

Call for Papers

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy invites submissions for an edited volume in light of the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute on “The Past, Present and Future of the International Criminal Court”.

We welcome abstracts from both practitioners and academics working in the field of international criminal law and other relevant disciplines. Papers to be considered for publication in the planned edited volume should present an original contribution, be unpublished at the moment of presentation, and be at an advanced stage of completed work or based on extensive experience. Papers can adopt diverse research methodologies, theoretical approaches and draw from diverse disciplines. All submitted papers will be peer-reviewed.

The edited volume will be published in the Nuremberg Academy Series, which is a publication series of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. For further information, please see <http://toaep.org/nas/>.

The purpose of the book is to pay tribute to the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute by critically examining key developments and addressing important challenges and critiques that have remained unresolved or have newly emerged in the context of the permanent International Criminal Court (ICC). Since the adoption of the Rome Statute in July 1998 the Court has grown, matured and shown new developments of the years. The ICC has obtained recognition and has received criticism. The landscape in which it has been working has changed over the past 20 years and it keeps on changing. Several further trends have been observed: there is a considerable wealth of judicial practice that is accepted and expected to be applied; there is a proliferation of judicial and quasi-judicial mechanisms; the global geopolitical context has been changing; norms are contested and some of the fundamental tenets as spelled out in the Nuremberg Principles are called into question again.

By analyzing the interplay between law, justice and politics, the edited volume aims to examine key aspects and developments of the Court by both looking back and forward. To effectively do so, submissions should be related to one or more of the themes listed below, with an express indication of the connection to the content of this call for papers.

The themes include, but are not limited to, the following topics and lines of inquiry:

I: Making of the Rome Statute

- What role did the Nuremberg Principles play in the development of the legal framework back in the 1990s?
- How have the aspirations and expectations vis-à-vis the Court changed over the past 20 years?
- What is the ultimate goal that is being pursued?
- How does the Court live up to its mandate and meet the expectations in reality?

II: Case selection

- What lessons learned regarding selection of situations and cases and referrals may be identified?
- What role have political dynamics, financial considerations and assessments of systematicity and seriousness of the crimes played for prosecutorial strategy?
- How does the process of preliminary examinations change over the years?

III: Length of proceedings

- How and why are proceedings excessively lengthy and costly?
- How has the Court addressed this matter?
- What is the role of judges and what novelties has the Court brought in this respect?

IV: Victims' participation and reparations

- How meaningfully can victims participate in proceedings today?
- What are lessons learned with respect to reparation?
- What, if any, are the legal, political or financial difficulties connected with the reparation proceeding?
- What is the current role and position of the Trust Fund for Victims?

V: Exercise of jurisdiction and complementarity

- What is the Court's goal regarding ensuring that the universality of the principles laid down in the Rome Statute is guaranteed?
- How, if at all, is the complementarity regime working as envisaged in 1998?
- How can or should effective cooperation be fostered and lack of cooperation be responded to?

VI: State engagement and disengagement

- How and why are states engaging and respectively disengaging?
- How can major powers and powerful non-State Parties be engaged further?
- What is the role of the Court itself as well as states and civil society in terms of encouraging critical reflection and redoubling efforts aimed at ratification of the Rome Statute?

VII: Quo vadis, ICC?

- What are best practices that should be advanced and put into practice by the Court?
- What is the future prospect of universality and possible direction for the Court?

Interested contributors should send a draft title and abstract of their proposal (500 words), written in English, together with the author's name, affiliation and a short curriculum vitae (CV) via email using the subject line "Abstract: Call for Papers 2018" directly to info@nurembergacademy.org

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 14 August 2018.

Successful applicants will be notified by 28 August 2018.

The deadline for submission of full papers is 31 December 2018.

The publication is anticipated to be released in summer 2019.

Full papers should be up to 8,000 words and comply with the TOAEP style manual, which can be accessed here: <http://toaep.org/authors-manual/>

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy is a foundation dedicated to the promotion of international criminal justice and human rights. It is located in Nuremberg, the birthplace of modern international criminal law. The mission of the Nuremberg Academy is to promote the universality, legality and acceptance of international criminal law. The foundation's main fields of activity include interdisciplinary and applied research, specialized capacity building for practitioners of international criminal law, and human rights education with an international reach. The Nuremberg Academy was founded by the German Foreign Office, the Free State of Bavaria and the City of Nuremberg. Its major annual conference, the Nuremberg Forum 2018, is also dedicated to the topic "20th Anniversary of the Rome Statute: Law, Justice and Politics" and will take place in Courtroom 600, Nuremberg, on 19 and 20 October 2018.

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