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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.
Principle 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.

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Oberlandesgericht
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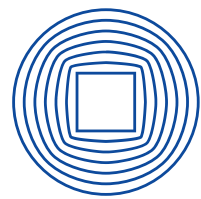
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The Organisers



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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 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 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.

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Dr Emma Brandon



The International Criminal Law Research Unit (ICLU) at 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 2025

Dear participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2025,
A very warm welcome to all participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2025!

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.

[Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi](#)
President of the Advisory Council of the
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President of the Latin American Society
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Assembly of States Parties to the International
Criminal Court; former President,
International Criminal Court





» Still the best Moot Competition going

Judge Joanna Korner
(NMC judge)



» A once in a lifetime opportunity. It gave me a clear picture of what I wanted to do with my career in international criminal law.

Prashamsa Ghimire
(NMC participant,
Tribhuwan University, Nepal)

» It was a great honour for me to participate in a Moot Court that is taking place in such a historic court, and especially to plead in the Courtroom 600.

Ms Hovhannisyan
(NMC participant, Yerevan
State University, Armenia)



» This diversity brings exchange, that brings evolution for each country and I think that is what is key with this kind of events like the Moot Court.

Judge Nicolas Guillou (NMC judge)



Welcome from the Bavarian Minister of State for Justice

Young jurists from all over the world meet again this year in Nuremberg. In the historic Courtroom 600 of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice they can put their theoretical knowledge of international criminal law into practice with a fictitious case in the Nuremberg Moot Court 2025.

The location of the event is the birthplace of international criminal law. The Nuremberg Trials took place in Courtroom 600 almost 80 years ago. These trials represent the success in dealing with inhumanity and injustice. With the Nuremberg Principles the international community laid down for the first time the aspiration to end impunity for crimes under international law.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine painfully shows that compliance with the principles of international law still cannot be taken for granted.

International criminal law continues to be of great importance for peacekeeping in the world.

It is important that many young jurists are interested in the challenging field of international criminal law.

Dear participants, Courtroom 600 reminds every one of us that peace, freedom, democracy and human rights must be defended every day. With your commitment, you can make an important contribution.

I wish you a good event, an enjoyable time and the best of success.

Georg Eisenreich
Member of the State Parliament



Welcome from the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the commencement of the trial at the International Military Tribunal. Both dates, 8 May and 20 November will be commemorated by the City of Nuremberg in a series of events held here at the Palace of Justice, in Courtroom 600 and the Memorium Nuremberg Trials. 80 years lie between us and the end of the most horrendous war humanity has ever endured. Those 80 years have also been inextricably linked with a new beginning, a beginning shaped by the desire to overcome war through justice. That idea has spread throughout the world for almost three generations now, with people all over the world working on its realisations and advancement. And yet, when we cast our eyes around the world, we cannot escape the fact that humanity is suffering – massively suffering – from war and mass atrocities on every continent. Each year, hundreds of thousands of people lose their lives. Estimates suggest that over 150,000 people died in wars and armed conflicts in 2023 alone, and the figure might even have exceeded 200,000 in 2022.

The year 1945 marked the end of the most devastating war in human history, and at the same time it represents a milestone for the civilisational progress.

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy is committed to preserving and advancing that progress.

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy fosters the interest in international criminal law of aspiring lawyers and provides them the unique opportunity to work closely with practitioners and researchers to expand their skills, allowing them to gain a proper insight into this challenging and responsibility-laden legal field. In fact, participants of the Nuremberg Moot Court contribute significantly to promoting the idea of sustainable peace through justice and the principle of the rule of law. By that, these ambassadors work towards preserving an achievement that, although all too often in distress, is associated with infinite hope for millions of people around the world.

In this spirit, I wish you a successful Moot Court and an exciting competition!

