPR Reporter

Time: 7:00pm

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

Topic: Reporting on the Lubanga Trial in the DRC

*Location: T.M.C. Asser Institute, R.J. Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22*

*Contact Information:* ,a

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### ***The Pursuit of International Criminal Justice: The Case of Darfur***

06 Feb 2009

Yale Law School will host an all-day conference titled "The Pursuit of International Criminal Justice: The Case of Darfur." Policymakers, scholars, and civil society leaders will consider the role that international criminal prosecution should play in the strategy to end the violence in Darfur and in other massive conflicts. Dean Harold Hongju Koh will moderate discussions among attendees including the U.S. and U.K. Special Envoys to Darfur, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and the former head of UN Peacekeeping Operations. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, will deliver the keynote address.

*Location: Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut*

*Contact Information:* For more information contact [Christine Chung](mailto:Christine.Chung@yale.edu) or visit <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/darfurconference.htm>

***ICTJ conference "Transition in Mexico: No truth or justice?"***

09 Feb 2009 - 13 Feb 2009

ICTJ conference "Transition in Mexico: No truth or justice?"

*Location: Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México*

*Contact Information:* For more information, contact Fabián Sánchez: [fabito23@hotmail.com](mailto:fabito23@hotmail.com)

***Second Resumed Session of Seventh ASP***

09 Feb 2009 - 13 Feb 2009

Second Resumed Session of Seventh ASP

*Location: United Nations - New York*

*Contact Information:*

***International Criminal Justice: Does it Work?***

11 Feb 2009

A public lecture with Judge T. Meron, who was elected to the Tribunal by the U.N. General Assembly in March 2001. Judge Meron has served on the Appeals Chamber, which hears appeals from both the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Between March 2003 and November 2005 he served as President of the Tribunal.  
6:15-8:00pm

Sponsor: The Lester Pollack Colloquium

*Location: Furman Hall, New York University*

*Contact Information:* Email: [Alma Fuentes](mailto:Alma.Fuentes@nyu.edu)

***ICLN International Criminal Court Trial Competition***

15 Feb 2009 - 20 Feb 2009

The 2nd annual International Criminal Court Trial Competition will take place in The Hague from 15-20 February 2009. The inter-university moot court competition was devised by the ICLN (International Criminal Law Network) in response to the increasing relevance of the ICC and aims to increase awareness among law students of the world court. Unlike other moot court competitions, the ICC Trial Competition is unique in its direct focus on the ICC proceedings and international criminal law. In addition, the competition has a distinct structure, allowing students not only to take on the role as Prosecutor or Defence, as in traditional moot courts, but also the role of Judge.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information visit <http://www.icc-trialcompetition.org>, or email [secretary@icln.net](mailto:secretary@icln.net)

### ***Advocacy and Litigation before International Criminal Courts and Tribunals - Training Course***

18 Feb 2009 - 21 Feb 2009

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies is holding a Training Course on Advocacy and International Criminal Litigation in The Hague from 18 until 21 February 2009.

The course is targeted towards practicing lawyers, counsel or legal professionals who wish to deepen their advocacy and litigation skills in international criminal law. Experienced and skilled practitioners from the international criminal institutions of The Hague will be in charge of the training. The course will be carried out in smaller groups to guarantee accessibility and an interactive learning environment.

Maximum places: 20

Registration: Registration fee for the Training Course is € 1500, - which includes academic and administrative charges, working materials, lunches and drinks during the training, a reception and a dinner. The registration fee does not cover accommodation and the meals not previously mentioned.

Deadline: 25 January, 2009.

*Location: Grotius Centre, The Hague (the Netherlands)*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please check <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=304> or contact Ms. Christine Tremblay, General Coordinator of the Grotius Centre at [ctremblay@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:ctremblay@campusdenhaag.nl) or +31.6.46.75.57.50

### ***War Crimes Conference - Retrospectives and Prospects***

20 Feb 2009 - 21 Feb 2009

"War Crimes Conference - Retrospectives and Prospects," "Identifying war crimes and the perpetrators is a key part of post-conflict resolution"

Prospective themes include:

\*The implications of the use of national/international courts and tribunals and the problems of jurisdiction \*The role of the media in portraying war crimes, and the rhetoric used \*Legal issues, e.g. the nature of evidence in war crimes trials; questions of jurisdiction \*Witness perspectives:

protection, access to courts; financial support; are their voices heard?

\*Studies of individual cases and trials. Do prosecutions serve justice? The impact of recent trials, e.g. Milosevic and Saddam Hussein

*Location: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London United Kingdom*

*Contact Information:* Details, including the programme and the booking form will be available on the SOLON, IALS, and CCBH websites:

<http://www.perc.plymouth.ac.uk/solon/>

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/>

Or contact Tim Symonds at [tim.symonds@shevolution.com](mailto:tim.symonds@shevolution.com)

***Transitional Justice: War Crimes Tribunals and Establishing the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Countries***

20 Feb 2009

Time: 8:30am-3:30pm

Sponsor: Fordham International Law Journal & Louis Stein Center for Law & Ethics

Free and open to the public. (\$10 fee for lunch).

Topics include the efficacy of international ad hoc and hybrid tribunals, transitional justice, and the role of the International Criminal Court.

**Speakers**

Denise Bell, Darfur Campaign, Amnesty International US

Professor Roger Clark, Rutgers School of Law

Professor David Crane, Syracuse University College of Law

Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch

Eric Blinderman, Proskauer Rose (formerly Regime Crimes Liaison Office)

Larry Johnson, former Chef du Cabinet, Judge Meron, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Caitlin Reiger, Deputy Director, Prosecutions Program, Head, Cambodia Program, International Center for Transitional Justice

Professor Ruti Teitel, New York Law School

Lars Waldorf, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London

John Washburn, American Non-Governmental Organization Coalition for the International Criminal Court

**Symposium Chair**

Jennifer Trahan

Independent Expert and Consultant, International Justice

*Location: James B.M. McNally Amphitheatre, Fordham Law School*

*Contact Information:* Register at: <http://law.fordham.edu/publicprogramming.htm>

***The Crime of Aggression***

25 Feb 2009

Prof. Niels Blokker, of the Leiden University, will discuss 'The Crime of Agression' as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

The Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series are organized by the T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

7pm. Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Lange Voorhout 44 (Next to the Hotel des Indes), The Hague Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please email [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl)

### ***First Cases and First Challenges at the International Criminal Court***

25 Feb 2009

Speaker: Christine Chung, the first senior trial attorney appointed at the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC. She is currently a Senior Fellow at the Schell Center for International Human Rights at Yale Law School.

Time: 8:00 pm

*Location: Hamilton Hall, Room 313 ,Columbia University*

*Contact Information:*

### ***Frits Kalshoven Competition on International Humanitarian law***

27 Feb 2009

The Netherlands Red Cross (in cooperation with the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the Ministry of Defence) is organising a national student competition on international humanitarian law. Teams representing various Dutch academic institutes will take part in this event. On Friday 27 February there will be a final exercise in a traditional 'moot court setting'. In this final round the teams will appear before an international court (that deals with crimes committed during the conflict) and will have to plead their case as the Prosecution or the Defence in a war crimes trial.

*Location: The Princess Juliana Barracks (Prinses Juliana Kazerne), The Hague*

*Contact Information:* More information about the competition, teams and location can be found on the competition website: [www.rodekruis.nl/IHLcompetition](http://www.rodekruis.nl/IHLcompetition). The Princess Juliana Barracks are in use by the Ministry of Defence. Visitors thus have to be registered in advance. You are therefore asked to inform the organisers of the competition if you are planning to attend the moot-court. Please RSVP by sending an email stating your name and affiliation to [cgroot@redcross.nl](mailto:cgroot@redcross.nl). After receiving your e-mail, you will be sent an e-mail with the directions and more detailed programme.

### ***The 53rd Session of the Commission of the Status of Women***

02 Mar 2009

2 March 2009

An interactive panel session with leading gender, conflicts and gender rights experts on Plan International's 2008 report.

Time: 2:00- 4:00 pm

*Location: Church Center, 10th Floor, 777 UN Plaza*

*Contact Information:*

***CICC Asia Regional Strategy Meeting***

03 Mar 2009 - 06 Mar 2009

CICC Asia Regional Strategy Meeting

*Location: Khatmandu, Nepal*

*Contact Information:* For information, contact [cicc@iccnw.org](mailto:cicc@iccnw.org)

***Lecture on The general relativity of the duty to prosecute international crimes***

04 Mar 2009

Spring 2009 series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture

Series begins with Andreas O'SHEA speaking on "The general relativity of the duty to prosecute international crimes". Lectures are sponsored by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague), The Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the T.M.C Asser Institute: Begins at 19.00, Lange Voorhout 44, room LV0. Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:*

***Consultation on 'Burma and the ICC'***

04 Mar 2009 - 05 Mar 2009

Consultation on 'Burma and the ICC' organized by the Burma Lawyers' Council and supported by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). For details, contact Emmanuel Atanasiou, Asia Program Officer, FIDH.

*Location: Bangkok, Thailand*

*Contact Information:*

**PITT SCHOOL OF LAW TO PRESENT LECTURE MARCH 5 BY BASSIOUNI, DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF LAW**

05 Mar 2009

The University of Pittsburgh's School of Law will present a lecture by M. Cherif Bassiouni, distinguished research professor of law at DePaul University College of Law. The lecture, "The Conflict Between Justice and Power," is this year's selection for the annual Lawyering for Social Change lecture. Bassiouni also is president emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute. He serves as president of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in Siracusa, Italy, as well as the honorary president of the International Association of Penal Law in Paris, France. Bassiouni held several positions with the United Nations, including as chair of the Security Council's Commission to Investigate War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia (1992-94), vice chair of the General Assembly's Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (1995), chair of the Drafting Committee of the 1998 Diplomatic Conference on the establishment of an International Criminal Court, and as a member of Compensation and Rehabilitation for Victims of Grave Violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1998-2000). Among Bassiouni's many honors is his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999 for his work in the field of international criminal justice and for his contribution to the creation of the International Criminal Court. He also is the author of 27 books and hundreds of articles dealing with criminal law and international human rights law. He earned his JD degree at Indiana University, LLB degree at the University of Cairo, and LLM degree at the John Marshall Law School. He also has received honorary doctorates from several international universities. The event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception. The lecture has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Board for one and one-half (1.5) hours of substantive CLE credit.

*Location: 4:30 p.m. March 5 in 113 Barco Law Building, 3900 Forbes Ave., Oakland*

*Contact Information:* For more information, contact Lila Turner Steffy at 412-648-1305 or [steffy@pitt.edu](mailto:steffy@pitt.edu). For more information about US Fed News contract awards please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, US Fed News, Email:- [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com)

***Human Rights Defenders: Strategies for Protection***

10 Mar 2009

Special Guests Mrs Margaret Sekaggya, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders & Ms Sonja Biserko from the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia

Digital Security for Human Rights Defenders

Security NGO in a Box

12:30 – 13:15 March 10 Room XXV

The Security NGO in-a-box project is designed to meet the digital security and privacy needs of Human Rights Defenders and Independent Media.

Security NGO in-a-box presents a large range of free and open source software tools designed to increase the security of your computer, digital information and Internet communications. It is also a collection of hands-on guides to every tool included and carefully written how-to booklets that describe the many facets of digital security. Software tools and guides are available in Arabic, English,



French, Russian and Spanish. Security NGO in-a-Box is distributed on CD with paper manual and available online on [www.Security.NGOinaBox.org](http://www.Security.NGOinaBox.org). It is a collaborative effort of Tactical Technology Collective and Front Line.

Security Strategies for Women Human Rights Defenders

Insiste Resiste Persiste Existe

13:15 – 14:00 March 10 Room XXV

All over the world, women defend the rights of individuals and communities facing oppression, discrimination and violence. Their work is powerful and controversial, and it often meets with bitter and violent opposition.

Insiste Persiste Resiste Existe is an initiative of Front Line, Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights and the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation which aims to record and understand the varied strategies WHRDs can adopt to keep themselves safe. This book was written primarily for WHRDs themselves, in the hope that they will take away from it practical perspectives about the threats they face and a range of useful ideas about security strategies from around the world.

*Location: Room XXV(25) of the Human Rights Council, Geneva*

*Contact Information: [www.frontlinedefenders.org](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org)*

### ***Lecture on Lessons learned from international criminal courts and tribunals***

11 Mar 2009

Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series: Brenda Hollis on

“Lessons learned from international criminal courts and tribunals”,

starting at 19.30, Grotius Centre, Lange Voorhout 44, room LV0.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:*

### ***Human Rights Watch International Film Festival 2009***

20 Mar 2009 - 26 Mar 2009

For 20 years, the Human Rights Watch International Film Festival has showcased the stories of activists and survivors across the world and empowered viewers with the knowledge that personal commitment can make a very real difference. This year at the ICA we have some truly extraordinary new films from the festival, including a screening and director Q&A for Afghan Star, winner of two major awards at Sundance recently, which is being released at the ICA for a longer run later this month.

*Location: The ICA is located on The Mall, London SW1Y 5AH*

*Contact Information: Box Office: 020 7930 3647 / Switchboard: 020 7930 0493 or visit: [http://www.ica.org.uk/Human Rights Watch International Film Festival 2009+19100.twl](http://www.ica.org.uk/Human%20Rights%20Watch%20International%20Film%20Festival%202009+19100.twl)*

### ***World Model United Nations***

22 Mar 2009 - 27 Mar 2009

The Hague will play host to the Harvard World Model United Nations student conference which is set to attract over 2,000 students from some 40 different countries. The student organisation United Netherlands will organise this international student conference together with The Municipality of The Hague, Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Radboud University, Nijmegen. The programme for the Harvard WorldMUN 2009 includes the topics of water management and the importance of the international rule of law. A special Symposium on International Criminal Law will be held in the Radboud University Hall. Judges, prosecutors, lawyers and academics associated with the international criminal tribunals based in The Hague, will discuss the most pressing issues facing the international community today. Delegates will have the opportunity to vote on different controversial statements before and after the experts have enlightened us with their particular points of view. Additionally, delegates will have the chance to pose questions to the speakers at the end of the symposium. Expect heated discussions about inter alia war crimes, genocide, universal jurisdiction and terrorism.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit: <http://worldmun2009.org/page/worldmun-2009>

### ***3rd Biennial Congress on the Law of the World***

22 Mar 2009 - 27 Mar 2009

The World Jurist Association's (WJA) Congress on the Law of the World is a highlight event – held approximately every two years – the Congress provides an open forum for legal professionals and others interested in the subjects at hand to gather as individuals and discuss the state of international law, domestic law and practical experience as they impact on the development of Rule of Law. The Congress reminds delegates that world peace, economic development and social and cultural opportunities are only assured through a strong and dynamic adherence to the Rule of Law in all nations and at all levels of government. It is a gathering of individuals – not representatives of nations, political parties or corporate entities – our attendees are encouraged to speak freely and are provided a friendly venue where their views, experiences and ideas are equally welcomed.

