



The Accountability of 'Major Powers' for Alleged Serious Violations of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: Challenges and Prospects

Conference and Launch of Discussion Paper

Hague Humanity Hub, Fluwelen Burgwal 58, 2511 CJ The Hague, Netherlands
1 October 2018, 14:00 – 19:30

AGENDA

- 14:00 Registration
- 14:30 Welcome: Carla Ferstman, University of Essex
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Domestic Accountability Processes**
This panel considers the challenges which have arisen when seeking accountability for serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law perpetrated by 'major' powers. The panelists address a series of country contexts, including e.g., the USA, the UK (including Northern Ireland), The Netherlands and elsewhere and will consider the strengths/weaknesses of the models of accountability favoured by such countries, such as public inquiries and parliamentary processes; public interest litigation (judicial review processes and civil claims against the government or other actors); claims against corporate actors; criminal proceedings.
- Chair: Carla Ferstman, University of Essex
- **USA in Afghanistan and wider counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency efforts:** Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
 - **Northern Ireland:** Rory O'Connell, Director of the Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University
 - **United Kingdom in Iraq:** Rachel Kerr, Reader in International Relations and Contemporary War, King's College London
 - **The Netherlands:** Göran Sluiter, Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Amsterdam
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Break**
- 16:15 – 17:45: **The Role of the ICC in Promoting the Accountability of Major Powers**
This panel considers the role of the ICC in promoting accountability in the context of allegations involving 'major' powers. In particular, the panel will consider the progress of preliminary examinations concerning Afghanistan, Iraq and Ukraine and what impacts can be discerned domestically
- Chair: Thomas Obel Hansen, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University
- **Iraq and Palestine:** Chantal Meloni, Legal Advisor, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights
 - **Ukraine:** Wayne Jordash, QC, Managing Partner, Global Rights Compliance
 - **Georgia:** Nika Jeiranashvili, Executive Director, Justice International
 - **Afghanistan:** Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
- 17:45 – 18:00: **Launch of Discussion Paper:** "The Accountability of UK military for Alleged Abuses in Iraq: Challenges and Prospects" Carla Ferstman, Thomas Obel Hansen and Noora Arajärvi
- 18:00 – 19:30: **Drinks Reception**