

Guest lecture

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Reparation “for” victims in interstate proceedings: the challenges and prospects for the ICJ to advance victims' rights

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Nowadays, victims of international crimes are granted various substantive and procedural rights under international law. Nevertheless, precise contours of their legal status remain highly unclear. This uncertainty is also reflected in the area of reparations which, relevantly, directly demonstrates the degree of victims' normative empowerment in every legal system. Who may be granted reparations? In which form? From whom? On what basis?

In her presentation, Dr Carla Ferstman will address these and related issues by focusing on the position of victims within the traditional framework of interstate disputes before international courts and tribunals. In addition, Dr Ferstman will share with us her professional experiences as a practitioner engaged with the system of international justice.

Dr Carla Ferstman (University of Essex) is a Canadian qualified barrister and solicitor. She received a DPhil in Public International Law from the University of Oxford, an LL.M in International Law from New York University and an LL.B from the University of British Columbia. She also has a BA in Philosophy from the University of Western Ontario. Dr Ferstman is a member of the Council of Europe's Expert Council on NGO Law and a member of the experts committee of the group of friends of the Convention Against Torture Initiative (CTI). She also serves on the Board of Directors of Trauma Treatment International and is a member of the Advisory Committee of Lawyers for Justice in Libya. Dr Ferstman has worked in the field of human rights for the bulk of her career. Between 2004 and 2018 she was Director of REDRESS, a human rights organisation that helps survivors of torture to obtain justice and reparation, in the form of compensation, rehabilitation, official acknowledgement of the wrong and formal apologies.

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