*Location: Kiev, Ukraine*

*Contact Information:*

[http://www.worldjurist.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=64&Itemid=1](http://www.worldjurist.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=64&Itemid=1)

### ***“Media and Democracy in Congo” (Médias et Démocratie au Congo).***

23 Mar 2009 - 28 Mar 2009

During one week, photo exhibitions, debates, film screenings, plays and music shows on the role of the independent media in the building of democracy in the DRC or as a solidarity tool between Belgium and the DRC will take place in different venues in Brussels. Media actors from the DRC will present their initiatives (newspapers, radio, blogs). La parole reviendra à des acteurs des médias congolais indépendants pour présenter leurs initiatives ( journaux, radios, blogs internet ).

*Location: Brussels, Belgium*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit: <http://www.solidaritecongobl.be/>

### ***Twice yearly NGO Roundtable Consultations at the ICC***

23 Mar 2009 - 27 Mar 2009

Twice yearly NGO Roundtable Consultations at the ICC

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:*

***RADIO DARFUR: The role of media in conflict areas***

23 Mar 2009

Radio Dabanga is broadcasting since December 2008 in Darfur and in the refugee camps in Chad. The radio station does that in five different local languages, so that as many Darfuri as possible have access to independent reporting. Radio Darfur, a collaborative effort of Sudanese and Dutch journalists, make it possible and want to bring more attention to the conflict by, among other things, this debate in which the role of the media is central. How are international medias being manipulated and abused by several parties in the conflict? Which influence has the Medias on conflicts? Experts from several media and peace organizations will be share their knowledge and experiece with the the public, with the participation of Daniel van Oudenaren, American journalist working with the Sudan Tribune.

Attendance is free. Language: English/Dutch.

*Location: TUMULT, Domplein 5, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information see  
[www.tumultdebat.nl/newhtml/programma.shtml#tien](http://www.tumultdebat.nl/newhtml/programma.shtml#tien)

***Introducing Africa's New Human Rights Court***

23 Mar 2009

Judge Bernard Ngoepe, African Court on Human and Peoples Rights (to be confirmed)

Ms Sanji Mmasenono Monageng, Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Ms Nobuntu Mbelle, representative of African civil society

Against the backdrop of human tragedies in many countries of the continent, a new pan-African human rights court is about to open for

business.

The advent of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights marks the third instalment in efforts since the Second World War to create regional human rights courts. This new Court innovates in important ways, including its ability to enforce socio-economic and collective or 'group' rights.

On the eve of its first cases, this event aims to introduce the Court to a wider audience and explore the opportunities and many challenges it faces.

Chatham House will be launching a new briefing paper at this event by Sonya Sceats, Associate Fellow, International Law. The briefing paper is called "Africa's New Human Rights Court: Whistling in the Wind?" and will be available on the Chatham House website following the event.

This is a free meeting. The meeting will take place at Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LE.

*Location: London, England*

*Contact Information:* To register please email Irum Khan-Lodhi stating your name, affiliation and phone number: [ikhan-lodhi2@chathamhouse.org.uk](mailto:ikhan-lodhi2@chathamhouse.org.uk)

***SPECIALIZED HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM***

25 Mar 2009 - 12 June 2009

The 2009 Specialized Human Rights Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law is now accepting applications. Application due date is: May 1, 2009.

*Location: Washington DC, USA*

*Contact Information:* For further information, visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/>

Preliminary reflections on the start of the Lubanga trial from the perspectives of victims' rights  
25 Mar 2009

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture entitled ' Preliminary reflections on the start of the Lubanga trial from the perspectives of victims' rights' as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speakers: Justine Masika Bihamba, Coordinator, Synergy of Women Against Sexual Violence (SFVS), Democratic Republic of the Congo

And

Carla Ferstman, Director, REDRESS, United Kingdom  
Time: 7:30pm

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit [www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283](http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283) or e-mail: [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl)

***ASIL Task Force Issues Report on U.S. Policy Toward the International Criminal Court***  
27 Mar 2009

The American Society of International Law's (ASIL) independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward the International Criminal Court (ICC) will issue its report at a press conference

*Location: Lisagor Room of the National Press Club 529 14th St, NW, Washington, DC USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information about ASIL, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org). Contact: Ms. Sheila Ward(202) 939-6018 (desk), 202) 309-0510 (cell) or [sward@asil.org](mailto:sward@asil.org)

***The unfinished business of the UN international criminal tribunals of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda: the future role of the EU and its Member State***  
02 Apr 2009

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), REDRESS and International Criminal Law Services (ICLS) are honored to invite you to participate in the high level conference "The unfinished business of the UN international criminal tribunals of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda: the future role of the EU and its Member States". The conference is organised with the support of the European Parliament's Sub-Committee on Human Rights (DROI) and the Party of European Socialists (PSE) and will take place on 2 April 2009 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

The two United Nations (UN) International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda were established by the UN Security Council in 1993 and 1994 respectively to prosecute individuals responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The establishment of both Tribunals was an important recognition of the gravity and scale of the atrocities that had been committed, including genocide in both conflicts and other systematic, widespread and flagrant violations of international humanitarian law.

The one day conference takes place against the background of the closure of the Tribunals under the terms of the completion strategy of the UN Security Council, which refers to 2010 as the target date for the completion of appeals and other remaining work. The target date for completion of all first instance trials, originally the end of 2008, has only recently been extended to the end of 2009. However, it is doubtful that the courts will meet either deadline. A working group of the UN Security Council is currently examining the completion process. It is also considering what is referred to as the "residual" functions of the Tribunals. Residual functions refer to a range of judicial, prosecutorial and other functions that the Tribunals or successor bodies will have to perform for many years to come. One example of such functions is the eventual trial of high-level fugitives such as Ratko Mladic and Félicien Kabuga. Other examples are the continued protection and support of victims and witnesses and the continued enforcement of sentences of convicted persons after the "closure" of the Tribunals.

The conference therefore takes place at a crucial moment for both Tribunals. After 16/15 years of their existence and with their imminent "closure", it is now crucial to assess what has been accomplished and, in particular, what remains to be done to ensure that the remaining work of the Tribunals is completed properly and that their legacy is preserved for the future. The conference seeks to raise awareness of the key residual functions and issues and to explore the role of the EU and its Member States in supporting the post-closure process of both Tribunals.

We wish to bring together key stakeholders, including survivors, practitioners and policy makers from EU Member States, personnel of the two Tribunals, experts from civil society, Members of the European Parliament and civil servants from the European Institutions.

We would welcome your expertise and kindly invite you to attend.

*Location: European Parliament in Brussels*

*Contact Information:* For more information contact Jürgen Schurr, Project Coordinator 'Universal Jurisdiction'  
REDRESS/ FIDH, on 0032 26094425/juergen@redress.org

***The Reckoning The Battle for the International Criminal Court***

03 Apr 2009

3 April 2009, 7.30pm

The premiere of *The Reckoning* about the work of the ICC in the city of the ICC takes place in the presence of filmmakers Pamela Yates and Paco de Onis and Prosecutor of the ICC, Luis Moreno Ocampo.

Carel Kuyl (NOVA) will interview them after the screening about the results and struggles of the ICC and the Audience Engagement Campaign IJCentral, initiative of the makers.

Other viewing of *The Reckoning*:

4 April, 2pm, Filmhuis Den Haag, The Hague

*Location: Theater aan 't Spui, The Hague*

*Contact Information:* For more information see

<http://www.amnestyfilmfestival.nl/sequel/introduction>

### ***"Participation of PGA in the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly"***

06 Apr 2009 - 09 Apr 2009

Members of PGA from ACP countries and the European Parliament who will attend the ACP session will participate in discussion and will lead initiatives to mainstream debate on strengthening justice mechanisms, through the ICC and domestic institutions, as part of peace and development initiatives.

*Location: Prague, Czech Republic*

*Contact Information:* For more information contact: Deborah Ruiz Verduzco:

deborah.ruiz@pgaction.org

### ***"Giving Voice to the Voiceless: Bringing Stories of Atrocity to the World"***

08 Apr 2009

Journalists from Africa will discuss the critical need to bring Africa's evolving story of atrocities and justice to the world at large. Trained by the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, they investigate the work of the International Criminal Court in the field.

Co-sponsored with the Institute for War and Peace Reporting.

Jack Kahorha, Journalist, Democratic Republic of Congo

Bill Oketch, Journalist, Uganda

Muadi Mukenge, Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Global

Timings: 4 to 6 PM

Fund for Women

Cassandra Herrman, Producer, PBS Frontline

Peter Eichstaedt, Africa Editor, Institute for War and Peace Reporting

*Location: Stephens Hall, UCB Townsend Center for the Humanities, Geballe Room Free*

*Contact Information:*

### ***"Victims of War Crimes and the Search for Justice"***

09 Apr 2009

The International Criminal Court has been heralded as a "victim's court," but how will the Court make good on this promise? This panel will explore the challenges of bringing the voices of victims into criminal proceedings and what international courts and tribunals have done to meet some of these challenges.

Fiona McKay, Chief of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section, International Criminal Court  
Heather Ryan, Khmer Rouge Trial Monitor, Open Society Justice Initiative  
Eric Stover, Faculty Director, Human Rights Center  
Harvey Weinstein, Senior Research Fellow, Human Rights Center

Timings: 3 to 5 PM  
FREE

*Location: Stephens Hall, UCB Townsend Center for the Humanities, Geballe Room*

*Contact Information:*

***The Darfur Debate: the question of genocide, role of activism and ICC intervention with Professor Mahmood Mamdani and John Prendergast of Enough project***

14 Apr 2009

The venue for the Darfur Debate has been changed. Due to the significant interest in the Darfur Debate, we have changed the venue to Cowen Auditorium at Teachers College. The event will also be video-taped for those who cannot attend.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis

Professor Mahmood Mamdani is currently the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government in the Department of Anthropology and Political Science and the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, where he was also director of the Institute of African Studies from 1999 to 2004. He has taught at the University of Dar-es-Salaam (1973-79), Makerere University (1980-93), and University of Cape Town (1996-99) and was the founding director of Centre for Basic Research in Kampala, Uganda (1987-96). He is the author of *Savior and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror* (Pantheon, 2009); *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War and the Origins of Terror* (Pantheon 2004); *When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and Genocide in Rwanda* (Princeton 2001); *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (Princeton 1996); and ten other books. *Citizen and Subject* was recognized as "one of Africa's 100 best books of the 20th century" in Cape Town in 2003 and was also awarded the Herskovitz Prize of the African Studies Association of USA for "the best book on Africa published in the English language in 1996." He is from Kampala, Uganda. He received his PhD in government from Harvard University.

John Prendergast is a co-founder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity. During the Clinton administration, John was involved in a number of peace processes in Africa while he was director of African Affairs at the National Security Council and special advisor at the Department of State. John has also worked for members of Congress, the United Nations, human rights organizations, and think tanks, as well as having been a youth counselor and basketball coach in the United States. He has authored eight books on Africa, including *Not on Our Watch*, a New York Times bestseller and NAACP non-fiction book of the year that he co-authored with actor Don Cheadle. John is now working on two new books, one that focuses on his 20 years in the Big Brother program, and the other on human rights and peace advocacy. He is a visiting professor at the University of San Diego and the American University in Cairo.



Sponsored by The Institute of African Studies, the Center for African Education, the SIPA Pan-African Network, Humanitarian Affairs Working Group, Conflict Resolution Working Group, UN Studies Program Working Group, Arab Student Association, and the Center for International Conflict Resolution.

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*Location: Cowen Auditorium at Teachers College.*

*Contact Information:*

***The African Union, Darfur and the Question of Justice***

14 Apr 2009

Since 2004, the African Union has played a critical role in efforts to resolve the ongoing crisis in Darfur. >From facilitating peace negotiations in Abuja to deploying the region's first peacekeepers, the regional institution took a strong early lead in the international response. Although the United Nations has taken on an increasing role in recent years, the African Union remains a key partner in peacekeeping and mediation efforts.

More recently, the question of justice has come to the fore of this engagement, with the African Union reacting with consternation to the presentation of charges against Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir. Dismas Nkunda, Co-Chair of the Darfur Consortium and Co-Director of the International Refugee Rights Initiative, will present his perspectives on the role that the African Union has played in mediating the crisis so far and the impact that debates over international justice have had in its recent engagement.

In conjunction, we will be presenting the report *In the Interests of Justice? Prospects and Challenges for International Justice in Africa*, which provides an overview of how international justice concepts, mechanisms and strategies have been deployed in Africa since the creation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. It documents important developments, highlights opportunities and gaps and articulates areas of policy concern for a more effective deployment of international justice in Africa. The report provides a starting point for the building of an informed constituency for international justice on the continent that will serve to monitor and hold international justice to account in Africa.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

Timings:12:30 - 1:30PM

*Location: The Church Center 777 United Nations Plaza, New York*

*Contact Information:* Please RSVP by Monday, April 13 by sending an email to [rsvp@refugee-rights.org](mailto:rsvp@refugee-rights.org).

***Bahrain Human Rights International Film Festival screenings of "The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court"***

14 Apr 2009

The Bahrain Human Rights International Film Festival is the only human rights film festival in the Arab world (and a member of the rapidly expanding global Human Rights Film Network). The screening of "The Reckoning" promises to be very controversial since the Arab League has backed Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's call to revoke the ICC warrants issued against him.

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*Location: Manama, Bahrain*

*Contact Information:* <http://thereckoningfilm.com> and <http://www.bhriff.com/index.php>

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***Prevention, Peacemaking and Transitional Justice***

15 Apr 2009

Lecture by ICTJ President Juan E. Méndez.

This lecture series honors the life and work of Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., noted forensic pathologist and a founder of the University of Chicago Human Rights Program.

Argentinean advocate Juan E. Méndez has devoted his career to the defense of human rights throughout the Americas. His work on behalf of political prisoners of Argentina's military dictatorship in the 1970s resulted in his torture and administrative detention for over a year, during which time Amnesty International adopted him as a "Prisoner of Conscience."

After his release in the late 1970s, Mr. Méndez helped found Human Rights Watch, becoming the organization's general counsel in 1994. Mr. Méndez was the Executive Director of the Costa Rica-based Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (1996-99) and Professor and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana (1999-2004). He was Argentina's representative on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States from 2000-2003, serving both as Special Rapporteur on Migrants and as President. In July 2004, the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan appointed him as a Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide. He currently serves as the President of the International Center on Transitional Justice.

