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First International Roundtable

Confronting Global Conflicts and the Rule of Law: A Focus on Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas

FRIDAY, 3rd MAY 2024

12:00 PM – 7:30 PM IST

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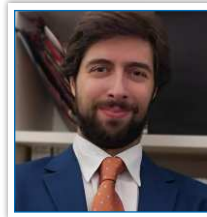
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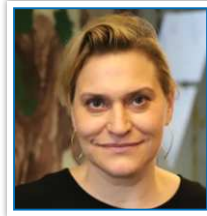
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University of Salzburg and
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Dr. Carrie McDougall
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Professor Jennifer Trahan
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Professor Milena Sterio
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and Managing Director,
Public International Law &
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Professor William Schabas
Professor of International Law at
Middlesex University London

PROGRAMME

12:00 PM – 12:20 pm

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome Speech

Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli, Associate Professor & Associate Dean and Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of the United Nations, O.P. Jindal Global University

Event Overview: Introduction to the Theme - International Crimes and Global Governance

12:20 PM – 12:50 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Navigating the Complex Landscape of International Criminal Justice

Professor Vesselin Popovski, Professor & Vice Dean and Executive Director, Centre for the Study of the United Nations, O.P. Jindal Global University

Panel 1: 12:50 PM – 2:00 PM Geopolitical Case Studies and International Justice

Moderator: Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli

Legal and Humanitarian Perspectives and Challenges in the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas Conflicts

Panelists:

- **Dr. Mutaz Qafisheh**, Associate Professor of International Law (former dean and former UN official) at Hebron University, Palestine.
- **Dr. Giovanni Chiarini**, Lecturer in Law at the University of Huddersfield and an International Fellow 2022-2024 of the National Institute of Military Justice at Washington DC.

Panel 2: 02:00 PM – 03:00 PM Prosecuting International Crimes: Insights from Current Conflicts

Moderator: Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli

War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide, Delving into Legal Procedures, Challenges, and Case Studies from both Conflicts

Panelists:

- **Professor David M. Crane**, Professor of Law, Syracuse University, Former Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.
- **Judge Silvana Arbia**, Judge in Italy, Past ICC Registrar and Past ICTR Chief of Prosecutions
- **Judge Cuno Tarfusser**, Judge in Italy and Former Judge at the International Criminal Court

Panel 3: 03:30 PM – 05:00 PM
Understanding and Prosecuting the Crime of Aggression

Moderator: Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli

Legal Definition, Prosecution Challenges, Crime of Aggression and Non State Actors

Panelists:

- **Dr. Astrid Reisinger Coracini**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Salzburg and Director of the Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.
- **Dr. Carrie McDougall**, Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Melbourne.

5:00 PM - Networking Breaks

Opportunity for Informal Discussions Among Attendees (In-person)

Panel 4: 5:30 PM – 7:20 PM
The Role of the Security Council in Addressing Global Conflicts

Moderator: Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli

Focus on Actions and Challenges in the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas Conflicts, and Discussion on Proposed Reforms

Panelists:

- **Professor Jennifer Trahan**, Clinical Professor at NYU's Center for Global Affairs and Director of their Concentration in International Law and Human Rights.
- **Professor Milena Sterio**, Professor of law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Managing Director, Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG).
- **Professor William Schabas**, Professor of International Law at Middlesex University London.

Closing Remarks: 7:20 PM – 7:30 PM

Summary of Discussions and Key Takeaways
Acknowledgments and Expressions of Gratitude

SPEAKER BIOS



Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli

Associate Professore & Associate Dean and Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of the United Nations
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Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli is a distinguished Associate Professor and Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of the United Nations at O.P. Jindal Global University School of Law. His academic prowess is rooted in Public International Law and International Criminal Law, with a particular focus on the mechanisms of international justice and the roles of global governance institutions. Holding a doctoral degree with a focus on the crime of aggression, Dr. Petrelli's scholarly work is widely recognized for its profound impact on both academic and practical fields. He has authored numerous influential publications that explore critical issues in international law and policy, earning him a reputation as a leading thinker in these areas. Dr. Petrelli's dedication to enhancing the understanding and application of international law positions him as an essential voice in global discussions on peace, justice, and human rights, making his contributions invaluable to the international legal community and beyond.



Professor Vesselin Popovski

Professor & Vice Dean and Executive Director,
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With a wealth of experience as a seasoned diplomat in Bulgaria, New York, and London, coupled with his invaluable contributions as the Senior Legal Expert for the EU project 'Legal Protection of Individual Rights' in Russia, Dr. Vesselin Popovski's professional journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Furthermore, his role as a Senior Academic Officer at the esteemed United Nations University in Tokyo reflects his commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering international cooperation. Dr. Popovski's achievements are as impressive as they are impactful. In over two decades since, Dr. Popovski has authored and edited over 20 books with few others in the pipeline. It's difficult to pick one from the illustrious record, but his 2009 book 'World Religions and Norms of War' remains the star of the show. At a turbulent time as thus where a wave of religious identities is segregating the world, it is paramount to realize and remember that the revered book of prof Popovski has talked about how power, land and influence cause and begin a conflict and the book has rightfully situated religion as the facilitator, a powerful manipulator and a forum exploited by the state for its gains.



