

Conference on:
The International Criminal Court in Crisis?

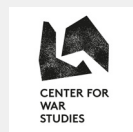
INVITATION

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The Current Situation of the ICC in a Comparative Perspective

The establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has been described as one of the most important events in international law since the creation of the United Nations. Legal obligations to prosecute those responsible for serious international crimes were long considered an unrealistic objective. However, from the mid-1990s, several international tribunals with a special focus were established, for example, the UN tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. In 2002, the Rome Statute of the ICC entered into force, and soon more than 120 countries had ratified it. Today, the ICC experiences considerably less support and instead receives much criticism from victims, governments and academics. It is, amongst others, portrayed as too slow, too expensive and biased.

What has happened to the previous excitement for the Court? Is the ICC in an existential crisis and in need of substantial reforms – or does the criticism from different actors simply illustrate that the ICC has an extremely difficult mandate to deliver?

This two-day conference will examine the current state of affairs and ask questions about responsibility and the way forward. The meeting will convene the leading Danish experts and practitioners on the subject matter and benefit from the input by a senior ICC judge and a number of leading international ICC scholars.

Thursday 27 Feb. 2020

10:00 - 10:15 **Registration**

10:15 - 10:20 **Welcome**

SOFIE ROSE, THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY AARHUS

MARTIN MENNECKE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

10:20 - 10:50 **Keynote: "Is the ICC in a crisis?"**

JUDGE MARC PERRIN DE BRICHAMBAUT, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

10:50 - 11:10 **Discussion**

IRYNA MARCHUK, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

VINCENT KEATING, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

11:10 - 12:00 **Q & A with the audience**

CHARLOTTE FLINDT PEDERSEN, DIRECTOR AT THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch break**

13:00 - 13:45 **Who is responsible for the crisis of the court?**

1) **THE ROLE OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURT**

ASTRID KJELDGAARD-PEDERSEN, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

2) **THE ROLE OF GREAT POWERS INSIDE THE COURT**

THOMAS OBEL HANSEN, ULSTER UNIVERSITY

13:45 - 14:30 **Q & A with the audience**

DAVID KENDAL, DANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

14:30 - 14:50 **Coffee break**

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14:50 - 15:35

What lessons, if any, can or should the ICC learn from africa?

- 1) **AFRICA AND THE BACKLASH AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**
LINE ENGBO GISSEL, ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY
- 2) **THE HABRE TRIAL – AN EXEMPLARY AFRICAN SUCCESS STORY?**
KERSTIN CARLSON, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

15:35 - 16:20

Q & A with the audience

MODERATED BY
MARTIN MENNECKE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

16:20 - 16:40

Coffee break

16:40 - 17:30

Concluding reflections for day 1

JUDGE MARC PERRIN DE BRICHAMBAUT, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

FREDERIK HARHOFF, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

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SOFIE ROSE, THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY AARHUS

19:00

Conference dinner for speakers and organisers

Friday 28 Feb. 2020

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Coffee and tea**
- 09:15 - 10:00 **What lessons, if any, can or should the ICC learn from other crises of International Criminal Justice in Europe?**
- 1) **THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**
CHRISTIAN AXBOE NIELSEN, AARHUS UNIVERSITY
 - 2) **THE KOSOVO TRIBUNAL**
MAJ GRASTEN, THE KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS AND PROSECUTOR
- 10:00 - 10:45 **Q & A with the audience**
- MODERATED BY**
VINCENT KEATING, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK
- 10:45 - 11:05 **Coffee break**
- 11:05 - 11:45 **What lessons, if any, can or should the ICC learn from other crises of International Criminal Justice in Asia?**
- 1) **THE EXTRAORDINARY CHAMBERS IN THE COURT OF CAMBODIA**
ELLEN STENSRUD, NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR HOLOCAUST AND MINORITY STUDIES
 - 2) **MYANMAR AND SYRIA**
MARIEKE DE HOON, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM
- 11:45 - 12:15 **Q & A with the audience**
- MODERATED BY**
SOFIE ROSE, THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY AARHUS
- 12:15 - 13:00 **Concluding reflections: What is the way forward for the ICC and the fight against impunity?**
- JAKOB V. H. HOLTERMANN, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
MARTIN MENNECKE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK
- MODERATED BY**
CHARLOTTE FLINDT PEDERSEN, DIRECTOR, THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY

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Registration

Please register your participation at this
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