*Location: University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois*

*Contact Information:* human-rights@uchicago.edu

***ICTJ transitional justice workshop for journalists***

22 Apr 2009 - 23 Apr 2009

In partnership with El Colombiano newspaper

*Location: Medellín, Colombia*

*Contact Information:* Contact María Cristina Rivera, mrivera@ictj.org

***Launch Event: Guidelines for representing victims within the framework of Peace and Justice Law***

23 Apr 2009

Launch Event: Guidelines for representing victims within the framework of Peace and Justice Law

*Location: Bogotá, Colombia*

*Contact Information:* Contact María Cristina Rivera, mrivera@ictj.org

***FIGHTING IMPUNITY AND PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM***

27 Apr 2009 - 28 Apr 2009

Program for this two-day conference as follows:

*Monday 27 April 2009*

9.00-9.30 REGISTRATION

9.30-10.30 CONFERENCE WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, President, International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences
- H.E. Asda Jayanama, Former Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations
- H.E. Judge Sang-hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court

10.30-11.00 PRESENTATION OF OVERALL PROJECT AND REPORTS

- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni

11.00-12.00 PRESENTATION OF THE REGIONAL REPORT

- Professor Suzannah Linton, The University of Hong Kong, Department of Law

12.00-13.30 Lunch This project is funded by the European Union

15.00-16.15 WORKING GROUP I – POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IN ASIA

16.15-16.45 Tea Break

16.45-18.00 CONTINUED WORKING GROUP I – POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IN ASIA

*Tuesday 28 April 2009*

9.30-12.00 WORKING GROUP II – DRAFTING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 PLENARY SESSION TO DISCUSS OUTCOMES OF WORKING GROUPS & ADOPTION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATION

- Professor Suzannah Linton

15.00-16.15 CLOSING SESSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE IN ASIA

DEPARTURE OF INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

*Location: Bangkok, Thailand*

*Contact Information:*

"One World Human Rights Film Festival"

27 Apr 2009 - 01 May 2009

People in need, a Czech Human Rights NGO, is organizing a human rights film festival in the framework of the current Czech Presidency of the EU. The Festival has been opened in Prague from 11 to 19 March 2009 and will then travel to a further 29 towns and cities throughout the Czech Republic and in Europe, as well as in Washington DC. More than a hundred documentaries from nearly forty countries around the world will be screened. The One World festival will present the

third edition of its program highlights in Brussels, including a film on International Justice: The Reckoning (Pamela Yates/USA).

*Location: Brussels, Belgium*

*Contact Information:* please visit <http://www.clovekvtisni.cz/index2en.php?id=517>

***Documentary Screening of “The Reckoning: The Epic Story of the Battle for the International Criminal Court” (Pamela Yates/USA/2009100’)***

29 Apr 2009

18h30

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) invite you to the Screening of “The Reckoning”, to take place in Brussels on Wednesday 29 April 2009 at 18h30.

Skylight Pictures’ new documentary on the ICC will be screened in the framework of the One World Human Rights Film Festival (27 April- 4 May) , the largest human rights film festival in Europe, also sponsored by the Czech Presidency of the European Union.

The Reckoning tells the making of the International Criminal Court (ICC), from its early days to the latest situations and cases and arrest warrants. After following the ICC Prosecutor and his team for 3 years across 4 continents, it gives an account of victims’ tireless search for justice, as well as of the daunting challenges that the Court still faces, seven years after the entry into force of the Rome Statute.

The screening will be followed by a short discussion.  
Admission is free.

*Location: Residence Palace, Polak Room, Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels, Belgium*

*Contact Information:* Please confirm your participation to Virginie Amato, at: [amato@iccnw.org](mailto:amato@iccnw.org) or Tel. + 32 2 502 62 15

[See flyer](#)

***Soutenir, rapprocher et progresser : Les droits des victimes dans le cas des crimes contre l’humanité et des crimes de guerre***

30 Apr 2009

As part of Canada's National Victims Week, the research group Victimology and Restorative Justice is organizing a seminar on Victims of crimes against humanity and war crimes. This seminar, which is open to the public, will take place on Thursday April 30th at the University of Montreal. Speakers will include Director of the ICC- TFV André Laperrière, Professor Frédéric Mégret, and Professor Jo-Anne Wemmers.

*Location: University of Montreal, Canada*

*Contact Information:* Contact: Madame Émilie Raymond ; Telephone: 514-343-6111, extension 3665. [emilie.raymond@umontreal.ca](mailto:emilie.raymond@umontreal.ca)

Or check [www.cicc.umontreal.ca/recherche/victimologie/victimologie.html](http://www.cicc.umontreal.ca/recherche/victimologie/victimologie.html)

**"NGOs meetings; and Media and public awareness raising activities."**

01 May 2009 - 01 June 2009

The Human Rights Centre will organise a roundtable meeting with NGOs to discuss the ICC and its triggering mechanisms, with a particular focus on complementarity. The aim is to build a well-informed civil society, which can become a driving force in the fight against impunity and advocate for justice with the competent authorities. Journalists will be invited to a media club meeting in order to discuss the ICC and media's role in ensuring a correct understanding of the Court, its functioning and its limits. Three radio programmes to raise awareness and promote a better understanding of the Court's system among the general public.

*Location: Tbilisi, Georgia*

*Contact Information:* For more information contact Luisa Mascia: [mascia@iccnow.org](mailto:mascia@iccnow.org)

**Rabat Francophone Fellowship Program in Transitional Justice**

03 May 2009 - 24 May 2009

The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), in partnership with the Center for Cross-Cultural Learning of Rabat, is pleased to announce its 2009 francophone intensive course in Transitional Justice: a 3-week residential intensive course for 20 participants based in Rabat, Morocco.

**Program Highlights**

3 week intensive course designed for busy professionals

Costs fully covered by ICTJ (travel included)\*

Instructors with cutting-edge theoretical and practical knowledge of Transitional Justice

Small group of highly motivated participants aimed toward productive long-term collaboration

Case-studies including DRC, Burundi, Rwanda, East Timor, Morocco, Sierra Leone, and many other countries.

**OBJECTIVES:** The Fellowship program aims to provide transitional justice practitioners with the knowledge required to conceive and implement transitional justice policies and programs that are in line with international best practices and to foster long-term partnership among them.

**TOPICS:** The course covers key topics in transitional justice theory and practice, integrating gender based considerations. Participants will receive a rigorous theoretical introduction to the field coupled with case studies meant to enhance practical knowledge. They will be introducing the ongoing challenges of prosecutions, truth commissions, institutional reforms, and reparations in the DRC, Burundi, and Rwanda; lessons learned from the completed truth commissions of Morocco, Sierra Leone, and East Timor; and debate various options for accountability following a period of conflict or repressive rule. The curriculum will be supplemented with weekly sessions by expert field practitioners, site visits to local NGOs, and case studies of transitional initiatives across Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa.

**PROFILE OF CANDIDATES:** Participants will be selected from among lawyers, journalists, teachers, human rights professionals, social workers, or other democracy practitioners in similar professions from francophone countries grappling with transitional justice issues. Participants must have demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that their society deals with the past in a just and responsible manner. Fluency in French is required.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Selection for fellows is rigorous, and will be undertaken by a team of ICTJ experts and peer reviewers. Participants will be expected to contribute to relevant activities in his or her country/region after course completion.

*Contact Information:* \*A limited number of paying spots is available. For more information, please contact Patricia Karam, Deputy Director of ICTJ's Policymakers & Civil Society Unit, via email: [pkaram@ictj.org](mailto:pkaram@ictj.org).

To apply, click [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IFUajtoWtsosSjYi\\_2fYr9UQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IFUajtoWtsosSjYi_2fYr9UQ_3d_3d)  
APPLICATION DEADLINE : February 27th, 2009

***"THE RECKONING" screening at San Francisco International Film Festival***

03 May 2009

The Reckoning will be in the competition at the San Francisco International Film Festival. Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 PM -- Sundance Kabuki Cinemas, San Francisco Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 PM -- Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley Wednesday, May 6 at 6:15 PM -- Sundance Kabuki Cinemas, San Francisco

*Location: San Francisco, CA*

*Contact Information:* <http://thereckoningfilm.com> and <http://www.bhriff.com/index.php>

***Accountability After Mass Atrocity: Latin American and African Examples in Comparative Perspective***

06 May 2009

May 6, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The past several decades have seen the rise of criminal prosecutions-through local, national, regional, and international institutions-as a means of holding alleged perpetrators accountable for war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity, and other serious offenses. Critiques and assessments of these options have also increased. The moment is ripe not only for evaluating the efficacy and appropriateness of accountability efforts but also for raising foundational questions about the principles that underlie responses to mass atrocity. This conference will explore existing and emergent institutions of accountability after mass atrocity from an explicitly comparative perspective. Nations in Latin America and Africa have seen considerable, yet quite different, attention to accountability. This conference will offer scholars and practitioners an opportunity to examine the variety and varied success of justice initiatives in these contexts.

Participants will explore differences in each context with respect to conceptualizing key actors, such as victims, perpetrators, impartial judges, witnesses, and others, and also core concepts, such as accountability, justice, sovereignty, healing, transnationalism, reparations, reconciliation, among others. Moreover, the conference is especially concerned to examine the role of regional and international courts in accountability efforts in each context, and particularly their effects on domestic initiatives, thus shedding light on several key issues from a comparative perspective.

*Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave, Washington, D.C. , USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information please visit <http://www.ictj.org/en/news/event/2556.html>. Due to limited seating availability, please RSVP to Anne O'Dell at [aodell@gmu.edu](mailto:aodell@gmu.edu) by April 27.

***Seminar on International Criminal Justice: The Role of the International Criminal Court***

10 May 2009

The permanent UN missions of Guatemala, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Slovenia and Trinidad and Tobago are co-organizing this seminar, which will include a presentation by Judge Song, President of the International Criminal Court.

*Location: United Nations Headquarters, New York*

*Contact Information:*

***“Welcome to Gulu” exhibition***

12 May 2009

12 May 2009

6:00pm – 9:00pm Cocktail Gala.

“Welcome to Gulu” exhibition and benefit art sale of paintings created by former child soldiers and abducted girls and the Appointment Ceremony of Ross Bleckner as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Proceed from the sale of works in the exhibition, as well as portraits taken by Bleckner, benefit Gulu children: \$250 per Gulu Guest, \$5,000 for Gulu Patron (10 tickets, signed limited edition catalog, and special acknowledgement in event program) By check (payable to the United Nations Foundation – please note “for UNODC” in the memo portion) Please send checks to: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, attn: S. Monasebian, 1 UN Plaza, DC1-613, NY NY 10017

Business Attire or National Dress

*Location: United Nations Delegates Dining Room First Avenue at 46th Street New York City*

*Contact Information:* For more information or to pay by credit card contact:

Monasebian@un.org / 212-963-5631 / Fax: 212-963-4185

***Donations are tax-deductible to the maximum amount permitted by law.***

“The Uganda situation”

13 May 2009

13 May 2009 – 7:30pm

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture on “The Uganda Situation” as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speaker: Ms. Silvana Arbia, Registrar, International Criminal Court

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Houtstraat 5-7, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit

[www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283](http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283) or e-mail: [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl)

***International Conference***

13 May 2009



International Conference: Justice in El Salvador, organized by the Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo, Capitulo El Salvador.

Primer panel: at 8:00 am to 12:00 md

Segundo panel at 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm

*Location: : Hotel Intercontinental, Salón Arboledas. San Salvador*

*Contact Information:* Miguel Montenegro- Salvadorean Coalition for the ICC at cdhes78@yahoo.es

### ***45th Session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights***

13 May 2009 - 26 May 2009

The African Commission on Human and People's Rights will discuss the human rights situation in Africa; the cooperation and relationship with national human rights institutions and non governmental organizations and; the mission reports of various special rapporteurs and working groups.

*Location: Banjul, The Gambia*

*Contact Information:* For more information, contact the African Commission by e-mail: achpr@achpr.org or visit its website: www.achpr.org

### ***EUROPOL & EUROJUST: Their Role in EU Police and Judicial Cooperation***

14 May 2009 - 15 May 2009

The T.M.C. Asser Institute is organising a new tailor-made training course on Police and Judicial Cooperation between the EU Member States, in close collaboration with EUROPOL and EUROJUST this May: EUROPOL & EUROJUST: Their Role in EU Police and Judicial Cooperation. The general aim of this course is to share knowledge and experience and to develop networks and strengthen cooperation between participants working in the field of Freedom, Security and Justice. The contributions of Europol and Eurojust to this programme will provide participants with a clear insight into the functioning of these two EU bodies and the way they cooperate and interact among each other as well as with authorities of the Member States and with other law enforcement bodies. The lecture programme will consist of morning sessions at the T.M.C. Asser Institute and afternoon sessions at both Europol and Eurojust respectively. Topics include the changes in the Lisbon Treaty, cooperation between Europol/Eurojust, other forms of international cooperation, the European Arrest Warrant, Cross Channel cooperation, Joint Investigation Teams, and the shadow side of international cooperation, such as data protection and privacy issues.

*Location: The Hague*

*Contact Information:* For more information see <http://www.asser.nl/europol-eurojust>

### ***Unity or Fragmentation of International Law - the Role of International and National Tribunals***

14 May 2009 - 15 May 2009

The conference is organized as part of the International Tribunals Project at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, in cooperation with COST Action IS0602: International Law in Domestic Courts,

chaired by the Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam. The second day of the Conference is also a Colloquium under the series of academic meetings linked to the project International Law in Domestic Courts (ILDC). The ILDC Online Service has been publicly accessible from Oxford University Press since January 2007. The Conference program will consist of four main sessions: Methods of interpretation by international tribunals; Jurisdictional overlaps between international tribunals and compliance mechanisms; Dialogue or conflict between international tribunals and national courts; and Interpretation and application of international law in national courts.

*Location: Oslo, Norway*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit  
<http://jus.uio.no/forskning/grupper/intrel/nyheter/2008/oslo-conference-2009.xml>

### ***Prosecuting Serious Crimes***

16 May 2009

The Joint Role of National and International Courts, organised by the Reykjavik University School of Law. The keynote speaker is the ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo.

Timings: 9:45-13:00

*Location: Verzlunarskoli Islands, Ofanleiti 1, Reykjavik*

*Contact Information:* Thordis Ingadottir, Associate Professor, Domac Director and PICT Co-Director at: [thi@ru.is](mailto:thi@ru.is)

### ***Prevention of and response to mass atrocity crimes, what did we learn?***

18 May 2009

Monday 18 May, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

<http://www.conflictconference.com/>

2009: it is now 15 years since the Rwandan genocide, 30 years since the end of the mass killing in Cambodia and 10 years since the ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. For that reason three distinguished guest speakers will come together in Amsterdam to discuss the lessons the international community has learned on ways to prevent such human disasters from taking place in, amongst other places, the African Great Lakes region, as well as how to respond significantly to the rebuilding of the devastated states and nations and helped the affected peoples regain their dignity to mass atrocities in that region and elsewhere. These individuals have either lived through some of these horrors or have contributed significantly to the rebuilding of the devastated states and nations and helped the affected peoples regain their dignity.

