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# Nuremberg Moot Court 2024



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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



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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 place of the first international trial before the International Military Tribunal. 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 strengthening 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 strengthening 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)



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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 2024

Dear participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2024,

A very warm welcome to all participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2024!

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

The Nuremberg Moot Court has become an institution. This year it is the twelfth time that young jurists from all over the world meet to argue a fictional case. They will be given the unique opportunity to develop their skills and to plead at the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice.

It is hard to imagine a more suitable location. This is where almost eight decades ago the Nuremberg trials were held – where a fundamental chapter of international legal history was written. Here, for the first time, leading representatives of a state were held personally accountable for their state's actions.

These trials represent success in dealing with inhumanity and injustice. And with the adoption of the “Nuremberg Principles” by the UN General Assembly in 1946 they marked the birth of modern international criminal law. Current world events, in particular the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, in violation of international law, which has now lasted more than two years, demonstrate how urgent is our need for international law. At the same time the Nuremberg Principles are an appeal to all to continue developing these principles and to constantly advance international cooperation.

I am therefore delighted that the participants in the Nuremberg Moot Court will be engaging in such an intensive fashion with this politically and legally challenging subject matter.

Democracy and the rule of law, peace and freedom cannot be taken for granted. We have to defend these values anew every day. And you, dear participants, the future generation of jurists, are able to make your contribution towards this.

I wish you a profitable event, much joy and the best of success!

Georg Eisenreich  
Member of the State Parliament



## Welcome from the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg

Ever since 2013, and therefore this year for the twelfth time, young jurists from all over the world have gathered in Nuremberg to expand their understanding of international criminal law. They do so here in Courtroom 600, the historic site of the first international trial in which modern international criminal law was applied: the Nuremberg trial against the major war criminals from 1945 to 1946. Thus, in an inspiring setting, the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg offer budding international criminal lawyers a chance to deepen their skills with practitioners and researchers in their field. In this way, this format contributes toward advancing a form of civilisational progress whose foundation was laid here almost 80 years ago. The citizens of Nuremberg, its civil society and the City of Nuremberg itself are very committed to drawing lessons from the past and taking responsibility. For that reason, too, the city has operated the Memorium Nuremberg Trials here at this site since 2010, to make this place of historic progress available to a worldwide public. And that is why in Nuremberg, the city of peace and human rights, the Moot Court and its participants are especially welcome.

