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# Nuremberg Moot Court 2023



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Nuremberg Principles

- Principle I Any person who commits an act which constitutes a crime under international law is responsible therefore and liable to punishment.
- Principle II The fact that internal law does not impose a penalty for an act which constitutes a crime under international law does not relieve the person who committed the act from responsibility under international law.
- Principle III The fact that a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible Government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law.
- Principle IV The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him.
- Principles V Any person charged with a crime under international law has the right to a fair trial on the facts and law.
- Principle VI The crimes hereinafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law: Crimes against peace, War crimes, Crimes Against Humanity.
- Principle VII Complicity in the commission of a crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity as set forth in Principle VI is a crime under international law.





## About us

### The International Nuremberg Principles Academy



The International Nuremberg Principles Academy (Nuremberg Academy) is a foundation dedicated to the advancement of international criminal law and related human rights. It is located in Nuremberg, the birthplace of modern international criminal law. Conscious of this historic heritage, its main fields of activity include providing a forum for dialogue by convening international conferences and expert meetings, conducting interdisciplinary and applied research, engaging in specialised capacity building for practitioners of international criminal law and human rights education. The Nuremberg Academy upholds the Nuremberg Principles and the rule of law with a vision of sustainable peace through justice, furthering knowledge and building capacities of those involved in the judicial process in relation to core international crimes. The Nuremberg Academy was established by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria and the City of Nuremberg.

### The International Criminal Law Research Unit of Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU)




Professor Safferling and his team have a variety of research interests. Besides matters of criminal law and criminal procedure, these are in particular, European and international criminal law and the history of criminal law. There is also a specific interest in current criminal law developments in the field of cyber and computer crime.

An important part of ICLU's work consists of research in international criminal law. The Research Unit not only follows current developments in this very dynamic field marked by great activity on the part of many states and the international community as well as legal scholarship, but it also endeavours to examine historical backgrounds, the political dimension and the future of international criminal law. The particular focus is on contemporary legal history.

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## Nuremberg Moot Court 2023

Dear Participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2023,

A very warm welcome to all participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2023!

As President of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, it gives me particular pleasure to acknowledge the overwhelming response for this year's competition, which has once again attracted a greater number of teams, representing all five continents. It is a remarkable demonstration of the international status of the competition. The Nuremberg Moot Court is unique in that it is held in Courtroom 600 – where international criminal law was applied for the very first time against major Nazi war criminals and lawyers and judges deliberated over the jurisprudence that emerged.

Every year, the Nuremberg Moot Court affords the opportunity for law students from across the world to present legal arguments in simulated exercises, exploring the intricacies of international criminal law and extending its reach over modern day challenges. In addition, the participants have the benefit of engaging with renowned judges and professional lawyers and prosecutors who serve in international courts and tribunals.

While gaining first hand practical experience and knowledge to advance their skills in the practice of international criminal law, students also develop common values on justice and accountability and build a fraternity of like-minded lawyers.

I wish you an enjoyable stay in Nuremberg and hope that you will truly benefit from everything the competition has to offer.

Best wishes to all of you in your future endeavours.

Navi Pillay

President of the Advisory Council of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy;  
former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights







## Welcome from the Bavarian Minister of State for Justice

At this year's Nuremberg Moot Court, young lawyers from all over the world will once again meet at Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice to put their theoretical knowledge of international criminal law into practice based on a fictitious case.

This is special for several reasons. The venue of the event is the birthplace of international criminal law. Almost eight decades ago, the Nuremberg trials took place in Courtroom 600. These stand for the successful reappraisal of inhuman injustice. In 1950, the international community for the first time, through the Nuremberg Principles, laid down the claim to end impunity of crimes under international law. The creation of the International Criminal Court by the Rome Statute is another milestone of international criminal law. It is a particular sign of international cohesion that the Rome Statute was adopted in 1998 and that the International Criminal Court was able to begin its work in 2002. The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine painfully shows us that compliance with elementary principles of international law can still not be taken for granted and that the commitment to effective international criminal law remains of central importance today.

It is therefore even more important and gratifying that many young lawyers from all over the world are interested in the legally demanding field of international criminal law.

Dear participants, you are the future representatives of the rule of law. With your commitment, you are already setting an example for international cooperation. I am convinced that you will all learn a lot – for your professional and personal future.

I wish all participants much joy and success!

Georg Eisenreich  
Member of the State Parliament



## Welcome from the Lord Mayor of Nuremberg

I am very pleased to welcome all of you who are taking part in the Nuremberg Moot Court 2023. More than 100 young students from all corners of the world are coming together here in this historic environment for a few days to engage in legal contests on the subject of international criminal law. It is fitting that the opening event is taking place in Courtroom 600 of the Palace of Justice, a place that together with the subsequent Memorium Nuremberg Trials has hardly any equal as the birthplace of international criminal law.

