



17TH SPECIALIZATION COURSE
IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

**THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
AT FIFTEEN**

Siracusa, May 21-31, 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The course will commence on Monday, May 22 and conclude on Tuesday, May 30. Arrival of participants is Sunday, May 21 and departure is Wednesday, May 31. The course will take place at the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (SII) - which is the new public name for the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) - in Siracusa, Italy and will consist of 13 working sessions. Each day will be divided into two sessions of three hours each, for a total of 39 academic contact hours.
2. Participants should have at a minimum a first degree in law, having graduated in the last eight years (between 2009 - 2017), and be 35 years of age or under.
3. The working language will be English; therefore proficiency in English is required.
4. The number of participants will be limited to 60. Regional, geographic and gender balance will be taken into consideration.
5. The registration costs for the course is **€ 750** per person, which includes academic material, lunches on course days (7 lunches in total) and 1 closing dinner. Participants who wish ISISC to arrange their hotel (double occupancy room and breakfast) and ground transportation from and to Catania airport on arrival and departure days are requested to specifically notify ISISC upon acceptance of their application. The total cost for the hotel and ground transportation is €550 per person.
6. The Institute will offer 10 scholarships to applicants from developing and less developed countries. The scholarships cover academic material, accommodation costs in a double room, lunches on course days (7 lunches in total), 1 closing dinner, and ground transportation from/to Catania airport (travel costs and dinners are not included). Participants awarded scholarships will have to pay a contribution for the course of **€200**.
7. Participants are required to join the International Association of Penal Law, Young Penalists Section. Membership information can be found on the AIDP website (www.penal.org).
8. Attendance is required at all sessions. Failure to attend more than two sessions will disqualify participants from receiving a certificate of completion for the course. Active participation in classroom discussions as well as in the Moot Court is expected.
9. The deadline to apply to the 2017 course is **March 20, 2017**. The application form should be filled out online at www.siracusainstitute.org. Acceptance letters will be sent out shortly after the deadline for application. Candidates not accepted for the course will be informed accordingly.
10. We encourage participants to bring their own laptops with which they can connect to the internet through the Institute's wireless network.
11. The Institute has a library containing over 24,000 volumes in International Criminal Law and Comparative International Law which are open to the use of all participants throughout the course.

If you have any questions, please contact ISISC at icl-course@siracusainstitute.org or +39.0931.21495 / 414515.

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Sunday, May 21

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

Monday, May 22

09.30-10.00 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome by:

- Professor William Schabas, Course Director
- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, ISISC Honorary President

SESSION 1 INTRODUCTORY LECTURE: CAN THE COURT MAKE IT TO THIRTY?

10.00-11.00 Speaker

- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni
- Professor William Schabas

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 General Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

SESSION 2 OPENING ROUND TABLE

14.30-16.00 Speaker

- Professor William Schabas (chair)
- Professor Tiya Maluwa
- Professor Margaret deGuzman

16.00-16.30 Break

16.30-17.30 General Discussion

Tuesday, May 23

SESSION 3 COMPLEMENTARY AND GRAVITY: THEORY AND PRACTICE

09.30-11.00 Speakers

- Professor Fannie Lafontaine
- Professor Margaret deGuzman

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 General Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

SESSION 4 AFRICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

14.30-16.00 Speakers

- Professor Tiya Maluwa
- *to be determined*

16.00-16.30 Break
16.30-17.30 General Discussion

Wednesday, May 24

09.00-09.30 **Introduction to the Moot Court**
– Professor William Schabas

SESSION 5 VICTIMS AT THE ICC

09.30-11.00 Speakers
– *to be determined* (moderator)
– Professor Fannie Lafontaine

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-12.30 General Discussion

SESSION 6 THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION UNDER THE ROME STATUTE OF THE ICC

12.30-13.30 Speaker
– Professor William Schabas

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break

P.M. FREE

Thursday, May 25

SESSION 7 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

09.30-11.00 Speakers
– Professor Margaret deGuzman (moderator)
– Dr. Yvonne McDermott

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 General Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

SESSION 8 PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE

14.30-16.00 Speakers
– Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
– Dr. Rod Rastan
– Dr. Dov Jacobs

16.00-16.30 Break

16.30-17.30 General Discussion

Friday, May 26

SESSION 9 PARTICIPATION IN CRIMES

09.30-11.00 Speakers
– Dr. Dov Jacobs
– Dr. Yvonne McDermott

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 General Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

SESSION 10 CONCLUDING ROUND TABLE

14.30-16.00 Speakers

- Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
- Dr. Rod Rastan
- Dr. Dov Jacobs

16.00-16.30 Break

16.30-17.30 General Discussion

Saturday, May 27

A.M.-P.M. PREPARATION OF MOOT COURT

Sunday, May 28

A.M.-P.M. FREE

Monday, May 29

SESSION 11 MOOT COURT COMPETITION – ORAL ARGUMENTS: PRELIMINARY ROUND

10.00-13.00 Team 1 vs. Team 2 Team 3 vs. Team 4
Team 5 vs. Team 6 Team 7 vs. Team 8

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-17.30 Team 9 vs. Team 10 Team 11 vs. Team 12
Team 13 vs. Team 14 Team 15 vs. Team 16

Tuesday, May 30

SESSION 12 MOOT COURT COMPETITION – ORAL ARGUMENTS: SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

09.30-11.00 Team A vs. Team B

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 Team C vs. Team D

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

SESSION 13 MOOT COURT COMPETITION – ORAL ARGUMENTS: FINAL ROUND

14.30-16.30 Team I vs. Team II

16.30-17.00 Break

17.00-18.00 **CLOSING CEREMONY AND DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES**

- Professor William Schabas

20.00 **CLOSING DINNER**

Wednesday, May 31

DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY

Professor William A. Schabas (Canada/Ireland) - COURSE DIRECTOR

Honorary Chairman, Irish Center for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway;
Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, School of Law, UK

Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni (USA/Egypt)

Honorary President, International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISIS);
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