Speakers will be:

The President of the International Crisis Group:  
Mr. Gareth Evans.

The former International President of Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières and receiver of the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of MSF in 1999: the Canadian Doctor James Orbinski.

The UN Force Commander of the peace-keeping mission before and during the 1994 Rwandan genocide:  
Lt-General Roméo Dallaire.

Chair of the day:  
Former UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Sudan:  
Mr. Jan Pronk.

*Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:*

***Seminar on "International Criminal Justice: The Role of the International Criminal Court"***  
19 May 2009

The seminar co-organized by Permanent Missions of Guatemala, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Slovenia and Trinidad and Tobago aims to provide an opportunity for representatives of States in New York to reflect on key issues in international criminal justice and the application of the Rome Statute, ten years after its adoption.

The seminar will feature a key note address by H.E. Mr. Sang-Hyun Song, President of the ICC, who will have the opportunity to address the representatives of the Permanent Missions to the UN for the first time after being elected President of the Court on 11 March 2009. There will also be an address by H.E. Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Legal Counsel of the UN.

Q & A will follow a panel titled "Ten years of the Rome Statute: prospects and challenges for the Court" addressing:

- Historical perspectives and situations before the Court
- The relationship between the ICC and the United Nations
- Universality, implementation and cooperation
- Review Conference
- Regional perspectives

CICC Convenor, William Pace, is a featured panelist among numerous others. His remarks will focus on "Universality, Cooperation and Complementarity."

Timings:10:00-1:00PM

*Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Secretariat in New York*

*Contact Information:*

***"Genocide, justice, and the problem of impunity"***  
20 May 2009

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture entitled "Genocide, justice, and the problem of impunity" as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speaker: Dr. Ton Zwaan, Researcher, Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit [www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283](http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=283) or e-mail: [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl)

***International conference: "Experiences of Truth-Seeking" (South Africa, Peru, Chile, Paraguay)***

21 May 2009

International conference: "Experiences of Truth-Seeking" (South Africa, Peru, Chile, Paraguay)

*Location: Bogotá, Colombia*

*Contact Information:* Contact Marcela Birceño-donn: [mbircenodonn@ictj.org](mailto:mbircenodonn@ictj.org)

***International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC), "Specialization course in international criminal law".***

24 May 2009 - 03 June 2009

ISISC will organize the Ninth Specialization Course on "The Legal Status and Responsibilities of Non-state Actors Under International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law and International Human Rights Law". The course will be sponsored by the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (Siracusa, Italy), the University of Palermo Faculty of Law (Palermo, Italy), the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland (Galway, Ireland), the International Association of Penal Law (Paris, France) and the NATO School (Oberammergau, Germany).

*Location: Siracusa, Italy*

*Contact Information:* <http://www.isisc.org/PagesSubICL.asp?SubHome=11&Menu=4>

***"Preserving the legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone: Challenges and Lessons learned in Prosecuting Grave Crimes in Sierra Leone"***

26 May 2009

26 May 2009 – 7:30pm

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Speaker: Joseph Kamara, Deputy Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

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### ***Africa Regional Strategy Meeting***

27 May 2009

The CICC is holding its biannual Africa Regional Strategy Meeting for members from 27-29 May. During the conference, special focus will be placed on how to build civil society participation in situation countries, how to improve the perception of the ICC in Africa and how to develop strategies for cooperation, ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute on the continent.

*Location: Kampala, Uganda*

*Contact Information:* [info@iccnw.org](mailto:info@iccnw.org)

### ***Addressing the Need for a Regional Civilian Protection Initiative in the Middle East and North Africa***

02 June 2009

On 2 and 3 June 2009, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies and Human Rights Watch are hosting a regional meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, to discuss the problem of targeting of civilians from perspectives of IHL and Islamic law. The meeting aims at promoting common understanding of legal and ethical imperatives to end such attacks and hold accountable those responsible; discussing the role of opinion-shapers in generating critical attitudes towards targeting civilians, especially in societies and sectors that support goals of perpetrators; and creating a framework for next steps.

*Location: Alexandria, Egypt*

*Contact Information:* For more information, see <http://www.cihrs.org/>

### ***"11 YEARS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE ROME STATUTE Limits in the practice of States on Cooperation with the Court and Remedies available through the enactment of National Implementing Legislation"***

03 June 2009

3 June 2009 – 7:30pm

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture on the 11 years of the Rome Statute as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speaker: Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA).

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

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***CICC Press Briefing: Global Coalition for the ICC Urges Security Council to Support the Enforcement of the ICC Judges' Decision Calling for the Arrest***  
04 June 2009

The Coalition for the ICC (CICC) will be hosting a [media briefing](#) in advance of the ninth address by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Luis Moreno-Ocampo to the United Nations Security Council regarding his investigation in Darfur, Sudan, currently scheduled for Friday, 5 June 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The Coalition urges the Security Council to Support the Enforcement of the ICC Judges' Decision Calling for the Arrest of President Al-Bashir, Ahmed Harun and Ali Kushayb.

*Location: Thursday, 4 June 2009, 11:00 a.m.*

*Contact Information:* United Nations; To follow the Coalition's briefing via live UN Webcast, visit [www.un.org/webcast](http://www.un.org/webcast), channel 2

***ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo addresses the United Nations Security Council on his investigations in Darfur, Sudan as part of his bi-annual report update.***  
05 June 2009

ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo addresses the United Nations Security Council on his investigations in Darfur, Sudan as part of his bi-annual report update.

*Location: United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA*

*Contact Information:*

Tentatively scheduled informal intersessional meeting of the working group on the crime of aggression in New York.  
08 June 2009 - 10 June 2009

Hosted by the Liechtenstein Institute and the NYC Princeton club

*Location: Liechtenstein Institute and the NYC Princeton club New York, NY*

*Contact Information:*

***International Conference on Fighting Impunity and Promoting International Justice***  
08 June 2009

On 8 June the International Conference on Fighting Impunity and Promoting International Justice will take place in the Peace Palace. It is organised by the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) in conjunction with the European Commission, the International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI), the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal (AIDP) and the Irish Centre of Human Rights (ICHR) through the contribution of the EuropeAid Office of the European Commission and the local support of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies and T.M.C. Asser Institute.

This conference will provide the opportunity for members of civil society, NGO's, government officials and experts to meet and discuss the Chicago Principles on Post-Conflict Justice as well as provide recommendations for the future implementation of post-conflict justice modalities. The conference opening will begin with a welcome by Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, President, International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences followed by H.E. Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Minister of Justice, The Netherlands. Then each President or Representative of the international tribunals will speak, as follows: Judge Hisashi Owada, President, International Court of Justice; Judge Sang-hyun Song, President, International Criminal Court; Judge Renate Winter, President, Special Court of Sierra Leone; Judge Charles Michael Dennis Byron, President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; and Representatives from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. The afternoon sessions include discussion on the project's Regional Conferences (Margaret Zimmerman), International and Domestic Prosecutions (Dr. Nadia Bernaz), An Overview of Truth Commissions and other investigative bodies as Post-Conflict Justice Tools (Dr. Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm), Reparations in International Law and Practice (Professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza) and a Global Comparison of Amnesty Laws (Dr. Louise Mallinder).

*Location: Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information please visit <http://www.isisc.org/PagesSubHome.asp?SubHome=37&Menu=2> Please register through: [pcj@isisc.org](mailto:pcj@isisc.org) . Also note that to enter the Peace Palace you need to take your ID and invitation or confirmation of your registration.

### ***Is support for the ICC wavering in Africa?***

09 June 2009

9 June 2009 – 19:30

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting - The Netherlands and the Open Society Justice Initiative in cooperation with Radio Netherlands Worldwide and the City of The Hague is organising a panel discussion on June 9th starting at 19:30.

The event is hosted by Justice Richard J. Goldstone, former war crimes prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda (ICTY & ICTR) and The Hague's first Spinoza Fellow.

Topic: Is support for the ICC wavering in Africa?

Panellists: Richard J. Goldstone, Silvana Arbia, Registrar for the International Criminal Court, Chidi Odinkalu Anselm, Senior Legal Officer at the Justice Initiative and Jack Kahorha, IWPR Journalist in the DRC.

Moderator: Sebastiaan Gottlieb, Radio Netherlands Worldwide.

The panel discussion will be broadcast on Radio Netherlands Worldwide.

Attendance is free but limited. Kindly R.S.V.P. before 5 June to [moniquel@iwpr.net](mailto:moniquel@iwpr.net).

*Location: Museum voor Communicatie (Museum for Communication), Zeestraat 82 in The Hague.*

*Contact Information:* Further information please contact: Monique Legerman at IWPR, [moniquel@iwpr.net](mailto:moniquel@iwpr.net) or +31 70-7560533.

### ***"Immunities of State Officials under the ICC Statute"***

10 June 2009

10 June 2009 – 7:30pm

The T.M.C. Asser Institute, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) are organizing a lecture entitled "Immunities of State Officials under the ICC Statute" as part of the Spring 2009 Series of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series.

Speaker: Professor Errol Mendes, Professor of International and Human Rights Law, University of Ottawa

Attendance is free. Coffee and tea provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit

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### ***Crimes Against Humanity Initiative: Hague Intersessional Experts' Meeting***

11 June 2009

The Hague Intersessional Experts' Meeting represents the second of three major conferences to be convened during the course of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative commenced by the Harris World Law Institute to study the need for, and elements of, a comprehensive convention on crimes against humanity and to draft such a treaty. This meeting will be held at the Campus Den Haag of Leiden University and is being co-sponsored by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Generously funded by a leadership grant from Steven Cash Nickerson and by the United States Institute of Peace. Special Thanks to the City of The Hague.

*Location: Leiden University – Campus Den Haag*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please see

<http://law.wustl.edu/crimesagainsthumanity/index.asp?id=7113> or contact Linda McClain, Assistant Director, Harris World Law Institute, E-mail: [lmcclain@wulaw.wustl.edu](mailto:lmcclain@wulaw.wustl.edu)

### ***"The Reckoning" documentary premiere***

12 June 2009

The film will screen at 7 p.m.

The Reckoning is a documentary film that highlights the challenges of the International Criminal Court's first years. The founding of the Court was hailed as one of the most important milestones in the human rights movement and is now at the center of the global debate on peace, security, and the future of justice. The film follows Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo for three years across four continents, as he and his team work to issue arrest warrants for rebel leaders in Uganda, prepare to put Congolese warlords on trial, and challenge the UN Security Council in the effort to indict Sudan's president for the Darfur massacres. The Reckoning was an Official Selection at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival and will be broadcast nationally on PBS on July 14th.

*Location: Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater, located at 165 W. 65th Street, New York, USA*

*Contact Information:* Contact Information: For more information on the film and its' screenings, please visit: [http://skylightpictures.com/site/film\\_detail/the\\_reckoning/](http://skylightpictures.com/site/film_detail/the_reckoning/) or [www.hrw.org/iff](http://www.hrw.org/iff)



"The Reckoning" documentary premiere  
12 June 2009

"The Reckoning" documentary premiere in New York City.  
June 12 2009

An insightful documentary that follows two riveting dramas—the prosecution of unspeakable crimes and the International Criminal Court’s fight for justice. The International Criminal Court represents the most ambitious attempt ever to apply the rule of law on a global scale and to protect the most basic human rights. Launched in 2002, it is the first permanent international court set up to prosecute individuals for crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide. THE RECKONING follows ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo for three years across four continents as he and his team tirelessly issue arrest warrants for Lord’s Resistance Army leaders in Uganda, prepare to put Congolese warlords on trial, challenge the UN Security Council to help indict Sudan’s president for the Darfur massacres, and shake up the Colombian justice system. Moreno-Ocampo has a mandate but no police force. At every turn he must put pressure on the international community to muster political clout for the cause. As this tiny court in The Hague struggles to change the world and forge a new paradigm for justice, victims suffer and wait. Will the court succeed and will the world ensure that justice prevails? \*Official selection, Sundance Film Festival 2009. The Reckoning will have a national broadcast on POV on July 14, 2009.

*Location: Lincoln Center, New York, USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information on the film and its' screenings, please visit:  
[http://skylightpictures.com/site/film\\_detail/the\\_reckoning/](http://skylightpictures.com/site/film_detail/the_reckoning/) or [www.pov.org](http://www.pov.org).

***“Regional Conference on Promoting the Legacy of International Tribunals”***

15 June 2009

In cooperation with the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, UNICRI is organising a regional conference on "Promoting the Legacy of International Tribunals", with the contribution of the Prosecutor’s Office of the Court of BiH, in Sarajevo, 15-16 June 2009.

*Location: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

*Contact Information:* Please contact Francesco Miorin at [miorin@unicri.it](mailto:miorin@unicri.it) or check [www.unicri.it](http://www.unicri.it)

***Irish Centre for Human Rights Summer School Sessions on ICC and Rights of Minorities and Indigenous***

15 June 2009 - 26 June 2009

The Irish Centre for Human Rights runs annually two Summer Schools; one on International Criminal Court and one that focuses on the rights of Minorities and Indigenous peoples. Both courses offer five days of intensive lectures delivered by specialist on the fields and a series of social events, providing a fruitful environment for knowledge, debate, stimulation and social interaction.

This year the summer schools are being run back-to-back in order to provide participants with the opportunity to attend both summer schools. Registration deadline is April 30th 2009, so make sure you register now in order to secure your place.

*Location: Location: Galway, Ireland*

*Contact Information:* For all information, details and registration, please visit the Summer Schools' website:

***Minority Rights, Indigenous People and Human Rights Law***

Summer School

June 15-20 2009 (\*check in 14 June, check out 20 June)

[www.nuigalway.ie/human\\_rights/summer\\_schools.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/human_rights/summer_schools.html)

Questions and Queries: [s.megy1@nuigalway.ie](mailto:s.megy1@nuigalway.ie)

***International Criminal Court***

Summer School

June 21-26 2009 (\*check in on 21 June, check out 27 June)

[www.nuigalway.ie/human\\_rights/summer\\_schools.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/human_rights/summer_schools.html)

Questions and Queries: MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "groups.yahoo.com" claiming to be [icccsummercourse@hotmail.com](mailto:icccsummercourse@hotmail.com)

Colloquium on Sexual Violence as International Crime: interdisciplinary approaches to evidence  
16 June 2009 - 18 June 2009

This Interdisciplinary Colloquium will focus on innovations and challenges of empirical and other information gathering techniques to build evidence for the prosecution of cases of sexual violence. The focus will include such aspects as the development of new kinds of social scientific, archival and medical data collection techniques; the development of evidence in relation to charges ranging from sexual slavery to crimes against humanity and genocide; and evidentiary and procedural differences involved in prosecuting sexual victimization in domestic versus international courts.

