



## **FIGHTING IMPUNITY IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD - NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, FLORENCE**

**23<sup>RD</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

Nearly ten years after the signature of the Rome Statute, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is rapidly proving to be a key actor in international law and international relations. As an international criminal tribunal, it is contributing to the further development of international criminal law, both from a substantial and procedural perspective.

Substantially, the Rome Statute provides for the first treaty definition of crimes against humanity, promotes the ongoing quest to define the crime of aggression, and is starting the first test-case for the prosecution of the crime of enrolling child-soldiers. Procedurally, it is making ground-breaking decisions in the field of victim participation.

More generally, the ICC is fast becoming a central figure in global conflict management. Its involvement in ongoing conflicts, such as in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Darfur is a real challenge for international policy makers who are facing the acknowledged difficulty of balancing peace, security, the fight against impunity, the protection of victims and the re-establishment of public order in war-torn societies. There is no denying that the success of the ICC is indeed one of the key factors to restoring peace and justice in conflict zones, by contributing to the fight against impunity, and the reaffirmation of the rule of law.

Given the moral importance of the institution and the reasons underlying its creation, it is often difficult to find impassionate and objective debate on various important points. However, the ICC can only benefit from a critical, but constructive, analysis on its activities and challenges.

It is in this context that the Law Department of the European University Institute in collaboration with its International Criminal Law Working Group and the Academy of European Law is organizing a conference on the current and future challenges faced by the ICC, concentrating on the legal and political perspectives.

The goal is to foster fruitful and pluridisciplinary debate among prominent specialists in the field, thus contributing to the improvement of the ICC and to the debates surrounding the future evolution of the Court which have arisen, and will undoubtedly continue to do so, in the context of the forthcoming review conference of the Statute of the ICC.

The Conference will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2008 at Villa Schifanoia of the European University Institute in Florence, and will bring together a number of established, as well as young, scholars. The event will be organized around four thematic panels, covering a broad number of issues in a comprehensive manner to focus discussions on specific aspects of the questions.

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## **PARTICIPATION**

The main working language of the Conference is English, but basic understanding of French is recommended. Attendance to the Conference is free of charge. However, there will be no reimbursement of travel or accommodation expenses. Participants will have access to the charming and good value canteen of the EUI for lunch on Friday.

## **CONTACT INFO**

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## **FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

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**8.45-9.15** **REGISTRATION**

**9.15-10.15** **OPENING SESSION**

*Welcome Words: Dov Jacobs and Noora Arajärvi*

*Opening Remarks: Professor P-M. Dupuy*

*Keynote Speaker: Judge Mauro Politi, International Criminal Court*

**10.15-10.30** Coffee break

**10.30-12.15** **PANEL 1: INTERNATIONAL CRIMES AND APPLICABLE LAW**

*Professor A. Pellet, University Paris X,*

*Moderator: Professor Micaela Frulli*

- Paper 1: Relationship between International Criminal Law and Human Rights (*Amna Guellali, EUI*)
- Paper 2: Customary Law in International Criminal Law (*Noora Arajärvi, EUI*)
- Paper 3: Case Study on Child Soldiers (*Christine Bakker, EUI*)

**12.15-13.30** Lunch break

**13.30-16.00** **PANEL 2: ACTUAL CHALLENGES FOR THE ICC**

*Professor W. Schabas, Irish Center for Human Rights, Galway*

*Moderator: Dov Jacobs*

- Paper 1: Place of Victims in ICC Proceedings (*Silvia D'Ascoli, EUI*)
- Paper 2: Special Issues in Participation of Victims in the ICC (*Luc Walleyn, Counsel for Victims in the Lubanga Case*)
- Paper 3: Balancing the Rights of the Defense in the ICC (*Professor Annalisa Ciampi, University of Verona and University of Florence*)
- Paper 4: Self-Referrals (*Professor Rafaele Maison, University of Picardie*)

**16.00-16.20** Coffee break

**16.20-18.20** **PANEL 3: THE ICC AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE**

*Professor A. Cassese, University of Florence*

*Moderator: Noora Arajärvi*

- Paper 1: The ICJ Bosnia case (*Professor Paola Gaeta, University of Geneva*)
- Paper 2: The Relationship between Individual and State Responsibility: the Example of Aggression (*Cristina Villarino, EUI*)
- Paper 3: Interests of Justice: Alternative Forms of Justice (*Maria Varaki, Irish Center for Human Rights, Galway*)

## **SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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**9.00-10.45** **PANEL 4: THE ICC IN RELATION TO OTHER ACTORS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

*Professor L. Condorelli, University of Florence & Professor J. Crawford, University of Cambridge*

*Moderator: Professor Francesco Francioni*

- Paper 1: ICC and NGOs (*Sara Dezalay, EUI*)
- Paper 2: ICC and the Security Council (*Dov Jacobs, EUI*)
- Paper 3: ICC and States (*Bruce Broomhall, University of Quebec at Montreal*)

**10.15-10.30** Coffee break

**10.30-11.15** **PANEL 4: DISCUSSION**

**11.15-12.15** **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

*Mrs Fatou Bensouda, Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court*

*Professor P-M. Dupuy, European University Institute and University Paris II*