Best regards,

Marcus König
Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg



Programme of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2025

Wednesday, 23 July	Opening Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorium Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstr. 72, Nuremberg
4 pm–5.30 pm	Registration
5.30 pm–6.30 pm	Opening Speeches Courtroom 600 Professor Dr Christoph Safferling Director, Nuremberg Academy and ICLU, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg Dr Thomas Dickert President, Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg Dr Nasser Ahmed City Councillor, City of Nuremberg, representing the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg
7 pm	Welcome Event , location to be announced on site

Thursday, 24 July	Preliminary Round I Palace of Justice, entrance via Nuremberg Academy, Bärenschanzstr. 72, Nuremberg
9 am–10.30 am	Preliminary Round I
10.45 am–12.15 pm	Preliminary Round I
12.15 pm–1.30 pm	Break
1.30 pm–3 pm	Preliminary Round I
3.15 pm–4.45 pm	Preliminary Round I
5 pm–6.30 pm	Preliminary Round I

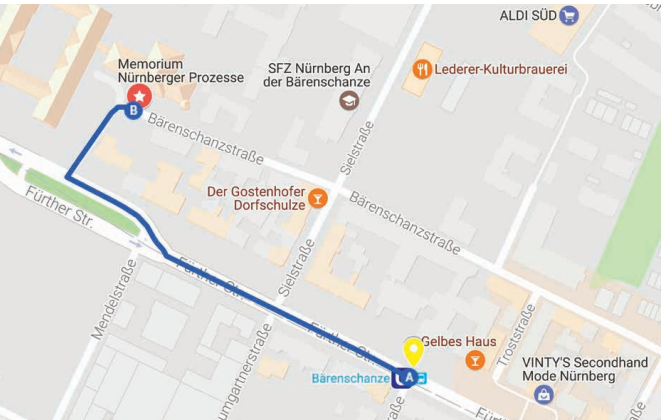
Friday, 25 July	Preliminary Round II Palace of Justice, entrance via Nuremberg Academy, Bärenschanzstr. 72, Nuremberg
9 am–10.30 am	Preliminary Round II
10.45 am–12.15 pm	Preliminary Round II
12.15 pm–1.30 pm	Break
1.30 pm–3 pm	Preliminary Round II
3.15 pm–4.45 pm	Preliminary Round II
5 pm–6.30 pm	Preliminary Round II
7 pm	Announcement of the results of the Preliminary Rounds Location: Courtroom 600, Palace of Justice, entrance via Memorium Nuremberg Trials, Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg

Saturday, 26 July	Last 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Round Palace of Justice, entrance via Nuremberg Academy, Bärenschanzstr. 72, Nuremberg
9 am–10.30 am	Last 16
10.45 am–12.15 pm	Last 16
12.15 pm–1 pm	Break
1 pm–2.30 pm	Quarter-Finals
2.45 pm–4.15 pm	Semi-Finals
5 pm–6.30 pm	Finals
7 pm	Awards Ceremony
8 pm	Optional Get Together (costs not incl.) Tucher-Bräu am Opernhaus, Am Kartäusertor 1, 90402 Nuremberg

Venues

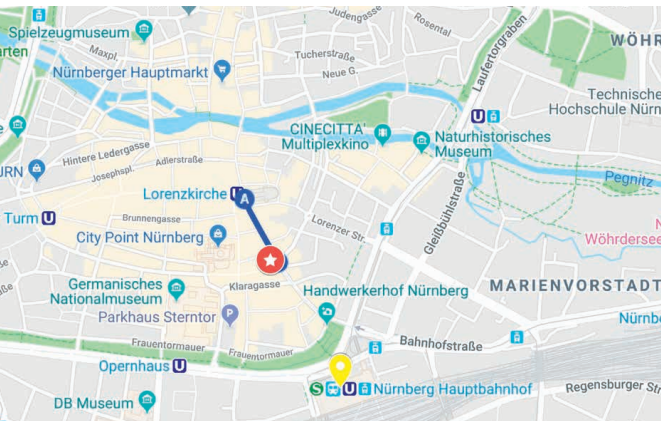
Memorium Nuremberg Trials / Palace of Justice

