

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 GBV 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”

Ms Niamh Hayes, 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 Day

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

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

13:00 – 13:30 *Q & A Session*

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

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14:30 – 16:00

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 Law School, Nottingham Trent University, UK

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

16:00 – 16:30 *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

Professor Mohamed Badar, Northumbria University, UK

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

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

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

Dr Nora Salem, Head of Public International Law Department, Faculty of Law, German University in Cairo, Egypt

“Obstacles to Gender Equality in the MENA Region”

Dr Polona Florijančič, Legal Researcher, UK

“Western Misogyny and Gynophobia: 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, International Criminal Lawyer, US

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

Professor Javaid Rehman, Brunel University, London, UK

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

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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 Recognising 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