



Strengthening the Validity of International Criminal Tribunals

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Introduction

International Criminal Law (ICL) re-emerged onto the global stage during the 1990s in a flood of good will and optimism. Two decades onwards, ICL has not proven to be the panacea some hoped it might be. Today many query whether the field of ICL can live up to the high expectations that have been placed upon it, and whether it is truly possible for the international criminal justice system to bring peace, reconciliation and accountability to communities ravaged by violence, hatred and impunity. Expectations are shifting as to what ICL can realistically achieve.

The ad hoc tribunals are winding down amidst mixed reviews. The International Criminal Court is facing challenges of its own, not least its uneasy relationship with some African states. At the same time, calls are being made for new courts and ad hoc jurisdictions to be created and for new crimes to be added to make ICL more relevant in today's world. Some see the answer in complementarity, but this too may not be the solution that, on the face of it, it appears to be. Where then, should we go from here? What possibilities are there for increasing the effectiveness, and, ultimately, the legitimacy of ICL?

Pluricourts' International Criminal Pillar is proud to host this conference, bringing together a range of experts from a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives who, over the course of two days, will discuss and debate how the field of international criminal justice can be made more valid, effective and, ultimately, legitimate as it moves into the future.

The presentations have been grouped into three broad categories. The first discusses how the processes of ICL can be made more effective. Presenters will reflect upon what we mean by effectiveness, and how different processes and aspects of ICL can be made more effective. The second grouping looks to other courts and institutions to see whether lessons can be drawn from them. The third grouping addresses whether more courts or more crimes might provide an answer, and explores what choices are available that might help to turn the international criminal justice project around.

We warmly welcome you to the wonderful Voksenåsen Hotel with its beautiful views of the fjord, and hope that you are able to enjoy many fruitful discussions.

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Joanna Nicholson, Post-doctoral Researcher, Pluricourts

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Programme

Monday 29 August

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:15 **Welcome**

Cecilia M. Bailliet, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

Session 1 Making the Processes of International Criminal Justice More Effective

09:15-10:35 Chair: *Geir Ulfstein*, Director, PluriCourts

Who Defines Effectiveness in International Criminal Law?

Mikkel Jarle Christensen, iCourts

The Management of Third Party Amicus Participation before International Criminal Tribunals: Juggling Efficiency and Legitimacy

Jamie Trinidad, Lauterpacht Center for IL, co-author *Avidan Kent*, University of East Anglia

Defense Perspectives on Fairness and Efficiency at the International Criminal Court

Jenia I. Turner, Dedman School of Law, Dallas

10:35-10:50 **Coffee break**

10:50-12:10 Chair: *Joanna Nicholson*, Post-Doc, PluriCourts

Overcoming Barriers to Reliable Fact-finding in International Criminal Trials

Yvonne McDermott, Bangor University

The Dog Biting the Tail Wagging the Dog? The Relationship between International Criminal Jurisdictions and their Governance Institutions

Sergey Vasiliev, Leiden University

From Law *versus* Politics to Law *in* Politics: A Pragmatist Assessment of the ICC's impact

Geoff Dancy, Tulane University, co author *Florencia Montal*, University of Minnesota

12:10-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:35 Chair: *Nobuo Hayashi*, International Law and Policy Institute

Strengthening the Effectiveness of International Criminal law through the Principle of Legality

Joanna Nicholson, PluriCourts

Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Crime of Genocide

Carola Lingaas, University of Oslo

Expediting Trials at the ICC: The Role of States Parties in Amending the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

Shehzad Charania, British Embassy, The Hague

14:35-14:50 **Coffee break**

Session 2 Learning from and Relying Upon other Courts and Insitutions

14:50-15:50 Chair: *Cecilia M. Bailliet*, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

How Positive is Positive Complementarity? Assessing the Genuineness of National Procedures by Reference to Human Rights Standards

Nobuo Hayashi and Tamas Vince Adany, International Law and Policy Insitute and Pázmány Péter Catholic University

Do too many cooks spoil the broth? A Proposal for a Joint Strategy between the Office of the Prosecutor and the Inter-American Commissio on Human Rights

Marialejandra Moreno Mantilla, The International Criminal Court, The Hague

15:50

Coffee break

16:10- 17:30 Chair: *Gentian Zyberi*, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights

Learning Lessons and Leaving Legacies: Constructing Validity at the International Criminal Tribunals

Viviane Dittrich, London School of Economics

The International Criminal Court and the Security Council: The Power of Politics and the Undermining of Justice

Kirsten Bowman, Uppsala University

The Concept of Collegiality in Theory and Practice: Lessons for the ICC?

Hemi Mistry, University of Nottingham

17:30

End of first day

19:00

Dinner

Session 3 More Courts? More Crimes?

