

Conference Programme

Development of International Criminal Law: Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity

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DAY 1

8:30	Onsite registration
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9:00 - 9:15	Conference opening
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9:15 - 9:30	Information on Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship activities
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OPENING LECTURE

9:30 - 10:00	Prof. Dr. Laila Sadat “Challenges and opportunities in the Ongoing Negotiations for a New Global Treaty on Crimes Against Humanity
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PANEL I

10:00 - 11:00	Development of Crimes Against Humanity Concept
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Paweł Wiliński	
Speakers:	
Prof. Dr. Carsten Stahn “State’s responsibility to prevent international crimes”	
Prof. Dr. William Schabas “Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide: How are they Related?”	
Prof. Dr Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi “The relation between the Crimes Against Humanity convention and the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of the Crimes of Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes and Other International Crimes”	
11:00 - 11:30	Discussion

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

PANEL II

12:00 – 13:00

Crimes Against Humanity – Contemporary and Future Perspectives – Part I

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Adam Górski

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Volker Nerlich

“Crimes Against Humanity in the Jurisprudence of the ICC”

Dr. Aleksandra Nieprzecka

“Shaping the Contours of Modes of Liability and Superior Responsibility in the Context of Crimes Against Humanity under National Law”

Dr. Karolina Aksamitowska

“Crimes Against Humanity and Biometric Technologies”

13:00 – 13:15

Short Break

13:15 – 14:15

Crimes Against Humanity – Contemporary and Future Perspectives – Part II

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Sławomir Steinborn

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Bartłomiej Krzan

“Prosecuting Environmental Harm as Crimes Against Humanity”

Dr. Sonia Głogowska

“Gender Apartheid as a Crime Against Humanity”

Dr. Ewa Górka

“Marginalised Voices and Contested New Harms: Reading CAH Proposals for Amendments through an Epistemic Injustice Lens”

14:15 – 14:45

Discussion

14:45 – 16:00

Lunch Break

PANEL III

16:00 – 17:20

Towards the Convention on Crimes Against Humanity: Practical Insights into the Negotiation Process

Chairman: Mr. Paweł Wierdak, Director of the Legal and Treaty Department at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speakers:

Dr. Svetlana Zašova, Special Legal Advisor on International Criminal Justice, Legal Department, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

Judge Agnieszka Klonowiecka-Milart, former judge on hybrid tribunals

Ms. Kaija Suvanto, Director General for Legal Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

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DAY 2

PANEL I

10:00 - 11:00	Crimes Against Humanity: States' Obligations - Part I
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Barbara Nita-Światłowska Speakers: Prof. Dr. Christoph Safferling “International Cooperation and Disputes Settlement” Prof. Dr. Patrycja Grzebyk “Investigation and execution of the responsibility of States by UN bodies” Dr. Tomasz Lachowski “Preventing Crimes Against Humanity: Lessons Learned from the Genocide Convention”	
11:00 - 11:15	Short Break
11:15 - 12:15	Crimes Against Humanity: States' Obligations - Part II
Chairman: Mr. Jean François Thony Speakers: Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Mężykowska “Reparations for victims” Prof. Dr. Michał Kowalski “Principle of non-refoulement in the Draft Articles” Prof. Dr. Karolina Wierczyńska “Filling the Normative Gap: Poland’s Approach and Proposals for the New Crimes Against Humanity Convention”	
12:15 - 12:45	Discussion
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch Break

PANEL II

13:45 – 15:00

Crimes Against Humanity: Implementation and Jurisdiction

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Piotr Kardas

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Florian Jeßberger

“Universality, Hierarchy, Custom: Reflections on National Jurisdiction in the Draft Articles”

Prof. Dr. Nella Sayatz

“Between Judicial Chaos and Double Standards: Exercising Jurisdiction under the Future Crimes Against Humanity Convention – Lessons from German Practice”

Dr. Dominik Zajac

“Challenges in Implementing Definition of Crimes Against Humanity to National Legal Orders”

Dr. Maciej Błotnicki

“Article 118a of the Polish Criminal Code and the Illusion of Its Completeness: The Polish Model of Criminalising Crimes Against Humanity in Light of the Draft Convention”

15:00 – 15:30

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00

Prof. Dr. Piotr Hofmański

Summary of the Conference

16:15

Closing and Farewell

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