To meet the Colloquium's goal of familiarizing participants from different fields with the overlapping possibilities and challenges they confront in advocating and assisting in the prosecution of sexual violence as international crime, the Colloquium will feature both plenary panels and working group sessions. This will include social scientists, court and aid workers, medical personnel, psychologists, journalists, and activists.

The colloquium is a joint effort by Center on Law and Globalization of the University of Illinois College of Law and American Bar Foundation in cooperation with The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University/Campus The Hague and The International Victimology Institute Tilburg (INTERVICT), Tilburg University

Attendance is open upon registration. Please specify in your registration which day and which working group session you wish to attend.

*Location: The colloquium will opened at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bezuidenhoutseweg 67 and further sessions will be held at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies in the Auditorium at Lange Houstraat 5-7 in The Hague, Netherlands.*

*Contact Information:* For more information see:

<http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=323> .

***Launch of Book on Criminal Liability of Political and Military Leaders Olasolo 17 June 2009***

17 June 2009

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies presents the launching of the book "Criminal Responsibility of Senior Political and Military Leaders as Principles to International Crimes, Hart Publishing, 2009

by Prof. Dr. Hector Olasolo (ICC, Utrecht). Among the speakers: Dr. Carsten Stahn (Director of Grotius Centre), Judge Sir Adrian Fulford (ICC), Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova (ICC); Richard Hardt (Hard Managing Director) and Prof. Dr. Olasolo (ICC, Utrecht University)

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ON 17 JUNE, AT CAMPUS THE HAGUE,

LANGE VOORHOUT 44, 18:00

PROGRAMME

18: 00: Welcome: Dr. Carsten Stahn, Programme Director, Grotius Centre

18.00 - 18.15: Address by Judge Sir Adrian Fulford (ICC)

18.15 – 18.30: Address by Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova (ICC)

18.30 - 18.45: Address by Richard Hart, Managing Director Hart Publishing

18.45 – 19.00: Presentation by Prof. Dr. Hector Olasolo, ICC, Utrecht University

Reception

With the kind support of Hart Publishing, Oxford

*Location: Campus Den Haag, The Hague, the Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For further information, visit Leiden University Website at <http://www.leidenuniv.nl/en/index.html>

***The End of Impunity? The future of international criminal justice***

17 June 2009

17 June 2009, 19.30 - 22.30

The City of The Hague and Radio Netherlands Worldwide are organising a series of debates about international peace and justice. The aim is to stimulate the dialogue on issues in these fields. The debates are open to all interested; admission is free.

The third Hague Debate is planned on 17 June 2009 to discuss the future of international criminal justice.

Debaters:

Mr. Richard Goldstone, The Hague Peace Philosopher 2009 and former chief prosecutor at the

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda  
Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court  
Mr. Stephen Rapp, chief prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone  
Moderator: Roderik van Grieken, Het Debat Instituut

In this debate public and experts will discuss three theses:

1. Spending billions in Domestic Justice would achieve far more than spending it on The Hague Tribunals
2. Prosecutors should never take political circumstances into account
3. The ICC will be a toothless tiger without the ratification of the major powers.

Shortly after the debate a resume of the debate will be available on this website. The debate will be broadcast worldwide by Radio Netherlands Worldwide.

To see the detailed program, [click here](#).

*Location: The Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Admission is free; [registration](#) is obligatory before 15 June 2009. More information at: <http://blogs.rnw.nl/thehaguedebates/>

***"Strategy Meeting on the politics of international justice: impact and effectiveness of the ICC – Towards the Review Conference of the Rome Statute"***

18 June 2009 - 19 June 2009

18-19 June

To be hosted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower Chamber of the Parliaments of the Netherlands, leading PGA members from State and Non States Parties will meet in The Hague to receive in-depth briefings from experts of concerned governments, international organizations and NGOs on the most urgent challenges currently facing the ICC, including, but not limited to:

- (i) the role of the ICC within the broader international peace and security framework,
- (ii) UN-ICC cooperation, and
- (iii) strategies to strengthen the tools and mandate of the ICC, including the effective enforcement of its decisions and orders

The outcome of this Strategy Meeting will allow the PGA Secretariat to calibrate and re-calibrate the diverse methodology, tools and materials that PGA members have at their disposal to utilize in advocating their Governments to support the ICC, and in shaping PGA strategy in support of the Court in the run up to the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of 2010, including the Agenda and priorities for the 6th session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the ICC & the Rule of Law, to be held in the first half of 2010.

Items in the agenda and Anticipated Results include:

- (a) Elaboration of strategies and policies to advance States' cooperation with the ICC, especially in respect of the need to execute pending arrest warrants
- (b) Evaluation of the impact of ICC interventions on different peace processes and negotiations
- (c) Discussion on the progress and work of the States Parties concerning the crime of aggression
- (d) Discussion on amendments/proposals to be submitted by States Parties to the Review Conference of the Rome Statute to be held in Kampala, Uganda in May or June 2010
- (e) Country reports on the status of ratification and implementation and strategic analysis of the results so far achieved by the PGA ICC Campaign
- (f) Discussion on specific areas of implementation
- (i) Sustainable budgetary contributions and investments in human resources to enhance the fight against impunity at the National level and via the ICC
- (ii) Reparations and other assistance for victims of international crimes through the Trust Fund for Victims of the ICC and other primary or complementary mechanisms

Location: Parliament of The Netherlands (Tweede Kamer), The Hague, Netherlands

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***National University of Ireland: "IHRN Applying Human Rights Based Approaches Conference".***

21 June 2009 - 26 June 2009

The aim of this International Human Rights Network (IHRN) training programme is to enhance skills of participants in applying Human Rights Based Approaches to Justice Sector Reform. It will facilitate the development of knowledge and skills regarding: legal principles, policies and practice underpinning human rights based approaches to justice sector reform; inter-linkages between sector actors (law enforcement, judicial, corrections, etc); relationship between the justice sector and related terms such as 'security sector', 'rule of law', 'good governance'; Human Rights Based needs assessment, programme design, implementation, as well as mentoring, monitoring & evaluation; Programming tools and checklists (including Human Rights Based benchmarks and indicators of change); Case studies from national contexts as well as international field missions (including conflict and post-conflict). The programme is aimed at justice sector professionals in developing and industrialised countries, as well as international field missions: state, non-state and international civil servants (UN agencies, EC, etc); as well as policy advisors, project managers and consultants. (Additional dates for this training programme will shortly be announced for September 2009).

*Location: Maynooth, Ireland*

*Contact Information:* [http://www.ihrnetwork.org/justice-sector-reform\\_202.htm](http://www.ihrnetwork.org/justice-sector-reform_202.htm) .

***Grotius Center Bilingual Summer School***

22 June 2009 - 03 July 2009

This two-week intensive course from June 22 till July 3 aims at providing an insight into the core topics of international criminal law, and is intended for students who want to deepen their knowledge in international criminal law in a brief period of time. Scholars and professionals from various international legal organisations, such as the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia will contribute to this course. Part of the lectures of this Summer School will be in English, and part in French. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information see:  
<http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=276>

***Stockholm University: "Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2009".***

22 June 2009 - 24 June 2009

The Swedish Government has commissioned the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) to arrange the Stockholm Criminology Symposium and to make it an annual event. Brå is an agency under the Swedish Ministry of Justice and functions as an expert body within the field of criminal policy. Brå arranges the symposium in collaboration with agencies within the Swedish criminal justice system, Stockholm University and University of Pennsylvania. The themes will be: When Mankind is the Victim; Counteracting Organised Crime and Contemporary Criminology.

*Location: Sweden*

*Contact Information:* [http://www.criminologyprize.com/extra/pod/?module\\_instance=2](http://www.criminologyprize.com/extra/pod/?module_instance=2)

***Leiden University's Campus: "Seventh Bilingual Summer School on International Criminal Law".***

22 June 2009 - 03 July 2009

This year's summer school announced by the Grotius Centre is meant for students who want to deepen their knowledge of international criminal law in a brief period of time. Professionals from the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and influential scholars will contribute to this course. The main themes are: International courts and tribunals; Substantive International Criminal Law; and Procedural International Criminal Law. Additionally, exercise sessions will be held on the topics of implementation and cross-examination techniques.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=276>

***How It Ends - 2009 Lobby Days***

22 June 2009 - 23 June 2009

On 22 – 23 June 2009, the "How It Ends" 2009 Lobby Days will be organized in Washington D.C. where thousands of people from across the country will come together to pressure leaders to put an end to Joseph Kony's two-decade reign of terror and help put the region on track toward lasting peace. In addition to meetings with Congress, the program also includes lobbying trainings, some very high-profile speakers, a kick-off rally and a concert in front of the White House.

*Location: Washington D.C., USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit: <http://www.howitends.tv/>

For registration, please click here:

<http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=x8On8OzURLrKp6yDZpIJTeYmfp4Jxd83>

***International Criminal Law Network Annual Reception: Guest of honour Judge Sang-Hyun Song***

23 June 2009

23 June 2009 - 17:00 - 19:00

The International Criminal Law Network (ICLN) is organising its Annual Reception on 23 June 2009. The guest of honour will be President of the International Criminal Court, Judge Sang-Hyun Song. The reception will include comments of new ICC President on the topic: "The International Criminal Court - Putting Principles into Practice"

Attendance is free of charge and during the reception catering will be provided. Registration needed.

*Location: Haagse Lobby, 10th floor of Public Library, Spui 68, The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Please inform Ms. Justyna Smialek by e-mail ([secretary@icln.net](mailto:secretary@icln.net)) whether you wish to attend this meeting. You are invited to bring along guests.

***Conference: "The International Criminal Court and Gender"***

24 June 2009

Conference: "The International Criminal Court and Gender", organized by the Supreme Court of Justice. See [flyer](#)

*Location: Mexico City, Mexico*

*Contact Information:* For further information, contact Dr. Paulina Vega at [paulinavg@yahoo.com](mailto:paulinavg@yahoo.com)

***The Role of the Legal Profession in Combating Torture and other CRUEL, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment***

25 June 2009

13.00 – 18.00

Held on the occasion of ASF's 17th Annual General Assembly Meeting, this Conference will explore some of the old as well as emerging challenges to the prevention of torture and will bring together international law experts and practitioners with specific insights based on cases involving torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. Aiming to contribute to a greater commitment towards combating torture among lawyers and the human rights community in Belgium and globally, this event will provide a forum for reflection and the sharing of experience on these challenges and how to address them. The workshop principally targets lawyers and legal professionals based in Brussels but will also be attended by members of the human rights community, policy makers and academics.

The working language of the workshop will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation



provided in both languages and in Dutch to registered participants. The Conference shall be followed by a reception.

*Location: "Maison des Associations Internationales – Salle Magistrat" 40 Rue Washington – 1050 Brussels*

*Contact Information:* For further information, please visit or contact Géraldine de Vries at [asfconference2009@asf.be](mailto:asfconference2009@asf.be) or at [gdevries@asf.be](mailto:gdevries@asf.be)

***The Hague Prize for International Law 2009: Special session 2009***

26 June 2009

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) will hold a special session with Dame Rosalyn Higgins, winner of The Hague Prize for International Law 2009. The session will start with a public interview with Dame Higgins facilitated by journalist Ms. Heikelien Verrijn Stuart. The interview is followed by a question & answer session with the audience.

Session from 16.30 until 17.30

Reception from 17.30 until 19.00

*Location: The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Campus The Hague, Leiden University), at Lange Houtstraat 5 in The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Registration: Please register at [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl) ; for more information, please consult the Grotius Centre website at <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/>

***National University of Ireland: "Measuring Justice: Justice Sector Evaluation & Human Rights".***

26 June 2009

The conference takes place at the conclusion of the IHRN Training. Measuring justice is a priority for a wide range of individuals and institutions. It is central to enhancing good governance including rule of law, combating corruption, addressing impunity and building effective, accountable justice sector reform. The purpose of this IHRN conference is to facilitate the pooling of evaluation experience, to identify best practice and lessons for the future, with particular reference to measuring human rights impact. Plenary discussions and sub-group sessions will explore a range of topics in light of the interface between best practice evaluation and human rights based approaches.

*Location: Maynooth, Ireland*

*Contact Information:* [http://www.ihrnetwork.org/international-conference-2009\\_231.htm](http://www.ihrnetwork.org/international-conference-2009_231.htm)

***Grotius Centre: "Marie Curie Top Summer School 2009".***

29 June 2009 - 10 July 2009

The purpose of this Summer School is to encourage high-level and interactive research among PhD candidates in Public International Law and International Criminal Justice. Highly respected academics and practitioners will provide training and tutoring as well as input on current themes of reflection. All participants will be asked to do a presentation on their research, in order to get feedback on their work.

Some of the topics that will be discussed include: Jurisdiction; Complementarity; Alternative

Accountability Mechanisms; Aspects of Prosecutorial Discretion; Proliferation of International Courts and Tribunals; International criminal procedure; Participation of Victims.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=333>

### ***Prospects for International Criminal Justice in Mozambique***

29 June 2009 - 30 June 2009

The International Bar Association, the Mozambican Bar Association and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) have organised an international conference for lawyers and civil society organisations on the International Criminal Court (ICC) entitled Prospects for International Criminal Justice in Mozambique.

The two day high-level conference is designed to facilitate debate among the legal profession and will feature key note remarks by Former President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano, ICC Judge Sylvia Steiner, ICC Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, President of the Constitutional Court of Mozambique, Dr Luis Mondlane, Minister of Justice, Bevinda Levy, and Mabvuto Hara, President of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Lawyers Association, among others. The first day of the conference will be dedicated to introducing the Rome Statute establishing the ICC and discussing general principles of international criminal justice. On the second day there will be interesting debates on the relevance of the ICC and international criminal justice to Mozambique, perceptions of the Court and domestic implementation of the Rome Statute in Africa.

*Location: Maputo, Mozambique*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact the Liliana De Marco-Coenen at the International Bar Association at: [liliana.demarco-coenen@int-bar.org](mailto:liliana.demarco-coenen@int-bar.org)

### ***Marie Curie Top Summer School***

29 June 2009 - 10 July 2009

This course from June 29 till July 10 is intended for excellent young researchers and will cover all main topics of the supranational penal system on three distinctive areas: substantive criminal law, procedural law as well as matters of legal policy.

Top researchers and practitioners contribute to this course. An interactive design is chosen: participants are invited and expected to actively contribute to the discussions.

