



"Advancing the Impact of Victim Participation at the International Criminal Court: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice"

Expert Workshop 31 May 2018

9.00 - 9.15 **Registration**

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome Address

Dr Rudina Jasini, University of Oxford

Jens Dieckmann, ICCBA Vice-President for Victims

09.30 – 11.00 Panel I: Theoretical and Jurisprudential Developments of Victim

Participation at the ICC

Moderator: Gregory Townsend, Counsel and Member of the ICCBA Victims

Committee

Panellists: **Dr Rudina Jasini**, ESRC GCRF Fellow, Faculty of Law, University

of Oxford

"Victim Participation in International Criminal Justice: A Promising

Route Forward?"

Paolina Massidda, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the

Victims (OPCV), International Criminal Court

"The Participation of Victims Before the ICC: A Revolution Not

Without Challenges"

Dr Sara Kendall, Co-Director of the Centre for Critical International

Law, University of Kent "Juridified Victimhood"

11.00 – 11.15 **Break**





11.15 – 12.45 Panel II: Reparation: Legal-Procedural Framework and

Jurisprudence

Moderator: Jens Dieckmann, Attorney at Law, Victims Counsel, International

Criminal Court

Panellists: Lorraine Smith van Lin, Post-Conflict Justice Adviser, REDRESS

"Whose job is it anyway?: An examination of the shared responsibility

of states to implement ICC reparations awards."

Luc Walleyn, Victims Counsel, International Criminal Court

"Collective reparations at the ICC and the role of the Trust Fund for

Victims"

Dr. Nadia Banteka, Assistant Professor in International Law

and Victimology, INTERVICT, Tilburg University

"A Waste of Time or No Time to Waste? Assessing the Impact of

International Reparative Justice Procedures."

Dr Leila Ullrich, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for

Criminology, University of Oxford

"Transformative Reparations at the ICC? From The Hague to the

field"

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 Panel III: Client-Counsel Relation in Victim Representation at the

ICC: Ethical, Psychological and Practical Considerations

Moderator: Christopher Gosnell, Defence Counsel, International Criminal Court

Panellists: Megan Hirst, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers

"Effective legal representation for participating victims: what does it

mean and how should it be regulated?"

An Michels, Psychologist and Trauma Expert, International Criminal

Court

"Psychosocial support to victims: how to strike the balance?"

Mikel Delagrange, Legal Officer, Victims Participation and

Reparations Section of the International Criminal Court

"The ICC Registry's role in facilitating legal representation for

victims: A brief look at the varying practice at the ICC"





Victim-Counsel Training 1 June 2018

09.00 - 11.00Session I: How to make victims participation meaningful for your clients?

Trainer: Megan Hirst, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers

- Preliminary Steps
 - How can victims address the Court? Which procedures allow for victims to be heard? At what stages?
 - Completing victim applications
- Case Strategy
 - What does/can a case strategy for victims' representation look like?
 - And what should it involve regarding positioning/interactions with the parties?
- Establishing a team and systems
 - Team composition
 - Resources
 - Communicating with clients
 - Documentations and information management

Break 11.00 - 11.15

11.15 - 12.45Session II: Victims Lawyer in the Courtroom - The Trial Stage

Lead Trainer: Paolina Massidaa, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the

Victims (OPCV), International Criminal Court

Co-Trainer: Sarah Pellet, Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Victims

(OPCV), International Criminal Court

Input

- How does the role of a counsel for victims differ from the one of the Prosecutor?
- Challenges linked to the collection of views and concerns
- Challenges linked to the collection of evidence
- Questioning by a counsel for victims (scope/modalities)





- **♦** Exercise
 - Questioning of a witness who is also a participating victim (dual status individual) Challenges linked to the collection of views and concerns

• Oral argument on a substantive or procedural topic

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **Session III: Ethics for Victims Counsel**

Lead Trainer: Luc Walleyn, Victims Counsel, International Criminal Court

Co-Trainer: Marie O'Leary, Counsel for the Office of Public Counsel for the

Defence (OPCD), International Criminal Court.

♦ Input

Materials on ethical issues

♦ Exercise

• One or two practical cases from material on ethical issues