

Société Internationale de Défense Sociale (SIDS) International Conference

Genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crime of aggression: national, international, transitional and restorative justice

Thursday 30th - Friday 31st October - Saturday 1st November 2025

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia - Modena Military Academy

Programme

Thursday 30th October 2025

Morning session:

Aula Convegni of Unimore Law Department **9:00 - 13:00**

Institutional greetings

Chair: Luigi Foffani (Unimore / SIDS General Secretary)

1. Session:

International crimes and criminal justice: a historical approach

International Criminal Justice to the test of History: Rosario Aitala (vice President of ICC, online)

At the origins of international criminal justice: from Nuremberg to the Rome Statute: Luis Arroyo Zapatero (UCLM former Rector and SIDS President)

Ius ad bellum and ius in bello: an international criminal law perspective: Francisco Muñoz Conde (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla)

International crimes and protection of human rights before international courts: The relationship between ICC and Kosovo Specialist Chambers:

Ekaterina Trendafilova (Former ICC-Judge and President of KSC, The Hague)

A historical problem of the International Criminal Justice: the relationship of the USA to the ICC: Stephen Thaman (Saint Louis University)

2. Session:

Modena-Berlin-Nuremberg: towards the revocation of the honoris causa degree to a war criminal: Hans Frank

A dark page of the University of Modena: the historical context : Elio Tavilla (Unimore School of Law Director)

Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00

Afternoon sessions:

Aula Convegni of Unimore Law Department **14:00 - 19:00**

3. Session:

Present and future of international criminal justice

The return of war and war crimes in Europe and in the Middle East: the approach of the international criminal justice:

Chantal Meloni (Università Statale di Milano, on line)

International crimes and expectations of victims: Justice, Memory, and Human Dignity: Reflections from Civil Society:

Ewa Hofmanska (President of the Foundation Sunflowers);

International crimes and transitional justice: Paolo Caroli (Università di Torino)

International crimes and restorative justice: Claudia Mazzucato (Università Cattolica di Milano, on line)

Disinformation (fake news) as an international crime?: Tommaso Guerini (Unipegaso, Napoli)

4. Session:

Dictatorships, conflicts and crimes against humanity in Latin America: which justice is possible?

International Crimes and Transitional Justice in Colombia: John Vervaele (Universiteit Utrecht, former President of AIDP)

Crimes against Humanity in Argentina: political and judicial solutions: María Ángeles Ramos (Universidad de Buenos Aires, on line)

Transitional Justice in Argentina: Marco Scoletta (Università Statale di Milano)

The Interamerican Court of Human Rights and the prohibition of amnesty: the case Barrios Altos vs. Perú:

Clara Burbano Herrera (Universiteit Gent, on line)

"Universal" Criminal Justice?: Maria Crippa (Università Statale di Milano, on line)

Criminal trials in Italy: Uruguay and the Plan Condor: Andrea Speranzoni (Lawyer, Bologna)

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International criminal justice and domestic legislation: the Italian draft of an international criminal code

Chair: Gianluigi Gatta (Università Statale di Milano, President of the Italian Association of Professors for Italian Criminal Law)

Round Table: Emanuela Fronza (Università di Bologna); Antonio Vallini (Università di Pisa); Nicola Selvaggi (Università di Reggio Calabria)

6. Session:

The most problematic international crime: Genocide

Genocide before the International Court of Justice: Serena Forlati (Università di Ferrara)

Genocide between International and Domestic Criminal Justice: Alessandra Annoni (Università di Ferrara)

The specific intent of the crime of Genocide: Lorenzo Picotti (Università di Verona)

7. Session:

International Crimes and Corporations

A historical approach: from Nuremberg to the Globalization: Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana (UCLM, Ciudad Real)

The criminal responsibility of legal persons before the ICC: Jaume Antich Soler (UAB)

a new opportunity to take up the challenge:

International crimes, corporate responsibility, due diligence and criminal compliance:

Vincenzo Mongillo (Unitelma Sapienza, Roma) (on line)

"Ecocide" as a new international crime? (Adan Nieto Martín, UCLM, Ciudad Real)

Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00

Afternoon sessions: Aula Magna of Modena Military Academy 14:30 - 17:00

8. Session:

The Italian Experience on War Crimes from the XX to the XXI Century

War Crimes and Domestic Criminal Justice in Italy: The history of criminal trials for war crimes:

Marco De Paolis (Procuratore Generale Militare presso la Corte d'Appello di Roma)

The Italian Compensation Fund for Victims of Nazi Crimes: Legal Framework and Implementation:

Giorgia Berrino (Unimore/Università di Firenze)

Walther Rauff, the man who understood vans: from Berlin to Punta Arenas, via Milan: Philippe Sands (University College of London)

A digression on "the crime of war" - The crime of aggression, the process towards amending the

truncated jurisdictional regime of the ICC under Article 15 bis of the Rome Statute, and the role and

historic responsibility of Italy: David Donat Cattin (New York University, Center for Global Affairs, on line)

Saturday 1st November 2025

Aula Magna of Unimore Law Department

9. Session:

East West Street to 38 Londres Street - On genocide and crimes against humanity: Philippe Sands (University College of London)

Award of the Medaille Cesare Beccaria of the International Society of Social Defense to Philippe

Sands and Piotr Hofmanski:: Luis Arroyo Zapatero (UCLM former Rector and SIDS President)

Discussants: Giulio Bartolini (Università di Roma 3), Jacobo Dopico Gomez-Aller (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid),

Manuel Cancio Meliá (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Gian Domenico Dodaro (Università di Milano Bicocca)

On the revocation of the honoris causa degree to Hans Frank: Some words from Niklas Frank

Closing Speech: Present and future of International Criminal Justice (Piotr Hofmanski, Former ICC President)

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