*Location: Grotius Center, Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information see:  
<http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=276>

### ***HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE IN SUDAN: 20 YEARS ON***

04 July 2009

1:00pm – 8:00pm

REDRESS and the Centre for Law and Conflict are organizing a day of reflection, remembrance and

consideration, entitled “Human Rights and Justice in Sudan: 20 years on”, with prominent Sudanese human rights lawyers and activists. The day seminar will be followed by a Cultural programme.

*Location: St Ethelburga’s Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, 78 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG, United Kingdom*

*Contact Information:* RSVP: Dikey Ghung, Email: [dikey@redress.org](mailto:dikey@redress.org) Tel: 020 7793 1777

***International Justice Day: Celebrating the 11th Anniversary of the Rome Statute***

17 July 2009

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court, the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) and the T.M.C. Asser Institute are organizing a panel discussion on the occasion of International Justice Day, commemorating the adoption of the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Discussions will be followed by a question and answer session. Attendance is free. Registration is needed.

Introduction: Dr. Carsten Stahn, Programme Director of the Grotius Centre

Opening address: H.E. Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, Second Vice-President of the International Criminal Court

Balancing Victims and Defence Rights in Practice

Ms. Fiona McKay, Chief, Victims Participation and Reparations Section, International Criminal Court

Improving cooperation with the ICC

Prof. Dr. Goran Sluiter, Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Amsterdam

Communicating the Rome Statute system: Making justice relevant

Ms. Mariana Pena, Delegate to the ICC, International Federation of Human Rights

From Rome to Kampala: Prospects for the 2010 Review Conference

Ms. Deborah Ruiz Verduzco, Senior Programme Officer, International Law and Human Rights Programme, ICC Campaign, Parliamentarians for Global Action

Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Nilsson Kleffner, Hague Director, Coalition for the ICC

*Location: Auditorium, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Lange Houtstraat 5, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Rsvp: Oriane Maillet, Coalition for the ICC, Email: [maillet@iccnow.org](mailto:maillet@iccnow.org) or Tel: +31 70 311 10 82

***Roundtable discussion International Justice - Rome***

17 July 2009

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, No Peace Without Justice is holding a Roundtable discussion International Justice

The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was adopted on 17 July 1998, and entered into force on 1 July 2002. Today, 110 countries have ratified it. Today, the Court has officially opened four investigations and started trials for war crimes and crimes against the humanity in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Central African Republic and Sudan.

The roundtable will gather political, legal and academic experts on international criminal justice, for a debate on:

- The cases in front of the Court: Congo, Uganda, Central African Republic and Sudan. Others situations under analysis: Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, Gaza, Georgia, Kenya.
- Darfur: President Al-Bashir, Colonel Gaddafi and the position of Africa
- International Justice and children soldiers
- States Cooperation and obligations of the Rome Statute
- The case of Italy: the state of implementing legislation of the ICC Statute

Participants will include:

Ms. Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati, Undersecretary of Justice Ms. Silvana Arbia, Registrar, International Criminal Court Ms. Rita Bernardini, Member of the Justice Commission of the Chamber of Deputies Ms. Emma Bonino, Vice President of the Senate Mr. Niccolò Figa-Talamanca, Secretary General, No Peace Without Justice H.E. Flavia Lattanzi, Judge, International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Mr. Matteo Mecacci, Member of the External Commission of the Chamber of Deputies Prof. Saudamini Siegrist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre Mr. Sergio Stanzani, President, No Peace Without Justice Prof. Salvatore Zappalá, Italian Representative at the ICC-ASP

*Location: Via di Torre Argentina, 76, Rome, Italy*

*Contact Information: Carla Caraccio 338-2558382*

### ***Interaction with CA Members***

24 July 2009

According to Amnesty International Nepal plan agreed for an action on ICC reatification from international level, Amnesty International Nepal will organize an interaction with the CA members on 24 July. On the same day it will deliver letters to the Nepal Government that will be collected from around the world calling Nepal to access on the ICC.

*Location: Kathmandu, Nepal*

*Contact Information: Rameshwar Nepal Director, Amnesty International Nepal. Phone: 4364706, 4365431 Mobile: 9841-212892 [www.amnestynepal.org](http://www.amnestynepal.org)*

### ***The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court.***

04 Aug 2009

Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm

Culture Project's Blueprint for Accountability series continues with a special screening and talkback of Pamela Yates' new film *The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court*. The *Reckoning* documents the ICC's struggle to forge a new paradigm of international justice, following lead prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo and his team for 3 years across 4 continents as he issues arrest warrants for perpetrators of the most unspeakable crimes against humanity. Culture Project is

screening a special director's cut of the film. A panel discussion, with key players in the battle for the ICC will follow, exploring the struggle and necessity of holding those responsible for crimes against humanity accountable. Participants so far include filmmaker Pamela Yates, Christine Chung, former Senior Trial Attorney at the ICC, and Paul Van Zyl, co-founder of the International Center for Transitional Justice.

*Location: Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South/Thompson St., New York,*

*Contact Information: NYTICKETS \$15/ To buy tickets, call 1-800-838-3006 or visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/73828>*

***"Facing the First Review Conference Right Ahead - Kampala and Beyond"***

09 Aug 2009 - 21 Aug 2009

Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law: Eleventh Summer Session

Draft Academic Programme

The First Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to be held in Kampala, Uganda, in the first half of 2010 will be an important opportunity for the international community to assess and advance the role of international criminal law. Against this background, the Eleventh Summer Session of Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law (SLS) will focus on the law of the Rome Statute and potential amendments thereto. Furthermore, we will take a closer view on the development of international criminal law and its enforcement mechanisms since the 1998 Rome Conference, its current state under customary law and possible "amendments" for the future.

At the Rome Conference, expectations were pitched high that the First Review Conference could eventually finalize some unresolved issues. So far, the conference agenda has not been determined. However, it is assumed that the Statute's main loophole, a provision on the crime of aggression to activate the ICC's jurisdiction over this category of crimes, will be a major substantive issue. In February 2009, the Special Working Group on the crime of aggression fulfilled its mandate by finalizing proposals for such a provision. With continuing discussions on the Elements of Crimes, the Review Conference will be furnished with a complete package on the crime of aggression, ripe for final political approval and adoption. First proposals on amendments have also been tabled with regard to the missing war crimes Annex on prohibited weapons according to article 8(2)(b)(xx).

It has further been suggested that the First Review Conference should take stock of achievements of international criminal justice. International criminal law has seen major developments since the creation of the two ad hoc international tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, which were still at an early stage at the time of the adoption of the Rome Statute. Thorough discussions may help to consolidate customary international criminal law and give an important impetus for its future developments. Being held in a situation country, the Review Conference should also be taken as a chance to reinforce the discourse in

and with affected societies. Universal understanding and acceptance are crucial for a genuine criminal law of the international community as a whole.

In addition to these topics, this year's summer session of the Salzburg Law School will give guidance on the evolving case law of the ICC including the crimes under the jurisdiction of the Court, modes of responsibility, victims' rights and due process. With a view to pre-trial proceedings, the SLS will further deal with the Court's latest decision on an arrest warrant against the President of the Sudan as well as more generally with questions of jurisdiction, admissibility and prosecutorial discretion. Legal issues regarding all stages of the proceedings and all actors involved will be subject of discussion.

Speakers of the Eleventh Session will be distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field of international criminal law. Among them, Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, Liechtenstein, President of the Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Key-note Speaker, to be confirmed); Morten Bergsmo, Consultant to the International Criminal Court responsible for the external development of the Legal Tools, Senior Researcher, International Peace Research Institute Oslo; Prof. Dr. Roger Clark, Board of Governors Professor, Rutgers University School of Law; Dr. David Donat Cattin, Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA); Prof. Benjamin Ferencz, A former Nuremberg War Crime Prosecutor (Einsatzgruppen-Fall), author and frequent lecturer on international criminal courts and world peace; Prof. Dr. Gudrun Hochmayr, Interim Professor of Criminal Law, University Frankfurt/Oder; Bianca Jagger, Human Rights Advocate, President, World Future Council (to be confirmed); Alphons Orie, Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (to be confirmed); Prof. William Schabas, Professor of Human Rights Law, National University of Ireland Galway, Director Irish Centre for Human Rights; Prof. Elies van Sliedrecht, Professor of Criminal Law and Procedure, University of Amsterdam; Dr. Carsten Stahn, LL.M. (NYU), LL.M. (Cologne-Paris), Associate Professor of International Criminal Law, Programme Director, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, Campus The Hague & Faculty of Law; Prof. Dr. Anita Usacka, Judge, International Criminal Court (to be confirmed); Patricia Viseur Sellers, Legal Adviser for Gender-Related Crimes in the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (to be confirmed); Prof. Dr. Otto Triffterer, Professor for Austrian and International Criminal Law and Procedure, University of Salzburg; Director Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.

The academic programme runs Monday 10 through Thursday 20 August, daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a free week-end. The course consists of lectures, work-shops and case studies and will be held at the University of Salzburg, Faculty of Law, a 16th-century residence located in the centre of the old town. Each presentation will be followed by an extensive discussion, chaired by Prof. Triffterer.

Participants will obtain a certificate of attendance, but may also take an exam for which 4 credits according to the European Credit Transfer System are available.

To apply, please fill in our online application form at  
and send your CV together  
with a letter of motivation latest until 30 April 2009.

*Location: Salzburg, Austria*

*Contact Information:* For further information, visit or contact  
astrid.reisinger@sbg.ac.at.

***Training on the International Criminal Court, organised by the Univeresidad Católica del Santiago del Estero***

20 Aug 2009 - 21 Aug 2009

Training on the International Criminal Court, organised by the Univeresidad Católica del Santiago del Estero

*Location: San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina*

*Contact Information:* For further information, contact Ms. Maria Julia Moreyra at  
mjuliamp@hotmail.com

***Master Class: Research at the Interface of International Law and Philosophy***

28 Aug 2009

11:30 – 16:00

The Grotius Center for International Legal Studies, the Amsterdam Center for International Law and the Leiden University Institute for Philosophy are hosting a master class taught by Professor Larry May, a Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The class will be about the challenges and opportunities of researching international law and philosophy.

To register, please send an email to o.spijkers@law.leidenuniv.nl.

*Location: Lange Voorhout 44, The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit  
<http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=323>

***International Prosecution of Heads of State for Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity***

01 Sept 2009 - 16 Sept 2009

Dean Fred F. Herzog Memorial Lecture Lecture by Ambassador Hans Corell Wednesday, September 16, 2009 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

*Location: The John Marshall Law School 315 South Plymouth Court Chicago, IL*

*Contact Information:* Professor Gerald E. Berendt 312.987.1424 E-mail: 7berendt@jmls.edu

***The principle of complementarity and the exercise of universal jurisdiction for core international crimes***

04 Sept 2009

13:00–15:30

A seminar organized in the series of the Forum for International Criminal Justice and Conflict by PRIO, the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (University of Oslo), the Chr. Michelsen Institute, the Norwegian National Defence Command and Staff College and the Norwegian Red Cross.

Registration needed. Seminar participation is free.

*Location: PRIO, Hausmanns gate 7, Oslo, Norway*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit: <http://www.prio.no/FICJC/Forum-activities/>

To register, please send an e-mail message to [ficjc@prio.no](mailto:ficjc@prio.no) (marked "Seminar 090904") by 28 August 2009, indicating your wish to register as a seminar participant.

The principle of complementarity and the exercise of universal jurisdiction for core international crimes

04 Sept 2009

The complementarity principle on which the International Criminal Court (ICC) is based entails that the ICC can only investigate and prosecute core international crimes when national jurisdictions are unable or unwilling to do so genuinely. The principle reflects a realization that it is preferable that such crimes are investigated and prosecuted in the country where they occurred. It was created as an admissibility principle of the ICC. Universal jurisdiction, on the other hand, is a jurisdictional basis of last resort which many national criminal justice systems provide for, when core international crimes can not be prosecuted on the basis of the principle of territoriality (in the state where the crimes occurred), active nationality (in the state of the alleged perpetrator) or passive nationality (in the state of the victim). In its pure form, universal jurisdiction enables prosecution of core international crimes committed in a foreign state, by a foreign citizen, against foreign victims, when neither has a personal link to the forum state.

This seminar concerns the relationship between the principles of complementarity and universal jurisdiction. Territorial states are normally affected most strongly by core international crimes committed during a conflict or an attack directed against its civilian population. Most victims reside in such states. Most damaged or plundered property is there. Public order and security are violated most severely in the territorial states. It is also on their territory that most of the evidence of the alleged crimes can be found. There are, in other words, obvious policy and practical reasons why states should accord priority to territoriality as a basis of jurisdiction. Is there also an obligation for states to defer exercise of universal jurisdiction of core international crimes to investigation and prosecution of the same crimes by the territorial state? What is the impact of the principle of complementarity in this respect?

*Location: Oslo*

*Contact Information:* For more information, visit <http://www.prio.no/FICJC/Forum-activities/>



***The Arrest Warrant for President Al-Bashir and the Question of Immunities***

11 Sept 2009

Lecture by A.J.J. Hoogh, Senior lecturer in International Law at the University of Groningen.

The Supranational Criminal Law Lectures series are organised by the T.M.C Asser Instituut, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available.

*Location: T.M.C Asser Instituut, Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22, The Hague - For directions check the [T.M.C Asser Institute website](#)*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact +31070-3420300 or [conferencemanager@asser.nl](mailto:conferencemanager@asser.nl)

***Research Conference on the ICC and Complementarity: From Theory to Practice***

15 Sept 2009 - 16 Sept 2009

The Grotius Center for International Legal Studies and Leiden University are hosting a conference on the interpretation and use of complementarity. The conference will bring together experts from different fields to discuss the practice of complementarity.

Registration closes on 6 Sept 2009. To register send an e-mail to [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl) with your name and organization. The conference fee is € 20.

*Location: Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, The Hague, Netherlands ; Campus Den Haag, Lange Houtstraat 5, The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please visit <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=462>

***John Bellinger lecture at the Grotius Centre in The Hague - 21 September***

21 Sept 2009

Monday September 21st  
12.00 - 13.15

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague) presents

“International Law Opportunities and Challenges for the Obama Administration: From Closing Guantanamo to Engaging the International Criminal Court”

John B. Bellinger III, former legal Advisor U.S. Department of State (2005-2009) will be the featured speaker

*Location: Lange Houtstraat 5, Auditorium. For directions check the Grotius Centre website*

*Contact Information:* Attendance limited, early registration required by reply to this mail [grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:grotiuscentre@campusdenhaag.nl).

## ***Command Responsibility in the Jurisprudence of the ICTY***

23 Sept 2009

Lecture by Judge Bakone Justice Moloto, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

The lecture will be followed by a reception. Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available

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## ***"Why the International Criminal Court should open an investigation into Honduras on account of the crime of persecution on political grounds"***

23 Sept 2009

Screening of a documentary on Honduras and a discussion on "Why the International Criminal Court should open an investigation into Honduras on account of the crime of persecution on political grounds," organized by Iniciativa de Copenhague para Centroamérica y México (CIFCA), the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Asociación Pro-Derechos Humanos de España.