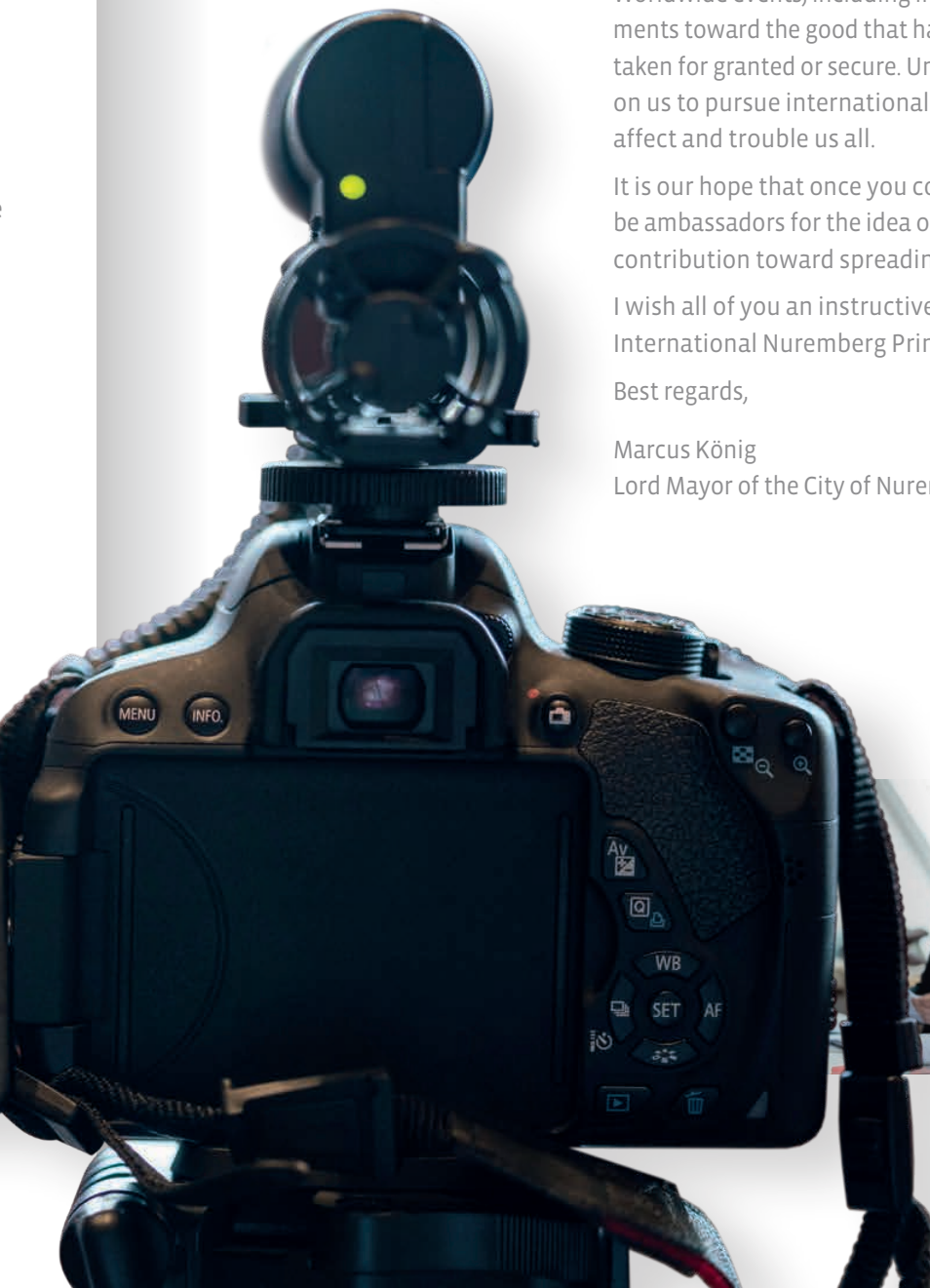
Worldwide events, including in our nearby European environs, show that many developments toward the good that had once seemed beyond reversal are by no means to be taken for granted or secure. Unfortunately, there are more and more occasions that call on us to pursue international criminal law as an explanation for phenomena that affect and trouble us all.

It is our hope that once you complete your participation in this Moot Court, you will be ambassadors for the idea of international criminal law. You are making an important contribution toward spreading the idea of law and making our world more just.

I wish all of you an instructive, interesting and enriching stay in our city and at the International Nuremberg Principles Academy.

