



Programme – Nottingham International Criminal Justice Conference

University of Nottingham, University Park Campus, Nottingham, 14–15 July 2025

Day One: Monday 14 July 2025

Location: A01/A02 Highfields House

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome**

Olympia Bekou, Head of School, School of Law, University of Nottingham

9:10 – 10:30 **Session One: Critical Reflections on the Purposes, Rationales, and Subjects of International Criminal Justice**

Chair: Olympia Bekou, University of Nottingham

Rome Statute, Quo Vadis? Current Discussions on the Limits of (Criminal Liability in) a Human-Centric International Criminal Law System

Anna Lena Hörzer, University of Graz

The long-standing issue of the adequacy of criminal sanctions for international crimes: untying proportionality from retributive considerations

Geraldina Ester Di Natali, University of Catania

Reconciliation No More: The Disappearance of a Once Omnipresent Goal of International Justice

Iva Vukušić, Utrecht University

10:30 – 10:45 Morning tea

10:45 – 13:00 **Session Two: Contemporary Developments in Substantive Crimes**

Chair: Caleb Wheeler, Cardiff University

Apartheid as a crime against humanity: Recent developments

Victor Kattan, University of Nottingham

Complexities behind ‘incitement’ to violence and ‘hate’ speech from a criminal justice perspective

Rachel Horan, The Averment Group*, and Jolana Makraiová, International Nuremberg Principles Academy*

Atrocious Images: Combatant-Produced Illicit Imagery as Hate Speech in International Criminal Law

Hemi Mistry, University of Nottingham

Challenges of Prosecuting Cyberattacks as Cyber-Enabled Crimes under the Rome Statute

Daryna Abbakumova, Geneva Graduate Institute

New challenges in prosecuting intentional destruction of cultural heritage

Francesco Cunsolo, Università di Bologna

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45	Session Three: Legal Complexities in Issues of Perpetration Chair: Javier S. Eskuriatza, University of Nottingham
	<i>(Im)Proving Defences at the International Criminal Court</i> Michelle Coleman, Swansea University
	<i>Ongwen, The Adult Child Soldier: A Victim or A Villain?</i> Mary Waterman, Swansea University**
	<i>Rethinking the Exclusion-Prosecution Nexus: How to Bridge the Accountability Gap for Vulnerable and Periphery Actors in Armed Conflicts Who Seek Refuge Abroad</i> Rory Sugrue, Tilburg University
15:45 – 16:00	Afternoon tea
16:00 – 17:00	Session Four: Governance and Accountability at the ICC Chair: Jennifer Giblin, Edge Hill University
	<i>Governing the International Criminal Court: Tracing the Practice of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute</i> Ezequiel Jimenez Martinez, Amnesty International & CILRAP
	<i>Forgotten Spaces of International Criminal Justice: Dealing with Misconduct and Whistleblower Protection at International Criminal Courts and Tribunals</i> Kritika Sharma, Luxembourg Agency for Research Integrity
17:00	Drinks and Canapes, the Orchard Hotel

Day Two: Tuesday 15 July 2025

Location: A01/A02 Highfields House

8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and tea
9:00 – 10:10	Session Five: Emotions and International Criminal Justice Chair: Mando Rachovitsa, University of Nottingham
	<i>Narratives of the Self: Professional Identity in the Autobiographies of International Criminal Lawyers</i> Ilaria Zavoli, University of Leeds (UK) and Alex Batesmith, University of Leeds (UK)
	<i>Invisible Labour, Visible Strain: The Unacknowledged Emotional Labour of International Criminal Lawyers</i> Alex Batesmith, University of Leeds (UK)
10:10 – 10:30	Morning tea
10:30 – 12:00	Session Six: Protecting Victims and the Vulnerable Chair: Sara Ciucci, University of Nottingham
	<i>The environment as victim in the International Criminal Court</i> Giovanna Frisso, University of Lincoln

International Criminal Law's Blind Spots in relation to Violence against Women and Girls and the Way Forward
Elena Katselli, Newcastle University

Italy's Failure to Cooperate: Is There a Judge Beyond The Hague?
Maria Crippa, University of Milan

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

Session Seven: Evidence, Investigations, and Prosecutorial Policy
Chair: Christy Shucksmith-Wesley, University of Nottingham

Pseudolaw, Misinformation, and Article 15 Communications to the ICC
Natalie Hodgson, University of Nottingham / UNSW Sydney

Artificial Sanctions and the Non-Human: Implications of US Sanctions on the ICC's use of Generative AI, Digital Evidence and Investigation Processes
Benjamin Thorne, University of Reading

Sufficient Gravity in Two Recent OTP's Draft Policy Papers
Marco Longobardo, Westminster Law School

14:15 – 14:30 Afternoon tea

Session Eight: International Criminal Justice in Domestic Spheres: Challenges and Tensions
Chair: Mark Chadwick, Nottingham Trent University

The Ljubljana-The Hague Convention: Transforming Prosecution of International Crimes?
Alison Bisset, University of Reading

Hybrid Justice for Syria: New Opportunities for Accountability in the Post-Assad Era
Selman Aksünger, Maastricht University & Istanbul University*

The Emerging Regionalisation of International Criminal Law as a Consequence of the Crisis of Confidence in the International Criminal Justice System: The Case of the Resurgent African Union-ICC Jurisdictional Dispute Over Heads of States Immunity
Luke Eda, University of the West of England, Bristol

16:00 – 16:15 **Closing**
Olympia Bekou, Natalie Hodgson and Hemi Mistry

Conference Organisers:

Professor Olympia Bekou, Head of the International Criminal Justice Unit, HRLC
Dr Natalie Hodgson, Head of the Forced Migration Unit and Member of the International Criminal Justice Unit, HRLC
Dr Hemi Mistry, Member of the International Criminal Justice Unit, HRLC