Dr. Mutaz Qafisheh

Associate Professor of International Law (former dean and former UN official) at Hebron University, Palestine.

Dr. Mutaz M Qafisheh is a distinguished Professor of International Law and former dean of Hebron University College of Law and Political Science in Palestine. With a PhD from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Dr. Qafisheh's expertise spans various facets of international law, human rights, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As a Senior Research Fellow in Berlin and former Human Rights Officer at the United Nations, he brings a wealth of practical experience to his work. An esteemed author and advisor to global institutions, Dr. Qafisheh's contributions to legal scholarship and advocacy are truly remarkable.



Dr. Giovanni Chiarini

Lecturer in Law at the University of Huddersfield and an International Fellow 2022-2024 of the National Institute of Military Justice at Washington DC.

Giovanni Chiarini is a distinguished attorney admitted to the Bar Council of Piacenza, Italy, and recognized as an Assistant to Counsel at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Giovanni has garnered international experience as a Chercheur Invité at Université Côte d'Azur in France and as a Visiting Researcher at Universität zu Köln in Germany. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at Edinburgh University in Scotland and at Texas Tech University in the USA. With a background in international law, Giovanni has interned at the Supreme Court of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia under the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials. He serves as a Lecturer in International Criminal Law at the University of Huddersfield and holds a senior position at 'MEPLAW International Law Firm,' overseeing the International Criminal Law Department. Additionally, Giovanni is an International Fellow of the National Institute of Military Justice in Washington DC. His scholarly contributions include authoring the book 'The Evolution of International Criminal Procedure: From Nuremberg and Tokyo to the International Criminal Court.'



Professor David M. Crane,

Professor of Law, Syracuse University,
Former Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

David M. Crane is the founding chief prosecutor of the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone, the world's first hybrid international war crimes tribunal. He notably prosecuted major figures, including President Charles Taylor, marking the first trial of a sitting African head of state for war crimes. Crane's book, "Every Living Thing," offers an inside look at his prosecutorial experiences.

With 30 years in the US federal government, Crane served as the Director of the Office of Intelligence Review at the Department of Defense, overseeing significant portions of the US Intelligence Community. Post-retirement, he has been a key figure in initiatives like the Syrian Accountability Project and efforts towards a Special Tribunal for Ukraine on the Crime of Aggression, resulting in personal sanctions from President Vladimir Putin.

A US Army veteran with service in the 101st and 82d Airborne Divisions, Crane holds degrees from Ohio University, Syracuse University, and Case Western University. He recently retired from Syracuse University College of Law, where he founded Impunity Watch, and continues to teach as a distinguished scholar in residence at Syracuse and an adjunct professor at the Washington College of Law at American University.



Judge Silvana Arbia

Judge in Italy, Past ICC Registrar and Past ICTR Chief of Prosecutions

Silvana Arbia, a distinguished figure in international law is serving as the Honorary President of the Section of the Supreme Court of Cassation of Italy. Previously, she held the esteemed position of Registrar at the International Criminal Court, elected by the Judges for a five-year term. With an illustrious career spanning various pivotal roles, including Chief of Prosecutions at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR), Ms. Arbia has demonstrated exceptional leadership and expertise in the field. Notably, she played a vital role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court, contributing to the drafting of the Rome Statute as a member of the Italian delegation. Her election as Registrar of the ICC in 2008 was a testament to her invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to justice. Silvana Arbia is a woman who has taken on some of the most challenging positions in the world. For almost nine years she worked as a Prosecutor at the International Tribunal for Rwanda (I.T.C.R.), where she represented the prosecution against those responsible for the genocide of almost one million people. She continued to represent the victims of the gravest crimes against humanity as Registrar of the International Criminal Court.



Judge Cuno Tarfusser

Judge in Italy and Former Judge at the International Criminal Court

He has served as a Judge at the International Criminal Court since 2009, demonstrating expertise in criminal law and procedure. Prior to this, Judge Tarfusser spearheaded reforms as Chief Public Prosecutor in Italy, overseeing cases ranging from terrorism to corruption. His proactive approach and dedication to justice led to his election as the Second Vice-President of the Court in 2012.

With a Law Degree from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, and a Doctorate in Law from the University of Padova, Italy, Judge Tarfusser brings a wealth of academic and practical experience to his role. His commitment to legal education is evident through his lectures at various law faculties in Italy and his involvement in rogatory commissions across Europe and the Dominican Republic.



Dr. Astrid Reisinger Coracini

Senior Lecturer at the University of Salzburg and Director of the Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.

Astrid Reisinger Coracini is a distinguished postdoctoral researcher and lecturer at the University of Vienna. She also serves as director of the Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law, and Human Rights Law. With significant involvement in international legal negotiations, Astrid played a key role in the adoption of the provision on the crime of aggression for the ICC Statute and has represented Austria at various international conferences. Her research focuses on international criminal law, humanitarian law, and the use of force, making her a valuable contributor to the field.



