

Reproductive Violence in International Criminal Law Conference – 11 June 2024

AGENDA

9:00-9:05 **Introductory remarks**

Bilge Sahin, Assistant Professor, International Institute of Social Studies

9:05-9:10 **Opening address**

Rosalba Icaza, International Institute of Social Studies, Deputy Rector of Research Affairs, Professor of Global Politics, Feminisms and Decoloniality

9:10-9:25 **Civil society advocacy on reproductive violations in the Rome Statute and beyond**

The role of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice

Alix Vuillemin, Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice

Reflections in light of contemporary challenges

Rosemary Grey, Senior Lecturer, Sydney Law School, the University of Sydney

9:25 – 10:45 **Expert perspectives**

This session will provide a platform for survivor-experts to share experiences, facilitating a deeper understanding of the multifaceted impacts of reproductive violence. Experts and activists will discuss key gaps and challenges, localised and holistic response strategies, including legal representation, psychological support, and community reintegration programs, emphasizing survivor-centred approaches in the justice process.

Facilitation by Lorraine Smith-van Lin, International Justice Consultant, Founder and Executive Director, Tallawah Justice for Women

- Jacqueline Mutere, Founder and Director of Grace Agenda, Kenya
- Pamela Angwech, Program Director GWED-G, Uganda
- Liudmyla Huseinova, Member of the Ukraine Chapter of SEMA, the Global Network of Victims and Survivors of Wartime Sexual Violence
- Nadine Tunasi, Survivor Speak Out Manager, Freedom from Torture
- Amrita Kapur (*participating in personal capacity*), Head of Gender Section, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and Director, Amripur Consulting
- Gulchen Kshtow, Emma Organisation, Kurdistan

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:15 Past approaches: Gaps and legal milestones

This session will spotlight legal advancements and the recognition of reproductive violence across various jurisdictions and cases, including specific challenges and ways to overcome them.

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- *Adjudicating reproductive violence at the ICC*
Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza, International Criminal Court
- *Historical recognition of reproductive violence: from Tokyo/Nuremberg to the ad hoc tribunals*
Aldo Zammit Borda, Reader in Law at City, University of London
- *The use of forced pregnancy by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia*
Joanna Buckley, Barrister at Matrix Chambers
- *Investigating reproductive violence at the IIMM*
Gaia Guastella, SGBC Investigator, Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar
- *Reproductive violence at the Colombian Constitutional Court*
Juliana Laguna Trujillo, Colombian lawyer

12:15 – 12:35 Fireside chat: Framing reproductive crimes in the draft Crimes Against Humanity Convention

Akila Radhakrishnan, Strategic legal advisor for gender justice for the Atlantic Council's Strategic Litigation Project

Valerie Oosterveld, Professor of Law at the University of Western Ontario and Special Advisor to the ICC Prosecutor on Crimes Against Humanity

12:35 – 13:05 Lunch

13:05 – 14:35 Existing law, new strategies

In this interactive session, participants will learn about and 'workshop' new legal strategies for prosecuting reproductive crimes in both conflict settings and peacetime, using the existing framework of war crimes, crimes against humanity, aggression, and genocide.

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- *Reproductive violence and slavery crimes*
Patricia Viseur Sellers, Special Advisor to the ICC Prosecutor on Slavery Crimes
- *Reproductive violence against child soldiers*
Dato' Shyamala Alagendra, International Criminal Lawyer and specialist in SGBC and Crimes Against Children
- *Reproductive violence and the crime of aggression*
Kateryna Busol, Associate Professor, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

- *Reproductive violence – ICC- OTP Policy on Gender Based Crimes*
Kim Thuy Seelinger, Priyadarshini Narayanan
- *Abortion restrictions as crimes against humanity*
Indira Rosenthal, Adviser in Gender, Law and Justice, Co-editor of the book 'Gender and International Criminal Law'
- *Reproductive violence as genocide*
Rosemary Grey, Senior Lecturer, Sydney Law School, the University of Sydney

14:35 – 14:50 Overlooked reproductive violence in UN Fact finding missions: ICL, IHL and IHRL analysis

Ashita Alag, part-time Legal Advisor, Global Justice Center

14:50 – 15:10 Fireside chat: Reparations for reproductive crimes

Wendy Harcourt, Professor of Gender, Diversity and Sustainable Development, International Institute of Social Studies

Giovanna Di Chiro, Professor of Environmental Studies, Swarthmore College, US

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Country-specific experiences of reproductive violence

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- *Reproductive violence at the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP)*
Judge Alexandra Sandoval Mantilla, JEP
- *Obstetric violence in Gaza and Beyond*
Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, former UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights (2017-2023)
- *Enhancing recognition of wartime obstetric and reproductive violence as a crime of international concern*
Letitia Anderson, United Nations, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- *Reproductive violence in Ethiopia and Syria*
Payal Shah, Director Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones, Physicians for Human Rights
- *Gaps around enforced sterilization in Peru's Truth and Reconciliation Commission*
Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

16:45 – 17:25 Innovative approaches to reproductive justice: collective voices and decolonizing strategies

Facilitation by Alexandra Lily Kather, Co-founder, Emergent Justice Collective

- Ammaarah Z, Founder, co-director and abortion and miscarriage doula, Ad'iyah Collective

- Lila Sharif and Bayan Abusneineh, Palestinian Feminist Collective
- Sagaree Jain, Poet, writer, educator, and visual artist – on decolonizing reproductive justice

17:25 – 17:30 Closing remarks

17:30 Informal reception – Butterfly Bar, ISS

To learn more, please refer to the [Opinio Juris Symposium on Reproductive Violence](#).

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