

# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSAL CRIMES AND THE ROLE OF JUDGES

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP, BERGEN 23-25 APRIL 2014

**Wednesday 23 April**

## **I. Understanding Universal Crimes**

Venue: CMI/UoB Resource Center. **09.00-10.50.**

Reception with coffee/tea 09.00-09.30.

**1. Welcome to Justice**

Elin Skaar (Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)): 9.30-09.40.

**2. What are Universal Crimes and who are the «Most Responsible»?**

A dialogue between Terje Einarsen (Professor of Law and Head of the Universal Crimes Project, University of Bergen) and Rob Currie (Associate Professor of Law and Director, Law and Technology Institute, Dalhousie University), facilitated by Astri Suhrke (Senior Researcher, CMI): 9.40-10.50.

Coffee break and change of venue.

## **II. Prosecuting Leadership Crimes Internationally**

Venue: Auditorium, Law Faculty, University of Bergen. **11.15-16.30.**

**1. Prosecuting Leaders before International Tribunals – An Empirical Overview.**

Dr. Joseph Rikhof (Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Canadian Department of Justice) 11.15-12.00.

Lunch at the Law Faculty: 12.00-13.00.

**2. Defining the Modes of Leadership Participation: Why does it Matter?**

Elies van Sliedregt (Professor of Criminal Law and Dean at the Faculty of Law, VU University Amsterdam) 13.00-13.30.

**3. Modes of Leadership Participation at the ICC – Some Recent Trends.**

Justice Howard Morrison (Judge at the ICTY and the ICC) 13.30-14.00.

Questions or comments to speakers: 14.00-14.15.

Coffee Break: 14.15-14.30.

4. ***Perpetration of Universal Crimes by Means through Power Structures and Command Responsibility***  
Darryl Robinson (Associate Professor of Law, Queen's University) 14.30-15.00.
5. ***Leaderships and Joint Criminal Action: The Need for Combined Modes of Liability?***  
Kai Ambos (Judge Landgericht and Professor of Law, University of Göttingen) 15.00-15.30.
6. ***Observations and Comments.***  
Morten Bergsmo (Visiting Professor, Peking University Law School, and Director, CILRAP) and Erik Møse (Judge, European Court of Human Rights, former President of ICTR) 15.30-16.00.
7. ***Open Floor for Comments and Debate.*** 16.00-16.30.

Dinner for Speakers and Invited Guests: 19.00.

## **Thursday 24 April**

### **III. Transitional Justice in Latin America: Prosecuting Leaders for Universal Crimes before Domestic Courts**

Venue: CMI/UoB Resource Center. **09.00-11.30.**

Coffee/tea: 09.00-09.30.

1. ***Latin American Jurisprudence on Leadership Prosecution***  
Naomi Roht-Arriaza (Professor of Law, University of California) 9.30-10.15.
2. ***Preconditions for Domestic Prosecution of Universal Crimes in Latin America***  
Elin Skaar (Senior Researcher, CMI.) 10.15-10.45.
3. ***Observations and Comments***  
Harmen van der Wilt (Professor of Law, University of Amsterdam) 10.45-11.15.

Questions or comments to speakers from the floor: 11.15-11.30.

Lunch at the CMI/UoB Resource Center: 11.30-12.30.

### **IV. Fundamental Justice in Guatemala**

Venue: CMI Meeting Room: **12.30-17.00.**

1. ***Introduction to Transitional Justice in Guatemala***  
Jemima García-Godos (Associate Professor, University of Oslo) 12.30-13.00.
2. ***The work of the International Commission of Jurists in Guatemala***  
Ramon Cadena (Regional Director, ICJ, Central America) 13.00-13.30.

3. ***The Guatemalan Justice Project of the Norwegian Judges' Association***  
Judge Elizabeth Baumann (Head of the NJA Human Rights Committee) 13.30-13.45.

4. ***CMN activities in Guatemala.***  
Emilie Hunter (University of Nottingham and CMN Deputy Director) 13.45-14.00.

Coffee Break: 14.00-14.15.

5. ***Experiences of Guatemalan Judges***  
Judge Yasmin Barrios (The High Risk Court/Former Presiding Judge of the Rios Montt Trial) 14.15-14.45.  
Judge Jorge Vásquez (Court of First Instance/Former Head of Judges' Association) 14.45-15.05.

Questions or comments to speakers from the floor: 15.05-15.15.

6. ***The Particular Role of Female Judges***  
Judge Claudia Gonzales (The Femicide Court) 15.15-15.45.  
Judge Yasmin Barrios (The High Risk Court) 15.45-16.00.

Coffee Break: 16.00-16.15.

7. ***Roundtable Discussion on Fundamental Justice & the Role of Judges.*** 16.15-17.00.

Dinner for Speakers and Invited Guests hosted by the Norwegian Judges' Association: 19.00.

## **Friday 25 April**

Closed Sessions on Future Cooperation: 09.00-12.00, followed by lunch for participants.