See [flyer](#)

*Location: The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For further information contact Ms. Mariana Pena at [mpena@fidh.org](mailto:mpena@fidh.org)

## ***Ethical Obligations of Prosecution and Defence Counsel in International Criminal Proceedings***

30 Sept 2009

Lecture by Colleen Rohan, member of The International Criminal Law Bureau.

The Supranational Criminal Law Lectures series are organised by the T.M.C Asser Instituut, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available.

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## ***The Protection of Civilians in Conflict Areas: The Case of the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo***

30 Sept 2009

The conflict in North Kivu during 2008 and 2009 has seriously impacted on the security of civilians. Much of the blame has been placed on the UN Mission (MONUC) for not implementing the mandate for the Protection of Civilians. Since the beginning of 2009 MONUC has put in place several measures to stop the violence. This seminar hosted by Institute for Security Studies will seek to evaluate the effectiveness of measures implemented by MONUC to protect the civilian population.

Presenter: Anneke Van Woudenberg, Human Rights Watch

Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2009

Time: 10h30 (tea and coffee)

11h00 (seminar starts)

12h00 (seminar ends)

12h15 (Light meal)

*Location: Pretoria, South Africa ISS Conference Room, Block C, Brooklyn Court, 361 Veale Street, New Muckleneuk, Tshwane (Pretoria) (Parking in Brooklyn Mall and ABSA court)*

*Contact Information:* RSVP: Khunjulwa Peter, Fax: (012) 460 0997/8; E-mail: kpeter@issafrica.org

## ***NGOs –ICC Biannual Strategy Meetings***

06 Oct 2009 - 09 Oct 2009

From 6-9 October 2009, some 40 CICC member NGOs will meet with ICC officials in The Hague for strategic meetings on pressing issues faced by the Court.

Additionally, CICC members will meet with Hague diplomats during a briefing held at the CICC offices.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact the CICC Secretariat at [cicc@iccnw.org](mailto:cicc@iccnw.org)

## ***Book Launch: "Reparations for Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity: Systems in Place and Systems in the Making"***

07 Oct 2009

Introduction by Judge Odio Benito, International Criminal Court;

Discussion with Ms. Carla Ferstman, Director, REDRESS Trust;

In the presence of Ms. Lindy Melman, Brill - Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.

The launch will be followed by a reception. Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available.

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***Abbreviated criminal procedures for core international crimes***

09 Oct 2009

This seminar explores whether abbreviated criminal procedures can be designed to process higher numbers of core international crimes cases within the criminal justice system in ways that deal more effectively with large backlogs of opened case files, especially cases involving less serious crimes. Is innovation required to ensure that already opened core international crimes cases are processed by prosecutors and judges, rather than by non-judicial staff in alternative mechanisms? The seminar is not directly concerned with the situation in those territorial States where many core international crimes have been committed but no or very few case files are opened.

*Location: Sarajevo*

*Contact Information:* For more information, visit <http://www.prio.no/FICJC/Forum-activities/>

***Conference: The ICC in Latin America and Dominican Republic***

09 Oct 2009

Conference: The ICC in Latin America and Dominican Republic, organized by the Asociación Dominicana de Abogados Penalistas.

*Location: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*

*Contact Information:* For further information, contact Mr. Rommel Santos Diaz at [federalista@yahoo.es](mailto:federalista@yahoo.es)

***'Child Victims' Access to the ICC - Does the ICC Constitute an Avenue to Justice for the Most Vulnerable?***

14 Oct 2009

Lecture by Helen Hamzei, Faculty of Law, Institute for Public Law, Department of Public International Law, Leiden University.

The Supranational Criminal Law Lectures series are organised by the T.M.C Asser Instituut, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available.

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***International Human Rights Academy: Cape Town***

17 Oct 2009 - 31 Oct 2009

The 7th International Human Rights Academy will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 17 until 31 October 2009. The various intensive courses that make up the Academy are designed to provide high quality legal education in comparative international Human Rights and in Humanitarian Law, with an emphasis on the practical aspects in various fields.

The International Human Rights Academy is a Human Rights course of two weeks, organized every year in South Africa or in Europe under the auspices of six reputable universities from The Netherlands, Belgium, The Republic of South Africa and the United States of America.

Application deadline: 15 May 2009

*Location: Cape Town, South Africa*

*Contact Information:* For more information see [www.law.uu.nl/ihra](http://www.law.uu.nl/ihra) or contact the IHRA secretariat at [ihra@uu.nl](mailto:ihra@uu.nl)

***Marie Curie Research Course on International Criminal Law and Legal Pluralism 2009-2010***  
19 Oct 2009 - 30 Oct 2009

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies will hold its fourth and last Marie Curie Research Course (2009-2010) on International Criminal Law from 19 to 30 October 2009, with a follow-up week in March 2010 (22-26 March 2010). The course is designed for top researchers with excellent achievements in their studies and/or research. It is limited to 12 participants. Highly respected academics and practitioners will provide lectures, training and tutoring to discuss topics and developments related to International Criminal Law (ICL) and the theme of the course.

The aim of the Research Course is to enable researchers from multiple jurisdictions to write an article of publishable quality in the field of ICL. Individual research topics should be related to the overall theme of the 2009-2010 Research Course, i.e., International Criminal Law and Legal Pluralism. During the Course, the paper of each participant will be discussed within the group and with input from individually invited commentators and the coordinators. The participants will receive inspiring input and learn to take new perspectives on their topic through customised guest lectures and discussion lead by experts on their topic. The contributions will be published in an edited volume with an international publisher which will include articles by established scholars and upcoming voices in the field.

There are no fees charged to the participants. The subsidy reimburses the travel costs (up to maximum amount). The Programme will take care of the accommodation for the participants. However, the cost of meals are at the charge of the participants. The participants are responsible for arranging their visa applications.

If you are interested, please send the application form available at <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=453>, as well as a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, your list of publications, your proposed topic, an outline (1 page A4) and abstract of the proposed paper (1 page A4), as well as two recommendation letters in sealed envelopes (alternatively, the two letters of reference can be sent directly per e-mail by the referees to Ms. Fernandez), before 10 July 2009 to Ms. Fernandez, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Campus The Hague, P.O. Box 13228, 2501 EE The Hague, The Netherlands.

*Location: The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* For further information, please visit: <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/com/doc.asp?DocID=453> or contact Ana Maria Fernandez at [afernandez@campusdenhaag.nl](mailto:afernandez@campusdenhaag.nl)

***“Nowhere to hide? Public information at the ICC ”***

21 Oct 2009

Lecture by Liliana De Marco-Coenen, International Bar Association Head, Outreach Programme (ICC)

The Supranational Criminal Law Lectures series are organised by the T.M.C Asser Instituut, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

Attendance is free. Maximum of 100 seats available.

*Location: T.M.C Asser Instituut, Schimmelpennincklaan 20-22, The Hague - For directions check the T.M.C Asser Institute website*

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***The role and integrity of the first Review Conference on the Statute of the International Criminal Court***

23 Oct 2009

The Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) provides that a first Review Conference to consider amendments to it shall be convened seven years after its entry into force on 1 July 2002. Later Review Conferences may be held at the request of a majority of the States Parties. The ICC Assembly of States Parties has decided that the first Review Conference will take place in Kampala, Uganda. It will commence on 31 May 2010. What can be discussed at this Conference? What are the likely key issues? Are there any risks to the integrity of the Conference? What regional impact can the Conference have in Africa? What should be the role of civil society at the Conference?

These are among the questions that will be addressed at this mini-seminar. Mr. Rolf Einar Fife will make a 45 minutes presentation on the topic. He is the Focal Point of the ICC Assembly of States Parties on the first Review Conference and the Co-ordinator of the Assembly's Work-ing Group on the Review Conference. He has been one of the leading diplomats behind the creation and early development of the ICC. Mr. Gunnar M. Ekeløve-Slydal, Deputy Secretary-General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, will comment on Mr. Fife's intervention and present an NGO perspective on the first Review Conference. He has been an active civil society participant in the establishment of the ICC.

*Location: PRIO, Hausmanns gate 7, Oslo*

*Contact Information:* visit [http://www.prio.no/upload/FICHL/091023 Seminar on the first Review Conference, concept and programme, version 090830.pdf](http://www.prio.no/upload/FICHL/091023%20Seminar%20on%20the%20first%20Review%20Conference,%20concept%20and%20programme,%20version%20090830.pdf)

### ***CICC Panel with ICC Judicial Candidates***

26 Oct 2009

13h00 – 14h45

On Monday 26 October 2009, the Coalition for the ICC will host a panel with judicial candidates in advance of elections to be held at the 8th Assembly of States Parties to fill [2 judicial vacancies](#) at the ICC. The event is part of the Coalition's campaign to promote the nomination and election of the most highly qualified candidates through a fair and transparent process.

*Location: ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York , USA*

*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact Osvaldo Zavala at: [zavala@iccnw.org](mailto:zavala@iccnw.org)

### ***Amnesties for Mass Atrocity***

28 Oct 2009

Lecture by Mark Freeman, Director of External Relations International Crisis Group.

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### ***Provisional release***

04 Nov 2009

Lecture by Lorraine Smith, Programme Manager, ICC Monitoring and Outreach Programme, International Bar Association (IBA)

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***First World Congress on Restorative Juvenile Justice***

04 Nov 2009 - 07 Nov 2009

The purpose of the Congress is to promote the new and promising Restorative Juvenile Justice Model as a response to the current neo-retributionist trend and to specify its nature, scope and concrete applications within different cultural and legal contexts.

*Location: Lima, Peru*

*Contact Information:* For further details on the Congress, visit [www.congresomundialjrperu2009.org](http://www.congresomundialjrperu2009.org)

***Combating impunity for violence against women in transitional justice***

09 Nov 2009

Development Research Seminar by Ineke Boerefijn, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

*Location: Tanya Kingdon [kingdom@iss.nl](mailto:kingdom@iss.nl) and <http://www.iss.nl>*

*Contact Information:* International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands - Aula A

Conference on UJ Trial Strategies: Focus on Victims and Witnesses

09 Nov 2009 - 11 Nov 2009

Universal Jurisdiction Trial Strategies: Focus on Victims & Witnesses.

To view the provision agenda, see <http://www.redress.org/Conferences.html>

*Location: Brussels, Belgium*

*Contact Information:* For more information, contact REDRESS at [asa@redress.org](mailto:asa@redress.org) or Tel. +32 2 609 44 25

***FIRST ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS ON HUMANITARIAN LAW AND POLICY IN DAKAR, SENEGAL***

09 Nov 2009 - 13 Nov 2009

9-11 November 2009-“Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy”

12-13 November 2009- Thematic Workshop on Children and Armed Conflict”

HPCR International, in cooperation with the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University, is pleased to announce that its Advanced Professional Training Series is now available in Africa. “Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy” will take place on November 9th-11th and the “Thematic Workshop on Children and Armed Conflict” will begin on November 12th-13th. Both events will be hosted by UNICEF and located in Dakar, Senegal. While both courses will be conducted in English, there will be an opportunity pose questions and receive answers in French. Please note that participation in the Thematic Workshops requires completion of the Core Professional Training or an equivalent multi-day training.



*Location: Dakar, Senegal*

*Contact Information:* For information on course fees, agendas, applications, etc. please visit:

[http://hpcr.org/thematic\\_workshops.html](http://hpcr.org/thematic_workshops.html)

***Strengthening Multi-sectoral Prevention and Response Interventions to Sexual and Gender Based Violence***

09 Nov 2009 - 20 Nov 2009

This two-week course provides practical skills in designing and implementing interagency and multisectoral programmes and interventions to respond to gender based violence in the community and especially among populations affected by armed conflict.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Critically examine concepts of gender and power relationships in the context of sexual and gender-based violence
- Analyse how gender norms, perceptions of masculinity and femininity are socially constructed and their relationship to gender based violence
- Implement the recommended strategies and effectively manage sexual and gender based violence

Level: professional

*Location: Nairobi, Kenya*

*Contact Information:* Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS)

The Director, CAFS

CAFS Centre, Mara Road, Upperhill

P.O. Box 60054

00200 Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: (254-20) 2731479 / 2731486

Fax: (254-20) 273 1489

E-mail: [courses@cafs.org](mailto:courses@cafs.org)

Web: <http://www.cafs.org/>

For conditions of participation and fees, please go to:

[http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base\\_id=135&language\\_id=1&erc\\_doc\\_id=5215&month=11&year=2009&category\\_id=&category\\_type=](http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base_id=135&language_id=1&erc_doc_id=5215&month=11&year=2009&category_id=&category_type=)

***Seminar Recording Mass Violence : Media and Collective Memory of Severe Injustice***

11 Nov 2009

9.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

This seminar is held on the occasion of the award of the Erasmus Prize to Antonio Cassese and Benjamin Ferencz. More information on [www.erasmusprijs.org](http://www.erasmusprijs.org).

The speakers at this seminar will analyse the role of audiovisual heritage in the documentation of crimes against humanity, in their reconstruction, and finally in the reconciliation with such conflicts.

Organised by the Huizinga Institute, the Department of Media Studies of the University of Amsterdam, in collaboration with the Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Praemium Erasmianum Foundation.

Attendance is 40 euros for the whole day, free for the morning or the afternoon session only.  
Registration before October 31th, 2009.

*Location: Filmmuseum, Vondelpark 3, Amsterdam*

*Contact Information:* To register or for further information on the conference, please visit :  
[http://www.huizingainstituut.nl/archive/2009/11/11/Seminar\\_Recording\\_Mass\\_Violenc](http://www.huizingainstituut.nl/archive/2009/11/11/Seminar_Recording_Mass_Violenc) or contact  
[huizinga-fgw@uva.nl](mailto:huizinga-fgw@uva.nl)

***The arrest warrant for president Al-Bashir and the question of his immunities***

11 Nov 2009

19:30

Lecture by A.J.J. Hoogh, Senior lecturer in International Law at the University of Groningen

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Attendance is free, registration is not necessary

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*Contact Information:* For more information, please contact +31 70-3420300 or  
[conferencemanager@asser.nl](mailto:conferencemanager@asser.nl)

***Conference Justice in motion: From Nuremberg to The Hague and Beyond***

12 Nov 2009

10.00 – 17.00 hrs Peace Palace, The Hague introductory speech by Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor;  
presentation of the book *The Prosecutor and the Judge* to Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Minister of Justice.  
I Benjamin Ferencz: From ‘crimes against peace’ to the ‘crime of aggression’

Participants: Jorge Lomónaco, Assembly ICC; Bram Buunk, RUG; Judge Daniel Nsereko, ICC; William Pace, Coalition ICC II Antonio Cassese: The legitimacy of international courts and tribunals

Participants: Judge Theodor Meron, ICTY; Judge Barney Afako, Immigration judge UK; Judge Brenda Hollis, SCSL; Judge Christine van den Wyngaert, ICC In cooperation with The Hague Academic Coalition [www.haguejusticeportal.net](http://www.haguejusticeportal.net)

*Contact Information:* Registration required: [conference@erasmusprijs.org](mailto:conference@erasmusprijs.org)

***Conference: The Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda from the Defence Perspective***

14 Nov 2009 - 15 Nov 2009

9:00 - 17:00

On 14-15 November 2009 an Independent Conference on the Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda from the Defence Perspective will take place in The Hague.