Bärenschanzstraße 72, Nuremberg
Subway Station: Bärenschanze, U1



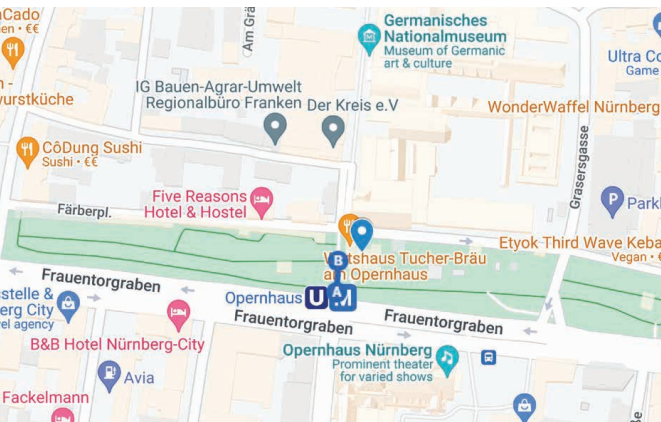
Tucher Mautkeller

Hallplatz 2, Nuremberg
Subway Station: Lorenzkirche, U1



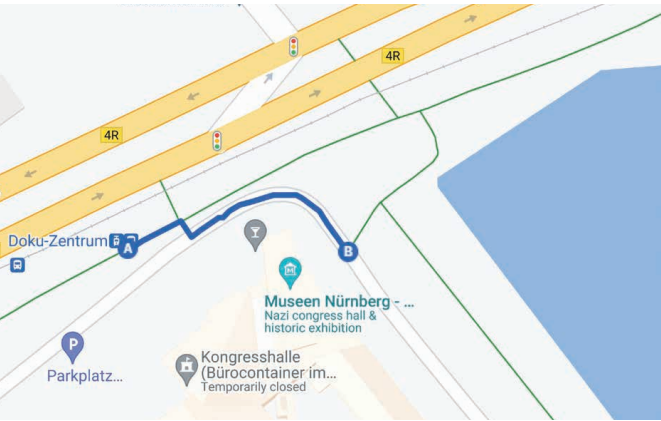
Tucher-Bräu am Opernhaus

Am Kartäusertor 1, Nuremberg
Subway Station: Opernhaus, U2/U3



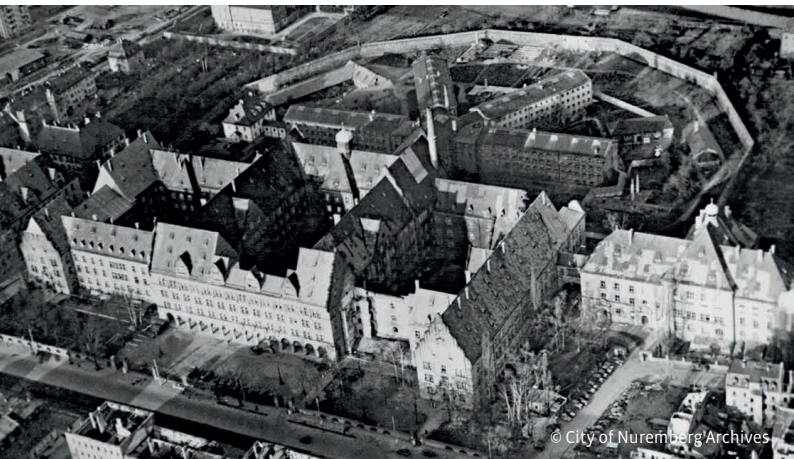
Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds

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. 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.



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

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 court-room 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.

Judges



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Judge Kamran Choudhry
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Matthew Cross
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Bradley J. Huestis

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Judge Stephan Husemann

Judge (responsible for civil cases),
Nuremberg Higher Regional Court;
former prosecutor and criminal
judge



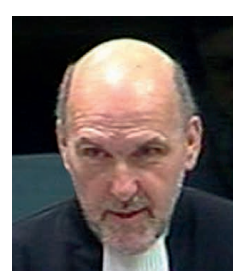
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Tribunals



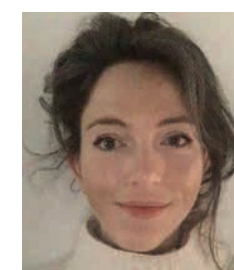
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Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya
Raya University, Maichew, Ethiopia
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Nankai University, Tianjin, China
National University of Singapore, Singapore
Royal University of Law and Economics, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India
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