We should never forget that Nuremberg was the city where the Nazis passed their so-called race laws. Nuremberg was the city where Nazi rallies fostered extremist propaganda for a reign of terror and injustice. Yet, Nuremberg was also in the end the place where Nazi criminals were to hear the verdict of their judges. It was here that the Nuremberg Principles came into being.

That young, liberally minded academics and future law practitioners should now be here to discuss fundamental questions of human rights and of international criminal law in matters such as war crimes and crimes against humanity, confirms our vision that Nuremberg is a city of peace and of human rights. Your being here, and what you all are here to undertake, is testimony to Nuremberg's resolve not merely to confront its own dark past, but to deal with it by remembering, by admonishing its repetition and by looking to the future.

Marcus König  
Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg



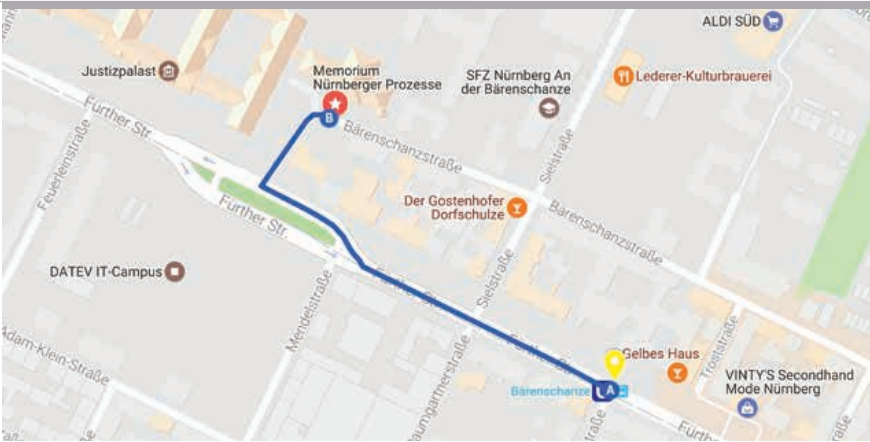


Programme of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2023

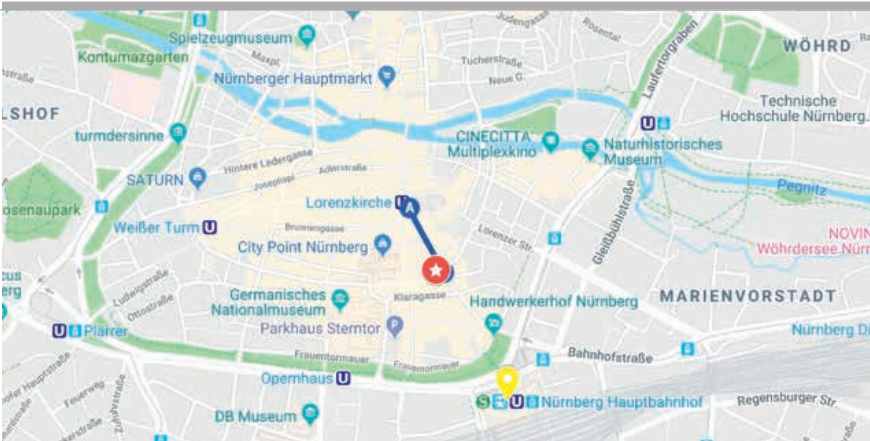
Wednesday, 19 July	<b>Opening</b>
	4 pm–5.30 pm <b>Registration</b>
	5.30 pm–6.30 pm <b>Opening Speeches</b> Judge Stephan Husemann, Judge, Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg Dr Immanuel Baumann, Director, Memorial Nuremberg Trials Georg Eisenreich, Bavarian Minister of State for Justice (pre-recorded video) Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, Director, Nuremberg Academy and ICLU, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg  Location: Courtroom 600, Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorial Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
7 pm	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> at <i>Tucher Mautkeller</i> , Hallplatz 2
Thursday, 20 July	<b>Preliminary Round I</b>
	Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	9 am–10.30 am <b>Preliminary Round I</b>
	10.45 am–12.15 pm <b>Preliminary Round I</b>
	12.15 pm–1.30 pm Break
	1.30 pm–3 pm <b>Preliminary Round I</b>
Friday, 21 July	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	9 am–10.30 am <b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	10.45 am–12.15 pm <b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	12.15 pm–1.30 pm Break
	1.30 pm–3 pm <b>Preliminary Round II</b>
Saturday, 22 July	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	3.15 pm–4.45 pm <b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	6 pm <b>Announcement of the results of the Preliminary Rounds</b> Location: Courtroom 600, Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorial Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	<b>Last 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Round</b>
	Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	9 am–10.30 am <b>Last 16</b>
	10.45 am–12.15 pm <b>Last 16</b>
	12.15 pm–1 pm Break
	1 pm–2.30 pm <b>Quarter-Finals</b>
	2.45 pm–4.15 pm <b>Semi-Finals</b>
	5 pm–6.30 pm <b>Finals</b>
	7 pm <b>Awards Ceremony</b>
	8 pm <b>Optional Get Together</b> (costs not included) <i>Tucher-Bräu</i> am Opernhaus, Am Kartäusertor 1, 90402 Nuremberg

