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International Criminal Law

- *From Theory To Practice* -

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9 - 22 July, 2026

The Hague, The Netherlands

PROGRAMME 2026

THURSDAY 9 JULY

09.00 - 09.30	Registration & Coffee
09.30 - 10.30	Welcoming Words & Orientation <i>Joe Powderly</i>
10.30 - 11.30	Keynote Speaker <i>Judge Socorro Flores Liera</i>
11.30 - 12.30	Introduction to Moot Court <i>Rodrigo Moreno & María José Sánchez</i>
13.30 - 14.30	Challenges of ICL <i>Jens Iverson</i>
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee Break
15.00 - 16.30	Introduction to Advocacy Exercise <i>Marie O'Leary & Eric Tully</i>
18.00 - 21.00	Opening Seminar: WHEN POLICING BECOMES POLITICAL International Police Cooperation in the Era of Spin Dictators

FRIDAY 10 JULY

09.00 - 10.30	Genocide I <i>Hirad Abtahi</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30	Genocide II <i>Hirad Abtahi</i>
14.00 - 15.30	Crimes Against Humanity I <i>Christopher Lentz</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.30	Crimes Against Humanity II <i>Christopher Lentz</i>
19.00 - 21.00	Welcome Dinner Very Italian Pizza

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MONDAY 13 JULY

9.00 - 10.30	War Crimes I <i>Robert Heinsch</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30	War Crimes II <i>Robert Heinsch</i>
14.00 - 15.30	Starvation as a Weapon of Warfare <i>Catriona Murdoch</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.30	Race, Migration & Universal Jurisdiction <i>Nicola Palmer</i>

TUESDAY 14 JULY

9.00 - 11.00	Crime of Aggression <i>Astrid Reisinger Coracini</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.00	Jursidiction <i>Rod Rastan</i>
14.00 - 15.30	Building a Prosecution Case <i>Pubudu Sachithanandan</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.30	Witness Protection at the International Courts <i>Gregory Townsend</i>

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

10.00 - 12.00	International Criminal Court Visit
14.00 - 16.00	Kosovo Specialist Chambers Visit

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THURSDAY 16 JULY

- 09.00 - 10.30 **Political Pushback on the ICC**
Cyril Laucchi
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Evidence in International Criminal Trials in the AI Era**
Sabrina Rewald
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Success of Political Defenses**
Arvind Pillai
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 - 17.30 **Building a Defense Case - Online**
Beth Lyons

FRIDAY 17 JULY

- 09.00 - 10.30 **Modes of Liability in ICL: Individual Criminal Responsibility**
Lachezar Yanev
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Modes of Liability in International Criminal Law: Command Responsibility**
Judge Guénaél Mettraux
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Charismatic Leadership Accountability under ICL**
María Manuela Márquez Velásquez
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 - 18.00 **Complementarity**
Mohamed El Zeidy

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MONDAY 20 JULY

- 09.00 - 10.30 **Victim's Reparations**
Joni Van Laeken
- 10.30 - 11.30 **Advocacy Training**
*Marie O'Leary, Annie O'Reilly,
Eric Tully & Sarah Bafadhel*
- 13.00 - 17.00 **Advocacy Training**
*Marie O'Leary, Annie O'Reilly,
Eric Tully & Sarah Bafadhel*

TUESDAY 21 JULY

- 09.00 - 10.30 **Environmental Crimes under the ICC**
Reinhold Gallmetzer
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Sexual and Gender-based Violence**
Rosemary Grey
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Role of International Criminal Law in
Global Security**
Rafael Braga da Silva
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 - 17.30 **Head of State and Personal Immunities
before ICC and Tribunals**
André de Hoogh

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

- 11.00 - 12.30 **Moot Court I**
Rodrigo Moreno & María José Sánchez
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Moot Court II**
Rodrigo Moreno & María José Sánchez
- 16.00 - 16.30 **Certificate Ceremony**
- 19.00 - 21.00 **Farewell Dinner**
Beachclub WOW

SPEAKERS 2026

ACADEMIC COORDINATORS:



Joe Powderly

Associate Professor of International Criminal Law; Representative teaching co-directors and LUC; lecturer in international criminal law, international criminal litigation, and public international law at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels



María Manuela Márquez V.

PhD Candidate at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies researching on charismatic leadership accountability under international criminal law



Arvind Pillai

PhD Candidate at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies researching on defense decision-making and strategies under international criminal law

LIST OF SPEAKERS:



André de Hoogh

Associate Professor in International Law at University of Groningen



Cyril Laucci

Lead Counsel for the Defence, International Criminal Court



Annie O'Reilly

Defense Co-counsel, Kosovo Specialist Chambers



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Co-Counsel for Rexhep Selimi at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and formerly STL and ICTY



Astrid Reisinger Coracini

Senior Scientist, University of Salzburg; Adjunct Lecturer, University of Vienna



Gregory Townsend

Works for the IFRC, UN Team of Experts on the Rule of Law & Sexual Violence in Conflict, Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine, and PhD on witness protection; former senior legal officer at IRMCT, ICTY, STL, SCSL, UNMIK & ICTR



Beth Lyons

Defence Counsel, ICC and former Defence Counsel, ICTR



Guénaél Mettraux

Judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Adjunct Professor, University of Galway



Catriona Murdoch

International criminal and human rights expert, Barrister at 1 Crown Office Row Chambers, Legal Assistant at UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals



Hirad Abtahi

Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President at the International Criminal Court, and adjunct professor, Sciences Po



Christopher Lentz

Legal Advisor, Register of Damage for Ukraine and Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School



Jens Iverson

Assistant Professor of International Criminal Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies

**The views of our guest lecturers are their own and do not represent the views of the institution they are affiliated with.*

SPEAKERS 2026

**Joni Van Laeken**

Meijers PhD candidate at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden University working on transformative reparations for victims of mass atrocities

**Lachezar Yanev**

Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**María José Sánchez**

Colombian lawyer and PhD researcher in international criminal law

**Marie O'Leary**

President, The Association of Defence Counsel practising before the International Courts and Tribunals (ADC-ICT)

**Mohamed El Zeidy**

Senior Legal Advisor to the President, Kosovo Specialist Chambers

**Nicola Palmer**

Senior Lecturer in Public Law, University of Cape Town

**Pubudu Sachithanandan**

Head of Unified Team at the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

**Rafael Braga da Silva**

Independent Counsel and Consultant; formerly Associate Legal Officer at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC-SPO) and Associate Appeals Counsel at the UN Residual Mechanism (IRMCT)

**Reinhold Gallmetzer**

Appeals Counsel and Focal Point for Environmental Crimes at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

**Robert Heinsch**

Associate Professor of Public International Law at Leiden University; Director of Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum on International Humanitarian Law, founder of the Leiden IHL Clinic

**Rod Rastan**

Chief of the Judicial Cooperation Support Section, Registry, International Criminal Court

**Rodrigo Moreno**

Ecuadorian-qualified lawyer and researcher in criminology and international criminal law

**Rosemary Grey**

Senior Lecturer at Sydney Law School and Co-Director of the Sydney Centre for International Law

**Sabrina Rewald**

International legal consultant; Co-Founder of Fénix Foundation; Consultant on Digital Evidence in Conflict for Council of Europe

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