

UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AN INTRODUCTION FOR DIPLOMATS



Faculty of Law

2-DAY WORKSHOP INCLUDING VISIT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

AS THE 'LEGAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD', THE CITY OF THE HAGUE IS WELCOMING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS, TRIBUNALS AND INSTITUTIONS. THIS DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS THE GROWING IMPORTANCE NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES ATTACH TO INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY FOR CORE INTERNATIONAL CRIMES IS ALREADY SHAPING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, COURTS, AND ORGANISATIONS. DIPLOMATS ARE REGULARLY FACED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASINGLY BE INVOLVED WITH IT IN THE FUTURE.

WITHOUT A SPECIALIZED BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, IT IS A CHALLENGING TASK TO KEEP TRACK OF THE DEVELOPMENTS, TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPTS, THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS, AND THE DILEMMAS THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS ARE FACING.

FOR THIS REASON, THE VU UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CICJ) OFFERS A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP "UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE" SPECIALLY TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF THESE TOPICS, AND WOULD LIKE TO GAIN A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE INCREASING ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN TODAY'S WORLD.

THE PRESENTERS - EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINOLOGY, AND COURT-REPORTING - WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMME SERVES AS A PRACTICAL AND BROAD INTRODUCTION INTO THE FUNCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

PROGRAM DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FLIPSIDE OF THIS FLYER. ADDITIONAL TOPICS CAN BE COVERED UPON THE PARTICIPANTS' REQUEST. THE LECTURES WILL BE INTERACTIVE AND WILL ALLOW ROOM FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO DISCUSS THE RELEVANT ISSUES WITH LECTURERS AND COLLEAGUES.

THE INFORMATION AND VIEWS THUS SHARED WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CHATHAM HOUSE RULE.

Center for International Criminal Justice



SUBJECTS:

- THE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMES ,GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES
- MOST IMPORTANT LEGAL CONCEPTS
- POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENTS IN RELATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS
- THE MOST RECENT CASES AND PRACTICAL AND POLITICAL DILEMMAS AND DEVELOPMENTS

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO INFORMALLY NETWORK AND MEET OTHER EMBASSY STAFF AND COURT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH ISSUES ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Date: 17 & 18 April 2013

Price: 300,- p.p., including lunches

Max. 25 participants

Register before 8 April via info@cici.org

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ON THE FIRST DAY THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE VU IN AMSTERDAM, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEXT TO WORLD TRADE CENTER AMSTERDAM. ON THE SECOND DAY, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HOSTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) IN THE HAGUE. DURING A SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFICIALS WILL PRESENT A UNIQUE INSIGHT IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ICC.

17 APRIL VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

9.30 INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS AND CRIMINAL LAW, PROF. ELIES VAN SLIEDREGT - PROFESSOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW, DEAN FACULTY OF LAW

11.00 REPORT FROM THE COURT - TJITSKE LINGSMA - INDEPENDENT COURT REPORTER

SHORT BREAK

11.30 INSTITUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, AND CHALLENGES OF COOPERATION, SERGEY VASILIEV – POST DOCTORAL RESEARCHER INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

13.00 LUNCH - INFORMAL MOMENT FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

14.00 WHEN AND HOW DO INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS COME INTO ACTION? - DR. JORIS VAN WIJK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CRIMINOLOGY

SHORT BREAK

15.15 SENTENCING AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS - DR. BARBORA HOLA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CRIMINOLOGY

16.15 PREPARE FOR NEXT DAY'S HEARING, TJITSKE LINGSMA

16.30 CLOSURE, PROF. ELIES VAN SLIEDREGT

16.45 DRINKS AND LIGHT SNACKS

18 APRIL INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT THE HAGUE

11.00 ARRIVAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, REGISTRATION

11.15 ATTEND HEARING

12.30 LUNCH – INFORMALLY DISCUSS HEARING

13.45 RETURN AT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

14.00 PRESENTATION BY PRESIDENCY / CHAMBERS: THE HISTORY, STRUCTURE AND MANDATE OF THE COURT
Q&A

14.45 PRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR; ISSUES OF COOPERATION AND CURRENT CASES BEFORE THE COURT
Q&A

SHORT BREAK

15.45 PRESENTATION BY THE REGISTRY: ON COOPERATION MATTERS
Q&A

16.30 POSSIBILITY TO RETURN TO A HEARING

17.00 DRINKS

More information about the background of the presenters, see the website of the Center for International Criminal Justice: www.cicj.org