Best regards,

Marcus König  
Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg



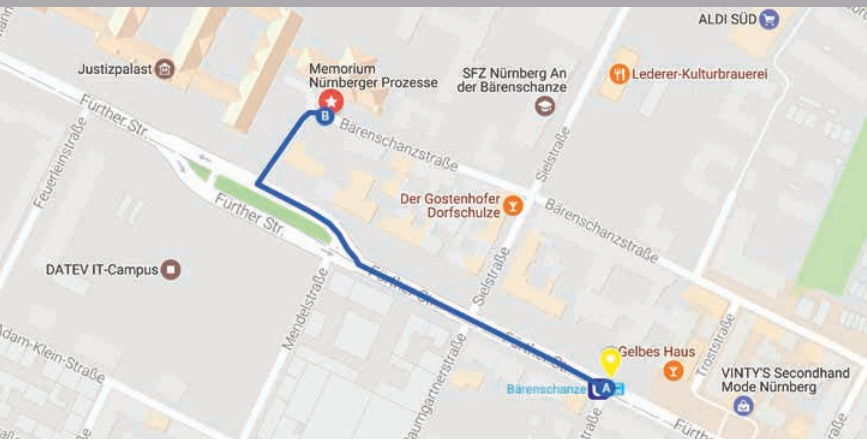


Programme of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2024

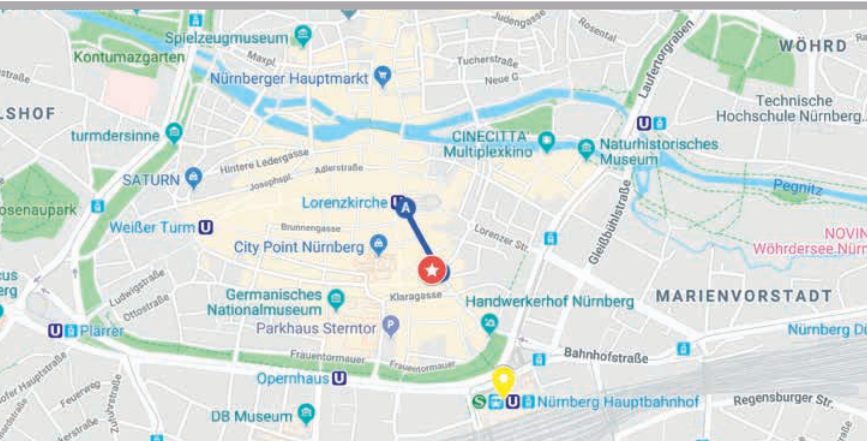
Wednesday, 24 July	<b>Opening</b>
	<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Opening Speeches</b> Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy and ICLU, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg Dr Thomas Dickert, President, Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg Tania von Uslar-Gleichen, Legal Adviser, Director-General for Legal Affairs, German Federal Foreign Office Professor Dr Julia Lehner, Mayor, City of Nuremberg
	3 pm–4.30 pm 4.30 pm–5 pm
5 pm–6 pm	<b>Side Event on Ethical Principles for International Criminal Judges</b> Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy and ICLU, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg Jean-François Thony, President, Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights Location: Courtroom 600, Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorium Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> at Tucher Mautkeller, Hallplatz 2
	7 pm
Thursday, 25 July	<b>Preliminary Round I</b> Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	<b>Preliminary Round I</b>
	<b>Preliminary Round I</b>
	Break
	<b>Preliminary Round I</b>
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Friday, 26 July	<b>Preliminary Round II</b> Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
	Break
	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
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	<b>Preliminary Round II</b>
7 pm	<b>Announcement of the results of the Preliminary Rounds</b> Location: Courtroom 600, Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorium Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
Saturday, 27 July	<b>Last 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Round</b> Location: Palace of Justice, entrance via Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
	<b>Last 16</b>
	<b>Last 16</b>
	Break
	<b>Quarter-Finals</b>
	<b>Semi-Finals</b>
	<b>Finals</b>
7 pm	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>
	<b>Optional Get Together</b> (costs not included) Tucher-Bräu am Opernhaus, Am Kartäusertor 1, 90402 Nuremberg
	8 pm

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



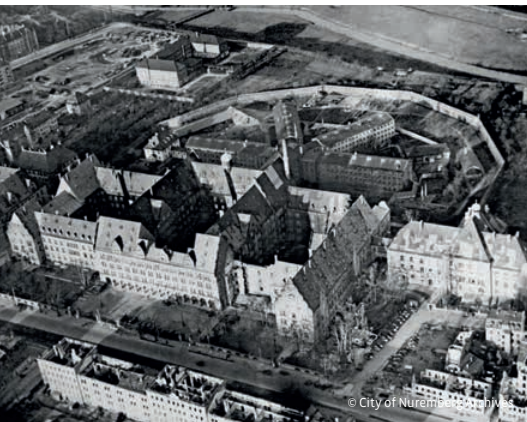


Courtroom 600

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



Courtroom 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.

Based on text provided by the Memorium Nuremberg Trials of the City of Nuremberg

**Participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court can visit the Memorium Nuremberg Trials and the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds for free.**

The Judges



**Aarif Abraham**  
Barrister and Director of Accountability Unit, Doughty Street International



**Judge Adelaide Sophie Reine Alapini-Gansou**  
Second Vice-President, International Criminal Court (ICC); former Chair, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights



**Judge Althea Alexis-Windsor**  
Judge, ICC; former Judge, Supreme Court of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



**Dr Salim Amin**  
Policy Advisor on Human Rights and International Law, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit



**Sarah Bafadhel**  
Barrister, 9 Bedford Row Chambers; Associate Counsel for Alfred Yekatom, ICC; former Counsel and Legal Consultant, ICC, Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT)



**Judge Gabriele Bienemann**  
Deputy Chairwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> Civil and Family Senate, Nuremberg Higher Regional Court; former criminal judge, Nuremberg Regional Court; former German Public Prosecutor










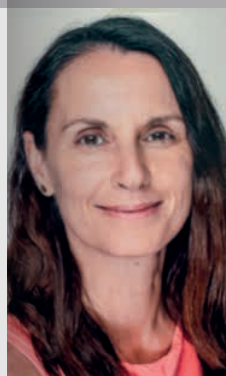
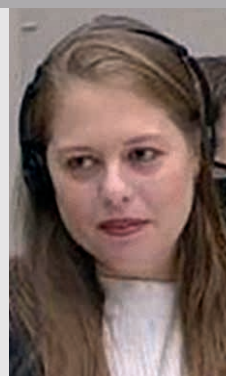