As the U.N. Security Council "Completion Strategy" brings the ICTY and ICTR ad hoc Tribunals to a close, ICTR Defence practitioners, scholars and historians have convened a conference to make a record of "lessons learned" from this unique experience in international jurisprudence, from the viewpoint of the ICTR defence, a perspective not previously included in formal conferences sponsored by the Security Council or ICTR.

*Location: Institute for Social Studies, Kortenaerkade 12, The Hague*

*Contact Information:* For more information or to register, read the ICTR Conference Programme at: <http://www.haguejusticeportal.net> or email [jphilpot@videotron.ca](mailto:jphilpot@videotron.ca)

The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court  
16 Nov 2009

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Screening an excerpt of the film The Reckoning from 4:30 to 5:00, followed by a panel discussion from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include:

- \*Should the U.S. positively engage the ICC?
- \*Should sitting heads of state be indicted by the ICC? If so, who should make the arrests?
- \*Do ICC prosecutions run the risk of becoming politicized?
- \*Should the crime of aggression be included in the set of crimes within the jurisdiction of the ICC?
- \*Should the ICC investigate the post-election violence in Kenya?
- \*Should the ICC investigate last year's Gaza conflict?

RSVP to: [spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGRVZHp6a2RUUF9nYjVfVndLaTF1N3c6MA](https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGRVZHp6a2RUUF9nYjVfVndLaTF1N3c6MA)

*Location: Johns Hopkins SAIS Rome Auditorium, 1619 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington D.C.*

*Contact Information:* email [MatthewJOwens@gmail.com](mailto:MatthewJOwens@gmail.com)

### ***Eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC***

18 Nov 2009 - 26 Nov 2009

18-26 November 2009

Eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC

*Location: Eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC*

*Contact Information:* For more information, visit <http://www.icc-cpi.int/Menus/ASP/>

Selling Justice Short: Why Accountability Matters for Peace  
18 Nov 2009

Lecture by Elizabeth Evenson, Counsel, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch.

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Studies (Leiden University, Campus The Hague).

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***The Changing Role of Highest Courts in an Internationalising World***

20 Nov 2009 - 21 Nov 2009

Convened by Prof T. Hol of Utrecht University

The Hiil Highest Courts Research Group will have one of their regular seminars in Bologna (Italy) on 20 – 21 November 2009. During this meeting, progress in the research project “The Changing Role of Highest Courts in an Internationalising World” will be discussed under the auspices of Prof T. Hol of Utrecht University, who functions as the project leader of this multinational group of top-level researchers in the field of internationalisation of highest national courts.

*Location: Bologna (Italy)*

*Contact Information:* For further information, contact Sam Muller at [sam.muller@hiil.org](mailto:sam.muller@hiil.org)

***11th Annual African Students' Conference:***

21 Nov 2009

Building Peace in Africa: The role of Communication in Conflict Transformation.

10:00 - 20:00

Organised by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders and the African Committee.

The United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) have organised the African Students' Conferences annually by since 1999. These conferences deal with critical issues of major concern in the field of advancing peace, justice and democracy in Africa. They have been flagship events to raise awareness and to promote interdisciplinary dialogue, research and action, stressing the role of culture, youth and civil societies. They create bonds of friendship and stimulate networking among young people from Africa, Africa with the Diaspora and North-South.

*Location: Peace Palace, The Hague*

*Contact Information:* To register or for more information about the conference, visit the African Students' Conference website at: <http://www.unoy.org/conferences/ASC2009.html>

***ASF Roundtable Launch of the “The application of the Rome Statute by national Courts in DRC – A case study & Keynote by Professor Roger Clark***

24 Nov 2009

18:30-21:30

Prof. Roger S. Clark will give a keynote on the ICC Review Conference which will be followed by a presentation and roundtable on a recent publication of *Avocats Sans Frontières*. This case study, originally published in French in March 2009, provides a detailed examination of the decisions of the Congolese military tribunals concerning international criminal law. The panel discussion will explore DRC practice in relation to the investigation and prosecution of international crimes and the challenges and difficulties faced by judges.

Attendance is free; limited seats available

*Location: LANGE VOORHOUT 44. The Hague, Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Click here to see the [full program](#); Read more at: [www.grotiuscentre.org](http://www.grotiuscentre.org)

***Breaking the Silence: Commemorating International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women***

24 Nov 2009 - 25 Nov 2009

Africa Legal Aid is organizing a Gender Forum on Breaking the Silence: Commemorating International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women. The Forum will be held from 24-25 November, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, to coincide with International Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The theme, Breaking the Silence has been chosen for this Forum to highlight undertreated and marginalized areas of Gender Violence and to emphasize the African perspective in particular. The Forum will feature two documentaries on Rape and Divorce and Gender Crimes by the Senegalese Film Maker, Mariama Khan. As well, the Forum will be addressed by experts and advocates of gender justice and international justice. The meeting will be attended by gender groups, the legal fraternity, development cooperation groups, civic publics, among others. Please find enclosed a provisional program and a flyer.

*Location: Peace Palace, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*Contact Information:* Registration before November 20, 2009 at [www.africalegalaid.org](http://www.africalegalaid.org) or send an e-mail to [gendernetwork@africalegalaid.org](mailto:gendernetwork@africalegalaid.org).

***ICC Campaigns in Asia: Prospects and challenges in Afghanistan, Burma and Indonesia***

25 Nov 2009

25 November 2009 – 7:30 P.M.

Moderator: Ms. Evelyn Serrano, Asia and Pacific Coordinator, Coalition for the ICC (Manila, Philippines)

Panellists:

Mr. Niamatullah Ibrahim, Deputy Director, AfghanWatch

Mr. Aung Htoo, general secretary, Burma Lawyers' Council

Mr. Bhatara Ibnu Reza, executive member, Indonesian Civil Society Network for the ICC

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***CICC Live Blogging Session with Georges Kapiamba on ICC's second trial***

25 Nov 2009

Wednesday 25 November 2009 10 – 11 a.m. CET

On Wednesday 25 November 2009 a day after the opening of the second trial of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the case of The Prosecutor vs. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui -- the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) will host a live question & answer blogging session with ICC expert and NGO representative Georges Kapiamba. The session will be held on the Coalition's blog, [In Situ: See Justice through the Eyes of Civil Society](#) from 10 – 11 a.m. CET. Georges Kapiamba is vice-president of the Association Africaine des Droits de l'Homme (ASADHO).

NB: The discussion will be conducted in French

*Location: <http://www.iccnw.org/blog>*

*Contact Information:* To follow the live discussion or read transcript of the chat, see <http://www.iccnw.org/blog>  
To submit questions, email [communications@iccnw.org](mailto:communications@iccnw.org)

***Ben Ferencz and Doc Miller answer your questions in " The Reckoning: Understanding the ICC" Online Workshop!***

01 Dec 2009 - 15 Dec 2009

This online workshop is now underway. To join the online workshop, please visit <http://reckoningworkshop.ning.com> and contact Tanya Lubicz-Nawrocka at [tanya\\_lubicz-nawrocka@facing.org](mailto:tanya_lubicz-nawrocka@facing.org) if you have any questions.

Facing History is working in close partnership with [Skylight Pictures](#) to bring the documentary film, [The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court](#), and additional film modules into classrooms around the globe.

Educators are invited to join this free online workshop about the International Criminal Court. The workshop will highlight the various ways these films, and the website ([ijcentral.org](http://ijcentral.org)), can be used with students to explore both the history of the International Criminal Court and various questions around justice in a global society.

This workshop will use facilitated online activities, video clips, and speaker events, to give educators a chance to explore a variety of ways students can engage with this material and concepts. The

workshop will allow interaction of participants with the films' producers, scholars, Facing History staff, and educators from around the globe. Background history, lesson ideas and resources will be shared.

This Online Workshop will be held between Tuesday, December 1st, 2009, and Tuesday, December 15th, 2009. All educators are invited regardless of their computer use skill level. By registering for this workshop, you are committing to logging on to the site and participating in the online discussion at least three times over the two week period, for a minimum online time commitment of three hours. We also ask that you watch the film prior to the workshop and participate in a post evaluation.

The film is available online [here](#). To learn more, please visit [www.facinghistory.org](http://www.facinghistory.org).

*Contact Information:* Tanya Lubicz-Nawrocka at [Tanya\\_Lubicz-Nawrocka@facing.org](mailto:Tanya_Lubicz-Nawrocka@facing.org) or 617-735-1643.

Registration is accepted through the application link.

### ***Beyond Reconciliation - Dealing with the Aftermath of Mass Trauma and Political Violence***

02 Dec 2009 - 06 Dec 2009

A Conference to reflect on Reconciliation and Restorative Justice processes across the globe on the occasion of the United Nation's International Year of Reconciliation.

Organising Chair: Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela

Co-organiser: Chris van der Merwe (University of Cape Town)

Opening Speaker: Dr. Max Price, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town

South Africa has become one of the most violent countries in the world. The recent mass violent attacks on African refugees mainly in black residential areas is just one illustrative examples of the cracks that started to show, upsetting South Africa's story of reconciliation and peaceful transition to democracy.

What went wrong in South Africa's story of reconciliation and peaceful transition to democracy?

What has contributed to the transformation of a story of hope into a nightmare of fear and despair?

What can be done to make reconciliation in the aftermath of mass atrocity more sustainable, with a potential to reduce the effects of trauma in individuals and society?

This conference will search for answers about to these questions and explore a range of other issues related to reconciliation processes which may foster or hinder peace between societal groups, and exacerbate or reduce the effects of trauma in individuals and communities.

*Location: Kramer Building, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town, South Africa*

*Contact Information:* For details on abstract submission, registration and accommodation please visit [www.beyondreconciliation.co.za](http://www.beyondreconciliation.co.za)

### ***CICC Live Blogging Session with Mariana Pena on ICC's second trial***

02 Dec 2009

Wednesday 2 December 2009, 4 - 5 p.m. CET /10 - 11 a.m. EST

On Wednesday 2 December 2009 – a week after the opening of the second trial of the International

Criminal Court (ICC) in the case of The Prosecutor vs. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui -- the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) will host a live question & answer blogging session with ICC expert and NGO representative Mariana Pena. The session will be held on the Coalition's blog, [In Situ: See Justice through the Eyes of Civil Society from 3 to 4 p.m. CET \(9-10 a.m. EST\)](#).

Mariana Pena is Permanent Representative of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) to the ICC in The Hague. Mariana has monitored ICC proceedings from the very beginning, working alongside FIDH member organizations and victims' associations in ICC situation countries, and she is a leading victims' rights advocate.

NB: The discussions will be conducted in English

*Location:* <http://www.iccnw.org/blog>

*Contact Information:* To follow the live discussion or read transcript of the chat, see <http://www.iccnw.org/blog> ; To submit questions, email [communications@iccnw.org](mailto:communications@iccnw.org)

### ***Women in War Zones***

03 Dec 2009

Second Swedish-Dutch Conference on Gender Equality.

Keynote speakers will include: Leymah Gbowee, Director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa, Sima Samar, Special Rapporteur for Sudan, and Dennis Mukwege, Director of the Panzi hospital in Bukavu, specialized in treat female victims of sexual violence.

*Location:* Peace Palace, The Hague

*Contact Information:* If you want to attend, contact Lia Leistra at the Swedish Embassy at [ambassaden.haag-conference@foreign.ministry.se](mailto:ambassaden.haag-conference@foreign.ministry.se) or by phone at + 31 - (0)70 412 02 00, mobile: 06-54 23 22 13

### ***The Moral Risks of International Criminal Prosecution: Law, Arbitrariness & the Rights of the Accused***

07 Dec 2009

The Columbia University Human Rights Seminar Cordially Invites you to a Presentation by Cindy Holder on "The Moral Risks of International Criminal Prosecution: Law, Arbitrariness & the Rights of the Accused."

Cindy Holder is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Victoria. Recent publications include "Responding to Humanitarian Crises," "Culture as an Activity and Human Right: An Important Advance for Indigenous Peoples in International Law," and "Who's Sorry Now? Government Apologies, Truth Commissions and Indigenous Self-Determination in Canada, Australia, Guatemala and Peru."



Before the meeting, participants are invited to join the speaker for drinks in the lobby of the Faculty House at 6:00pm and an optional buffet dinner at 6:30pm (partially subsidized for a cost of \$22) on the second floor of the Faculty House.

Please RSVP to Heidi Rosbe at: [cuhrseminar@gmail.com](mailto:cuhrseminar@gmail.com). Include your full name and affiliation and specify whether you plan to attend the dinner before the seminar.

Time: Monday, December 7, 2009, 7:30pm

*Location: Faculty House, W. 117th St. and Morningside Dr., Columbia University, New York, NY*

*Contact Information:* More information: [cuhrseminar@gmail.com](mailto:cuhrseminar@gmail.com)

### ***International Parliamentary Conference on Justice and Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes Region***

07 Dec 2009 - 12 Dec 2009

Regional Meeting of Parliamentarians from the Great Lakes and Central Africa on the Rome Statute System, Implementing Legislation and the role of Justice in Peace Processes

*Location: : Palais du Peuple, Seat of the Parliament of the DRC, Commune of Lingwala, Kinshasa*

*Contact Information:* [stefanie@pgaction.org](mailto:stefanie@pgaction.org)

### ***Understanding Peace, Conflict and Violence: do we need new approaches?***

08 Dec 2009

The conference aims to provide space for scholarly reflection on the conundrums faced by those researching and teaching in peace and conflict studies. While scholars in the field are demanded to provide high quality policy advice and expertise, questions arise as to what is the advice that gets taken and what are the theories that underpin that advice. It is precisely those questions that the Conference will attempt to answer.

Keynote speaker: Professor Johan Galtung

A more detailed programme of speakers and workshops will soon be posted on the ISS website at <http://www.iss.nl/News/Events/Conference-with-Professor-Johan-Galtung-Call-for-Papers>.

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### ***Should the ICC exercise jurisdiction over Gaza?***

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Lecture by Professor John Dugard, Chair in Public International Law at Leiden University, Director of the advanced LLM programme in Public International Law at Leiden University.

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