

Conference program

Bureau of International Crimes Conference

April 20th and 21st 2023

Day 1 – closed session

The Palace of Justice of The Hague

12:30 *Welcome coffee*

12:45 Introduction by Robine de Lange-Tegelaar, president of the Dutch Court of First Instance of The Hague

13:00 First presentation by the **Dutch Court of First Instance of The Hague** on the Frans van A. case (*war crimes, corporate criminal liability*)

13:30 Second presentation by the **German Court of Koblenz** on the Anwar R. and Eyad A. cases (*crimes against humanity in Syria*)

14:00 Discussion

14:15 *Coffee break*

14:45 Third presentation by the **Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina** on the Sakib M. case (*war crimes, command responsibility*)

15:15 Fourth presentation by the **German Court of Hamburg** on the Jalda A. case (*genocide against the Yazidis, slavery*)

15:45 Discussion

16:00 *Coffee break*

16:30 Fifth presentation by judges from **Ukraine** (*war crimes, IAC*)

17:00 Discussion

17:30 *Drinks followed by walking dinner*

Day 2 – open session

The International Peace Palace

Chair: Judge Alphons M.M. Orié (Presiding Judge Trial Chamber I, IRMCT)

09:00 *Welcome and opening by Jan Van Zanen, Mayor of The Hague and Robine de Lange-Tegelaar, president of the Dutch Court of First Instance of The Hague*

09:30 First panel: Environmental harm and international (criminal) law

- Dr. Matthew Gillett LL.M (international practitioner and author of Gillett, M., (2022). Prosecuting Environmental Harm before the International Criminal Court. Cambridge University Press)
- Dr. Anne Dienelt (senior research fellow and author of Dienelt, A., (2022). Armed Conflicts and the Environment. Springer)
- Sjoerd Lopik LL.M (PhD candidate at Leiden University on the role of criminal law in the legal response to climate change and lawyer at Allen & Overy)

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:15 Second panel: The concept and role of culture during (international criminal) trials

- Judge Victoria McCloud (King's Bench Master in the High Court of London and co-author of the Equal Treatment Bench Book)
- Joshua Bishay LL.M (researcher, EURO-EXPERT. His research focuses on the intersections of law and culture in international and domestic courts)
- Adina-Loredana Nistor MSc (researcher on the impact of cultural differences on international criminal trials)

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Third panel: Testimony of traumatized witnesses: assistance, support and assessment

- Rachel Irura LL.M (former Head of the Witness Support and Protection Unit of the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals)
- Dr. Annelies Vredeveldt (associate professor, research expert in the area of memory in legal settings and Principal Investigator in the 'Beyond WEIRD Witnesses: Eyewitness Memory in Cross-Cultural Contexts' project)
- Dr. Suzanne Schot LL.M (assistant professor, author of Schot, S., (2022). Testimonial Evidence of Traumatized Witnesses in Trials of International Crimes. University of Groningen)

14:45 *Break*

15:15 Fourth panel: From large scale digital data to evidence in court: an international perspective

- Judge Joanna Korner CMG QC (International Criminal Court, Trial Chamber I)
- Lindsay Freeman LL.M (Director of Technology, Law and Policy at the Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley and leader of the drafting team of the Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations)
- Keith Hiatt LL.M (Head of the Information Systems Management Section at the United Nations International, Impartial, and Independent Mechanism for Syria)

16:30 *Concluding remarks and drinks*