**Dr Gleb Bogush**  
Research Fellow, Institute for International Peace and Security Law, University of Cologne



**Kamran Choudhry**  
Trial Lawyer, ICC; former Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL)



	<b>Dr Manfred Dauster</b> Former (Presiding) Judge, Bavarian Supreme Court and Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina; currently Lecturer at the University of Saarland		<b>Prof. Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou</b> Professor in human rights law and Associate Dean, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool; expert in European Convention on Human Rights law		<b>Anta Guissé</b> Associate Counsel for Alfred Yekatom, ICC; French-Senegalese international criminal lawyer with experience at ICTR, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), STL, ICC		<b>Judge Monika Meinke</b> Judge, Nuremberg Higher Regional Court; former German Public Prosecutor		<b>Yulia Nuzban</b> Trial Lawyer, ICC		<b>Marie O'Leary</b> Acting Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, ICC; Vice-President, Association of Defence Counsel Practicing before International Courts and Tribunals
	<b>Judge Ben Gumpert</b> Crown Court Judge in London; former Senior Trial Lawyer, ICC; former defence counsel for government minister tried at ICTR		<b>Megan Hirst</b> Legal Representative of Victims in various ICC proceedings; former International Lead Co-Lawyer for Civil Parties, ECCC		<b>Judge Isabel Hörtreiter</b> Judge, Hersbruck District Court; former Presiding Judge, Nuremberg-Fürth Regional Court; former Prosecutor, Nuremberg-Fürth Prosecutor's Office		<b>Dr Ines Peterson</b> Prosecutor, German Federal Public Prosecutor General; former Judge, Münster District Court; former Associate Legal Officer, ICTR		<b>Dr Diana Saba</b> Assistant Legal Officer, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC; PhD in International Law, University of São Paulo		<b>Kirsty Sutherland</b> Barrister, 9 Bedford Row Chambers; former defence counsel, ICC
	<b>Bradley J. Huestis</b> Chief of Client Service, 7 <sup>th</sup> US Army Training Command; former Chief Prosecutor, Multinational Corps Iraq; former Prosecutor, US Army in Bosnia		<b>Judge Stephan Husemann</b> Judge, Nuremberg Higher Regional Court		<b>Sharaf Hussein</b> Associate Analyst, International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism; former legal consultant, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC; former Associate Legal Officer, STL		<b>Gyo Suzuki</b> Assistant to Counsel in Yekatom defence team, ICC; formerly on defence teams at STL, IRMCT and ICC		<b>Jean-François Thony</b> President, Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights; Honorary Judge and Prosecutor General, France		<b>Natalie Von Wistinghausen</b> Lawyer specialised in criminal defence and victims' representation; representative of Yazidi victims in ISIS cases before German Higher Regional Courts; representative of victims in the <i>Al-Rahman</i> case, ICC
	<b>Julia Klaus</b> PhD Candidate and Research Associate, International Criminal Law Research Unit of Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU)		<b>Judge Joanna Korner CMG KC</b> Judge, ICC; former Crown Court Judge in London		<b>Peter Kremer KC</b> Former Director of Appeals Section and Acting Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY		<b>Helen Worsnop</b> Trial Lawyer, ICC; former Senior Assistant Prosecutor, ECCC		<b>Judge Manuela Zeller</b> Judge, Nuremberg Higher Regional Court; former Prosecutor, German Central Office of the Judicial Authorities of the Federal States for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes		



Participating Universities

Africa

- Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
- Kabarak University, Nakuru, Kenya
- The Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

Asia

- Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
- De La Salle University Tañada-Diokno School of Law, Taguig City, Philippines
- Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Hoosheedar Educational Institution, Tehran, Iran
- Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh
- Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida, India
- Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, India
- Modern International Study (MIS), Tehran, Iran
- National Law College- Tribhuvan University, Lalitpur, Nepal
- National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India
- Prince of Songkla University, Songkhla, Thailand
- Purbanchal University, Bhaktapur, Nepal
- Tehran University, Tehran, Iran
- Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Universitas Gadjah Mada, Sleman, Indonesia
- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia
- Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- University of Jaffna, Jaffna, Sri Lanka
- University of Sindh, Hyderabad, Pakistan

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- Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
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- Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- South East European University, Tetovo, North Macedonia
- Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
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