

The ICC at 25:

Lessons Learnt,
Might Have Been Learnt
and Unlearnt

4-5 September 2023

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Programme



Organisers:

Central European Academy and Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law

Date of the Conference:

4-5 September 2023

Venue of the Conference:

Budapest CEA Diósgyőr auditorium
(Major Udvar Office Building, HU-1122 Budapest, Városmajor utca 12-14.)

Concept:

The conference is dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and focusing on the current challenges of international criminal justice from the ICC's point of view. Although there is no doubt that the adoption of the Rome Statute was a considerable success towards putting an end to impunity of perpetrators committing the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, there is still a long way to go for the ICC to fulfil its mandate. Therefore, the conference provides room for discussion on the permanent problems of the ICC related, inter alia, to jurisdiction, complementarity, its relationship with the United Nations Security Council, immunity, cooperation with States with special regard to Africa and selective justice, while it is also devoted to the latest topical issues before the ICC. All in all, the conference is a stock-taking of the ICC's achievements reached so far and of proposals of possible solutions to overcome its hurdles.

Partner:

Central-European Association for Comparative Law



Opening Ceremony

Day 1



09.00 - 09.30

**Registration
Welcome coffee**

Moderator:

Dr. Anikó Raisz, State Secretary Responsible for the Environment and Circular Economy, Ministry of Energy; Associate Professor, University of Miskolc; Hungary

09.30 - 09.40

Opening speech

Prof. Dr. Ede János Szilágyi, Head of the Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary

09.40 - 10.10

Keynote address: The "isms" or the International Criminal Court and Its Place in the International Legal Order - Review of a Quarter of Century

Prof. Dr. Péter Kovács, Judge of the International Criminal Court; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Pázmány Péter Catholic University; Hungary

10.10 - 10.40

Keynote address: Procedural Specifics before the ICC

Prof. Dr. Bertram Schmitt, Judge of the International Criminal Court; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Würzburg; Germany

10.40 - 11.10

Coffee break

Panel 1.

Day 1

The ICC and the International Legal Order



Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Ede János Szilágyi, Head of the Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary

11.10 - 11.30

From Nuremberg to The Hague: The Novelties of Establishing the Permanent International Criminal Court

Prof. Dr. Milan Škulić, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Serbia; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; Serbia

11.30 - 11.50

The Effects and Effectiveness of the Functioning of the ICC

Prof. Dr. Maja Munivrana, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Croatia

11.50 - 12.10

The Position of the Prosecutor before the ICC – Challenges and De Lege Ferenda Propositions

Prof. UAM Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pohl, University Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan; Poland

12.10 - 12.30

Jurisdiction, Complementarity, Admissibility, Triggering Mechanisms

Dr. Tamás Vince Ádány, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Pázmány Péter Catholic University; Hungary

12.30 - 12.40

Q&A session

12.40 - 14.10

Lunch break

Panel 2.

Day 1

International Crimes under the Rome Statute (Part 1)



Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Gábor Sulyok, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Széchenyi István University; Senior Researcher, Institute for Legal Studies, Centre for Social Sciences; Hungary

14.10 - 14.30

Effects of War Crimes in the Rome Statute on National Legislation and Domestic Prosecutions

Dr. Réka Varga, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Hungary; Associate Professor, Dean, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, Ludovika University of Public Service; Hungary

14.30 - 14.50

Examining the Definition of Genocide under the Rome Statute - Foundations

Prof. Dr. Łukasz Pohl, Full Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Szczecin; Poland

14.50 - 15.10

The Evolution of the Definition of Crimes against Humanity under International Criminal Law

Dr. Tamás Hoffmann, Associate Professor, Institute of Global Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest; Senior Researcher, Institute for Legal Studies, Centre for Social Sciences; Hungary

15.10 - 15.20

Q&A session

15.20 - 15.50

Coffee break

Panel 3.

Day 1

International Crimes under the Rome Statute (Part 2)



Moderator:

Dr. Márta Benyusz, Head of the Department of International and EU Law, Ferenc MádI Institute of Comparative Law; Hungary

15.50 - 16.10

Children and International Crimes

Prof. UKSW Dr. Marcin Wielec, Head of the Institute of Justice in Warsaw; University Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw; Poland

16.10 - 16.30

Prosecuting Serious Economic Crimes before the ICC: A Necessary New Mandate for the Court?

Dr. Sunčana Roksandić, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Croatia

16.30 - 16.50

One Step Forward, One Step Back? The Crime of Aggression under the Rome Statute and the Security Council

Dr. Nóra Béres, Senior Researcher, Ferenc MádI Institute of Comparative Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary

16.50 - 17.10

Q&A session

17.10 - 17.20

Concluding remarks

Dr. Márta Benyusz, Head of the Department of International and EU Law, Ferenc MádI Institute of Comparative Law; Hungary

Panel 4.

Day 2

Perpetrators and Victims before the ICC



9.00 - 9.30

Registration

9.30 - 9.40

Opening speech

Prof. Dr. Ede János Szilágyi, Head of the Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary

Moderator:

Dr. Éva Grünwald, Legal Officer, Department of International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Hungary

9.40 - 10.00

Victims and Witnesses Participation in the Proceedings. Reparations to Victims

Sarah Pellet, Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for Victims, International Criminal Court

10.00 - 10.20

Accomplice Liability before the ICC

Prof. UW Dr. Szymon Pawelec, University Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw; Poland

10.20 - 10.40

Should We Bring Peacekeepers before the ICC? - Case Study of Burundi

Dr. András Hárs, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, Ludovika University of Public Service; Hungary

10.40 - 10.50

Q&A session

10.50 - 11.20

Coffee break

Panel 5.

Day 2

Some Specifics regarding the ICC (Part 1)



Moderator:

Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Senior Researcher, Central European Academy; Hungary

11.20 - 11.50 **The Interplay between the ICC and Other International Courts and Tribunals: From the Nuremberg Principles to the Latest ICJ Case-Law**

Dr. Katarína Šmigová, Associate Professor, Dean, Faculty of Law, Pan-European University in Bratislava; Slovakia

11.50 - 12.10 **Non-State Actors and International Criminal Law**

Dr. Rutvica Rusan Novokmet, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; Croatia

12.10 - 12.30 **The ICC and Africa**

Dr. Cocou Marius Mensah, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Maribor; Slovenia

12.30 - 12.40 **Q&A session**

12.40 - 14.10 **Lunch break**

Panel 6.

Day 2

Some Specifics regarding the ICC (Part 2)



Moderator:

Dr. Nóra Béres, Senior Researcher, Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary

14.10 - 14.30

The Protection of the Environment under the Rome Statute

Dr. Gábor Kecskés, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Széchenyi István University; Senior Researcher, Institute for Legal Studies, Centre for Social Sciences; Hungary

14.30 - 14.50

The Protection of Cultural Heritage and the ICC

Dr. Marcin Rau, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw; Poland

14.50 - 15.10

The ICC and Central Europe: Why We Should Care?

Dr. Rebecca Lilla Hassanová, Researcher, Central European Academy; Hungary; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Pan-European University in Bratislava; Slovakia

15.10 - 15.20

Q&A session

15.20 - 15.30

Concluding remarks

Prof. Dr. Ede János Szilágyi, Head of the Ferenc Mádl Institute of Comparative Law; Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc; Hungary