

# ADJUDICATING GENDER-BASED PERSECUTION AT THE ICC & BEYOND: A MONUMENTAL STEP AND THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD



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All Times are in British Summer Time (GMT +1)

9:15 – 09:30

**Welcome Speech and Opening Remarks**

**Professor Michael Stockdale**, Head of Department, Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University

**Professor Mohamed Badar**, Conference Director, Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University

09:30 – 11:30

**Keynote Speeches**

**Sir Howard Morrison QC**, Former Appeals Judge, International Criminal Court

*“Gender Matters”*

**Ms Reem Alsalem**, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences

*“Towards Ending Impunity for Gender Based Violence Crimes: Experiences from the Human Rights Special Procedure”*

**Ms Sara Elizabeth Dill**, Partner, Anethum Global; Arab Region Liaison Officer, International Bar Association War Crimes Committee

*“A Global Look at Women In Peril in 2021”*

**Ms Akila Radhakrishnan**, President of Global Justice Centre

*“The Gender Dimension in Atrocity Crimes: The Case of Rohingya Genocide”*

**Niamh Hayes**, Gender & Children Unit, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

*“Understanding and Recognising Gender Based Persecution - Concepts and Legal Elements”*

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12: 00 – 13:00

**Panel 1 – Adjudicating Gender Based Crimes in ICL from its Inception to the Present**

**Professor William Schabas OC**, Middlesex University, UK

*“Prosecuting Kaiser Wilhelm for Sexual Violence in Wartime”*

**Professor Michael Bohlander**, Durham University, UK

*“Sexual and Gender Based Crimes at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia - A Review of the State of Affairs”*

**Professor Mohamed Badar**, Northumbria University, UK /Egypt

*“Some Preliminary Reflections on the Developing Law of Gender Based Persecution in ICL”*

13:00 – 13:30 *Q & A Session*

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13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30 – 16:30

**Panel 2 – Adjudicating Gender Based Crimes in ICL**

**Ms Sara Elizabeth Dill**, Partner, Anethum Global; Arab Region Liaison Officer, International Bar Association War Crimes Committee

*“Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan: Ensuring a Culturally Sensitive and Mental Health Based Approach to War Crimes Investigations of Gender Based and Sexual Violence.”*

**Professor Caroline Fournet**, University of Exeter, UK

*“Beyond Gender and into the Intimate: The Crimes Against Humanity of Forced Pregnancies and of Forced Marriages”*

**Dr Matthew Gillett**, University of Essex, UK

*“Gender and Genocide Prevention”*

**Dr Dawn Sedman**, Nottingham Trent University, UK

*“CEDAW’s Gender Based Violence Equals Discrimination: A Proposition to Support Gender Based Persecution?”*

16:30 – 17:00 *Q & A Session*

*End of Day 1*

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9:30 – 11:00

**Panel 3 – Adjudicating Gender Based Crimes—Ideological and Cultural Perspectives**

**Justice Adel Maged**, Vice-President at the Egyptian Court of Cassation, Egypt

*“Adjudicating Gender Based Persecution: An Examination of Radical Islamist Ideologies and Practices”*

**Professor Mohamed Badar**, Northumbria University, UK/Egypt

*“Beyond Taliban: Cultural and Traditional Impediments Undermining Women’s Rights in Afghanistan”*

**Dr Nora Salem**, Faculty of Law, German University in Cairo, Egypt

*“Obstacles to Gender Equality in the MENA Region”*

**Dr Polona Florijančič**, Legal Researcher, UK/Slovenia

*“Western Misogyny and Gynephobia: Legal Approaches to Tackling the Nouveau Fear and Hate Propaganda Against Women”*

11:00 – 11:30 **Q & A Session**

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:00

**Panel 4 – Adjudicating Crimes Based on Sexual Identity and Orientation**

**Ms Susann Aboueldahab**, PhD Candidate, University of Göttingen, Germany

*“The Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace and the Persecution of LGBTIQ Persons as a Crime Against Humanity”*

**Mr. Nicholas Leddy**, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

*“Investigative Considerations for International Crimes Targeting Persons on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity”*

**Professor Javaid Rehman**, Brunel University, UK

*“Women, Sexuality and Sexual Rights: Muslim Constitutionalism and International Human Rights Law”*

13:00 – 13:30 **Q & A Session**

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

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14:30 – 15:30

**Panel 5 – Adjudicating Gender Based Crimes—Regional Perspectives**

**Ms Léa Réus**, Human Rights Consultant, US

*“Prosecuting Gender Based Persecution in Guatemala: An Integral Approach to the Crimes Against Indigenous Women during the Internal Armed Conflict”*

**Ms Marialejandra M Mantilla**, Project Officer Nuremberg Principles Academy, Germany

*“The OTP’s Preliminary Examination and ‘False Positives’ in Colombia: An Analysis of Gender Based Persecution and Extrajudicial Killings”*

**Ms Shamiso Mbizvo**, International Cooperation Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

*“Hidden in Plain Sight? Unpacking Conceptual and Implicit Impediments to Recognizing and Charging Gender Based Persecution as a Crime Against Humanity.”*

15:30 – 16:00 *Q & A Session*

16:00 – 16:40

**Panel 6 – Adjudicating Gender Based Crimes—the Other Perspective**

**Dr Sheri Labenski**, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

*“Female Perpetrators and Gender Analysis: Insights for a Gendered Peace”*

**Ms Stephanie Herrmann**, International Human Rights Lawyer (Candidate for DC Bar Exam), US

*“Erasing Culture: Wrongful Acts Exposing Definitional Gaps Under International Law”*

16:40 – 17:00 *Q & A Session*

17:00 – 17:30 *Concluding Remarks*

*End of Day 2*

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