09:30-10:30 **Key note speech: Mandiaye Niang, former Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,**

Africa and the Legitimacy of the ICC in Question

10:30- 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45-12:05 Chair: *Jo Stigen*, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo

Productions and Meanings of Justice in the Trial of Chad's Hissène Habré in Senegal
Kerstin Carlson, iCourts

Insurgent Complementarity and Kurdish Courts
René Provost, McGill University

From Nuremberg to Malabo: Economic actors and International Crimes
Franziska Oehm, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

12:05-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:35 Chair: *Kjersti Lohne*, PluriCourts

The Ineffectiveness of the ICL system in Africa: Alternatives for Re-moulding ICL on the African Continent
Dorothy Makaza, University of Hamburg

Why the Current International Criminal Justice Project Cannot Succeed and the Choices to Turn it Around
Marieke de Hoon, University of Amsterdam

Symbolism as a Constraint on International Criminal Law
Marina Aksenova, iCourts

14:35-14:50 **Closing remarks**
Cecilia M. Bailliet and Joanna Nicholson, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

Biographies

Presenters

Tamas Adany

Tamas Adany is an associate professor at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest where he is currently also the acting head of the Department of Public International Law. He is a graduate (doctor of law) of the same law school and the Alta Scuola Economia e Relazioni Internazionali (master of arts) in Milan, Italy. He holds a PhD in international law, written on the preconditions and exercise of the jurisdiction of the ICC. Edited or authored books in international criminal law, humanitarian law, human rights law and several other papers on the dynamics of inter-state relations. He worked for the Hungarian Government in the implementation of the judgement of the Gabcikovo-Nagymaros Barriage System judgement of the ICJ and has also been occasionally involved in several international law related private enterprises.

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Marina Aksenova is postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Copenhagen, Centre of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts). She completed her PhD in international criminal law at the European University Institute (in Florence) and an MSc degree in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Oxford. She worked as legal assistant for the defence teams at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and as a legal intern at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Aksenova has experience in private legal practice (international arbitration). She served as a consultant to NGOs, EU agencies and national defence teams on issues related to sentencing, human rights and conspiracy charges in international criminal law. Aksenova has published in the fields of international criminal law and comparative criminal law and her PhD thesis 'Complicity in International Criminal Law' (Hart, forthcoming 2016) won Mauro Cappelletti Prize for the Best Thesis in Comparative Law.

Cecilia Bailliet

Cecilia M. Bailliet is Professor, Director of the Masters Program in Public International Law, and responsible for the Profile on International Law. She has a combined J.D./M.A. (honours) degree from The George Washington University Law School & Elliott School of International Affairs (U.S.A). She received her Doctorate in law from the University of Oslo. Bailliet researches transnational and cross-disciplinary issues within international law including general public international law, human rights, refugee law, counter-terrorism, and peace. She has served as consultant to national and international organizations, and her research has been the basis for the creation of guidelines in various institutions. She created the courses "Refugee and Asylum Law" and "The Right to Peace" and is in charge of the Masters Level course on "Public International Law" at the Law Faculty.

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Kirsten Bowman is currently working to complete her PhD at Uppsala University in the field of public international law, looking at the relationship between the UN Security Council and the international criminal courts from the perspectives of institutional judicial independence and the perception of legitimacy. She has previously worked as a legal officer at both the ICC and ICTR, as well as having clerked in Chambers at the ICTY. She spent time working in the Office of the Prosecutor but has primarily worked in Chambers where, at the ICC, she worked for then Vice President Blattmann on the first case to come before the Court. As well, she has taught International Criminal Law and International Courts courses at Georgetown University and consults for organizations focusing on ICL, including the UN, the Open Society Justice Initiative, the Women's Initiative for Gender Justice, and the International Bar Association. She holds a J.D. and is a member of the New York Bar.

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Viviane Dittrich is a postgraduate researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her research focuses on the international criminal tribunals and the notion of legacy. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the LSE. After undergraduate studies at Sciences Po Paris and Wellesley College she received an MSc in International Relations from the LSE and a Master's degree from Sciences Po. Currently she teaches on international law, international institutions and global crime at Sciences Po, LSE and Royal Holloway, University of London.

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His most significant works cover military necessity, threat of force, and the law and ethics of nuclear weapons. He brings with him more than fifteen years of experience performing advanced research, advising international prosecutors, authoring court submissions, teaching at universities and publishing scholarly articles in the aforementioned areas as well as other related fields. His major Positions include: Visiting Lecturer, UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (2007-present); Researcher, PluriCourts, University of Oslo Law Faculty (2012-2016); Visiting Professor, International University of Japan (2005-2015); Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (2008-12); Legal Advisor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (2006-8); Legal Officer, Prosecutions Division, Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) (2004-6); and Associate Legal Officer, ICTY OTP Legal Advisory Section (2000-3).

Carola Lingaas

Carola Lingaas is a PhD candidate at the University of Oslo (Norway). Her research explores the concept of race in international criminal law, with a particular focus on the crime of genocide. After her Master's studies in law at the University of Zürich (Switzerland) she worked at the Public Prosecutor's Office, the District Court and a law firm. She then joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), where she worked as a field delegate (2002-2003) in South Sudan during the second civil war. She completed an LL.M. in Public International Law at the University of Oslo in 2005. From 2006-2013, Carola worked for the Norwegian Red Cross.

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Dorothy Makaza is a DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) scholar and a PhD candidate at the University of Hamburg. Her research aims to identify effective compliance mechanisms in international law within the framework of African criminal justice. Her passion and specialisations lie in the fields of public international law, international criminal law, human rights law, international humanitarian law and conflict management. Dorothy holds a master's degree in human rights and conflict management from Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna in Italy, as well as a bachelor's degree in law (LLB) from the University of Fort Hare in South Africa.

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