Venues

**Memorium Nuremberg Trials/  
Palace of Justice**  
Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg  
Subway Station: Bärenschanze, U1



**Tucher Mautkeller**  
Hallplatz 2, Nuremberg  
Subway Station: Lorenzkirche, U1



**Tucher-Bräu am Opernhaus**  
Am Kartäusertor 1, Nuremberg  
Subway Station: Opernhaus U2/U3



**Documentation Center  
Nazi Party Rally Grounds**  
Bayernstraße 110, Nuremberg  
Tram Station: Doku-Zentrum, Tram 6, 8





## Courtroom 600

With the beginning of the so-called Trial of the Main War Criminals on 20 November 1945, Courtroom 600 in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice became known all over the world. The decision to locate the trial in Nuremberg was made mainly for political and infrastructure reasons.

The Americans were very anxious to have the trial venue in their occupation zone. At the same time, the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, which had been inaugurated by the last Bavarian king, Ludwig III, in 1916, had remained largely undamaged during the war, and the adjacent prison building simplified the security measures which would be required.

For the trial, a wooden corridor was constructed, connecting the prison with the east wing of the Palace of Justice, and enabling safe transport of prisoners from their cells directly into the courtroom. In addition, a wide security zone was established around the premises containing the court buildings and prison.



Aerial view of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice in Winter 1945-46



Courtyard for sports exercises



Courtroom 600 after its refurbishment in 1945



Court Room 600 today

The fact that Nuremberg had been the City of the Nazi Party Rallies and of the Nuremberg Racial Laws added a particular symbolism to this choice of venue.

Major alterations were made to Courtroom 600 in preparation for the Trial of the Main War Criminals. The judges' bench was turned by 90 degrees, and thus positioned below the windows. The dock was enlarged, and numerous technical systems were installed. These included a system provided by IBM for simultaneous interpreting of the trial in four languages.

The largest alteration to the completely wood-panelled courtroom was the extension of the visitors' area. The back wall of the room was removed, and the lower part was extended as a press stand. In addition, an upper gallery was installed housing a separate visitors' area.

Until March 2020, Courtroom 600 was used as an ordinary courtroom. In March 2020, the Nuremberg Palace of Justice was extended to the west and more courtrooms were added. This has allowed Courtroom 600 to function as the central part of the exhibition of the Memorium Nuremberg Trials.

**Participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court can visit the Memorium Nuremberg Trials for free.**

## The Judges



**Judge Adelaide Sophie Reine Alapini-Gansou**  
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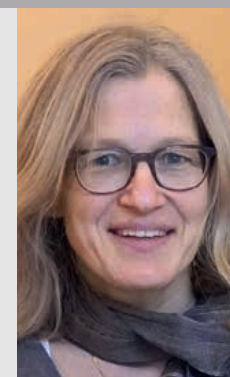
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Former (Presiding) Judge, Supreme Court of Bavaria and Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina; currently Lecturer, University of Saarland, Saarbrücken



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**Peter Kremer**  
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**Judge Dr Monika Meinke**  
Judge, Nuremberg Higher Regional Court; former Public Prosecutor



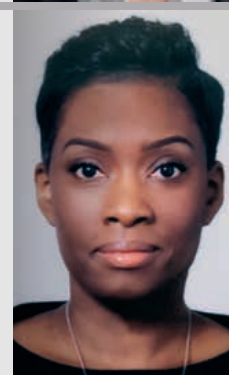
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Pre-Trial Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC); former Chef de Cabinet to the President, STL



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**Judge Daniel D.N. Nsereko**  
Former Judge of the Appeals Chamber, STL; former Judge of the Appeals Chamber, ICC



**Yulia Nuzban**  
Associate Trial Lawyer, ICC



**Judge Dr Isabel Hörtreiter**  
Presiding Judge at the Nuremberg-Fürth District Court; former Prosecutor at the Prosecutor's Office of Nuremberg-Fürth; former official at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations



**Prof. Bradley J. Huestis**  
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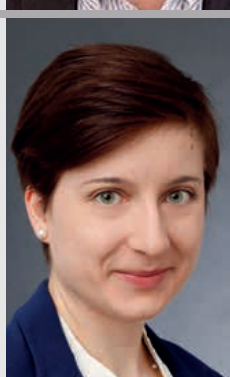
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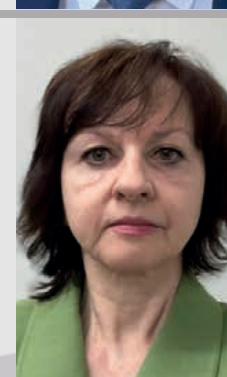
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**Judge Bertram Schmitt**  
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