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Centre for International Humanitarian and Operational Law ([CIHOL](#))
at the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

invites papers for the conference,
organized as an ESIL supported event on

ICC'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

organized as part of the international conference Olomouc Juridical Days 2020

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BACKGROUND AND THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

That international criminal courts and tribunals have always played significant role in the development and enforcement of IHL is a matter of fact. Enough is to mention the seminal *Tadić* case which remains one of the most important legacies left in this field by the ICTY. Since the ICC has been actively operating in the field for more than 15 years (situations in Uganda, DRC and CAR were referred to the Court in 2004) it is now possible to critically evaluate and assess what is the role of the ICC in the development and effective enforcement of IHL.

The opening panel will address the issue of child soldiers and their participation in armed conflicts.

Confirmed speakers of this panel include:

H.E. Dr. Robert Fremr (Vice-President of the ICC)

Mrs. Renate Winter (former President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child)

prof. Daniel Thürer (University of Zurich), and

dr. Gus Waschefort (University of Essex).

Contributions in other panels should address one of the following areas related to the practice of the ICC:

1. *Substantive issues*

Contributions might focus on application and interpretation of basic rules (principles) of IHL, classification of armed conflicts, war crimes, circumstances precluding wrongfulness, forms of responsibility, or sentencing practice. Contributions may also cover possible legal challenges concerning amendments to Art 8 of the Rome Statute. From the formal (normative) point of view, the methodology of interpretation and application of sources of law envisaged in Art 21 of the Rome Statute might be analyzed.

2. *Procedural issues*

Contributions might focus not only on procedural issues in a strict sense (e.g. evidentiary matters, or different phases of proceedings), but also on issues related to jurisdiction, immunities, admissibility (and therefore complementarity), participation of victims in the proceedings before the ICC, cooperation with the ICC and enforcement of penalties. Contributions may also cover strategies on selection of situations and cases (including examples of attempted but failed referrals by the SC). Finally, the methodology concerning interpretation and application of sources of law before and by the ICC might be assessed.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS AND PAPER PUBLICATION

Scholars, researchers and experts are invited to submit abstracts of original unpublished research papers. The abstract (max. 500 words) should describe the topic and set out the main aspects and structure of the study. Selection of the abstracts will be based on originality and innovativeness of the paper and the relevance to the conference theme.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 31 March 2020.

Please send all submissions (in Word format, not exceeding 500 words), including a CV and contact information, to: martin.faix@upol.cz

Publication of selected papers is envisaged in a collective monograph within the “Transnational Law and Governance” Routledge Book Series.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

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Mrs. Renate Winter (former President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child)

prof. Hennie Strydom (University of Johannesburg, President of the South African Branch of the ILA)

prof. Dalibor Jílek (Palacký University Olomouc)

LIST OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- *dr. Robert Fremr* (Vice-President of the ICC)
- *Mrs. Renate Winter* (former President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child)
- *prof. Daniel Thürer* (University of Zurich)
- *dr. Gus Waschefort* (University of Essex)
- *dr. Kubo Mačák* (ICRC Geneva)
- *prof. Alexandra Harrington* (Balsillie School of International Affairs/Albany Law School)
- *dr. Martha M. Bradley* (University of Pretoria / University of Johannesburg)

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