Dr. Carrie McDougall

Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Melbourne.

Dr. Carrie McDougall is a distinguished scholar and practitioner in international law at the University of Melbourne. With expertise in jus ad bellum, international criminal law, and humanitarian law, Dr. McDougall brings a wealth of knowledge to her teaching and research. Her extensive experience includes nearly a decade with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she held various legal roles and represented Australia at the United Nations. Dr. McDougall's contributions to legal scholarship are evident through her authorship of 'The Crime of Aggression under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court' and her advisory roles, including with the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression and the Government of Ukraine.



Professor Jennifer Trahan

Clinical Professor at NYU's Center for Global Affairs and Director of their Concentration in International Law and Human Rights.

Jennifer Trahan, a distinguished Clinical Professor at NYU's Center for Global Affairs is also a Director of their Concentration in International Law and Human Rights. With a diverse teaching portfolio covering subjects such as International Law, Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and War Crimes Prosecutions, Jennifer is a leading authority in her field. She is a prolific scholar, having published extensively on topics including the crime of aggression and the legal limits to Security Council veto power. Her book, 'Legal Limits to Security Council Veto Power in the Face of Atrocity Crimes', published by Cambridge University Press, earned her the prestigious '2020 ABILA Book of the Year Award'. Jennifer's contributions extend beyond academia; she serves as one of the US representatives to the Use of Force Committee of the International Law Association and holds various positions with the American Branch of the International Law Association.



Professor Milena Sterio

Professor of law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and
Managing Director, Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG).

Milena Sterio, the Charles R. Emrick Jr. - Calfee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, is also a Managing Director at the PILPG. With expertise in international law, international criminal law, and human rights, Milena is a leading authority in her field. She is a permanent editor of the esteemed IntLawGrrls blog and a frequent contributor on topics of international law, policy, and practice. As a Fulbright Scholar in 2013, Milena conducted research on secession issues under international law in Baku, Azerbaijan. She has also contributed as a maritime piracy law expert in various international forums and assisted piracy prosecutions in several countries. Milena is a graduate of Cornell Law School and the University of Paris and has authored seven books and numerous law review articles, including her latest work, 'The Syrian Conflict's Impact on International Law,' published by Cambridge University Press in 2020.

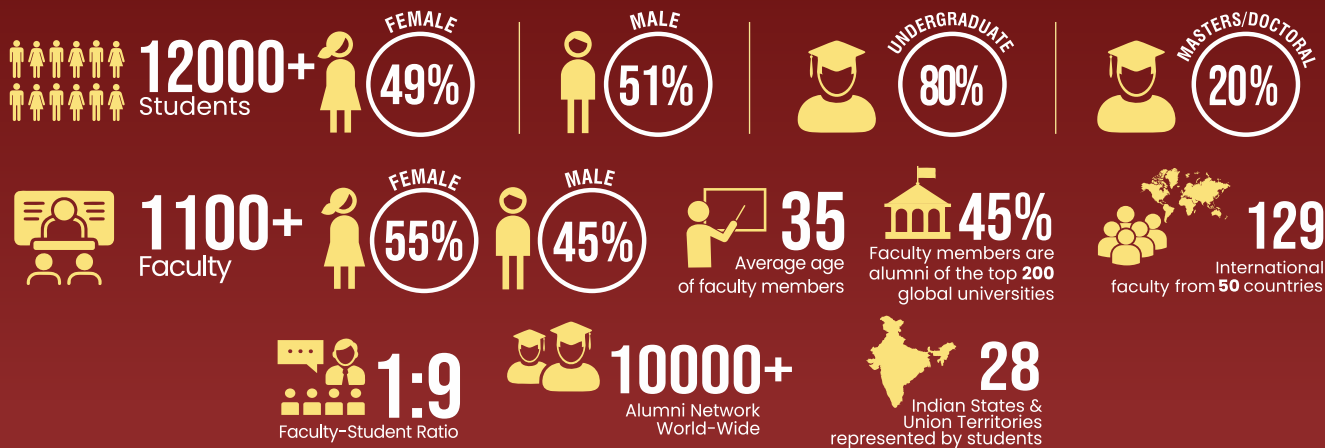


Professor William Schabas

Professor of International Law at Middlesex University London

Professor William A. Schabas is a distinguished luminary in the field of international law. Holding esteemed positions at Middlesex University, Leiden University, and the National University of Ireland Galway, Professor Schabas is celebrated for his profound contributions to international human rights law. With a prolific scholarly output encompassing over twenty books and numerous articles, he is widely regarded as a leading authority in his field. Noteworthy among his achievements is his pivotal role as chair of the UN Commission of Inquiry into the Gaza war, as well as his impactful endeavors in combating capital punishment with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. Recognized for his exceptional contributions, Professor Schabas has been honored with prestigious accolades such as the Officer of the Order of Canada.

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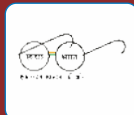
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