



22nd Specialization Course in International Criminal Law
for Young Penalists 'M. Cherif Bassiouni'

75 YEARS: THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION

Siracusa (Italy) and online
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MONDAY, JUNE 12

09.30-10.00	Opening Ceremony • Dr. Filippo Musca, Director General, Siracusa International Institute • Professor William Schabas, Course Director		14.00-15.30	Session 2 – Human Rights, Genocide and the Protection of Groups <i>Speakers:</i> • Professor Leila Sadat • Professor Diane Marie Amann • Professor Chile Eboe-Osuji
10.00-11.00	Session 1 - General Introduction <i>Speaker:</i> • Professor William Schabas	13.00-14.00 <i>Lunch Break</i>	15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
11.00-11.30	<i>Break</i>		16.00-17.30	General Discussion
11.30-13.00	General Discussion			

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

09.30-11.00	Session 3 – New Crimes, New Treaties, New Phenomena <i>Speakers:</i> • Professor Diane Marie Amann • Dr. Sharon Weill • Professor Chile Eboe-Osuji • Professor Leila Sadat	13.00-14.00 <i>Lunch Break</i>	14.00-15.30	Session 4 - Continuation
11.00-11.30	<i>Break</i>		15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
11.30-13.00	General Discussion		16.00-17.00	Continuation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

09.30-11.00	Session 5 – Decolonising the Universal Declaration of Human Rights <i>Speakers:</i> • Professor Joshua Castellino • Professor William Schabas • Dr. Sharon Weill	13.00-14.00 <i>Lunch Break</i>	14.00-15.30	Session 6 – Cinema and International Justice: The Nuremberg Trial <i>Speaker:</i> • Professor William Schabas
11.00-11.30	<i>Break</i>		15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
11.30-13.00	General Discussion		16.00-17.30	Session 7 – Investigating International Crimes <i>Speaker:</i> • Mr. Philip Trewwhitt

THURSDAY, JUNE 15				
09.30-11.00	Session 8 – Assessing the Genocide Convention <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Joshua Castellino • Professor William Schabas <i>Break</i> General Discussion	13.00-14.00	p.m.	FREE
11.00-11.30		<i>Lunch Break</i>		
11.30-13.00				
FRIDAY, JUNE 16				
09.30-11.00	Session 9 – The International Criminal Court: Contributions and Challenges <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Olympia Bekou • Ms. Amélie Becquart • Judge Carmel Agius • Dr. Marco Longobardo <i>Break</i> General Discussion	13.00-14.00 <i>Lunch Break</i>	14.00-15.30	Session 10 – Small Group Exercise
11.00-11.30			15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
11.30-13.00			16.00-17.00	Small Group Exercise (continuation)
			17.00-17.15	Presentation of the activities of the Young Penalists of the AIDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Recchia (<i>online</i>)
SATURDAY, JUNE 17				
09.30-11.00	Session 11 – Reforming the Institutions <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Carmel Agius • Professor Olympia Bekou • Mr. Philip Trewitt <i>Break</i> General Discussion	13.00-14.00 <i>Lunch Break</i>	14.00-15.30	Session 12 – The Future of International Justice <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Olympia Bekou • Ms. Amélie Becquart • Professor Dire Tladi
11.00-11.30			15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
11.30-13.00			16.00-17.00	General Discussion
			17.00-17.30	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Filippo Musca, Director General, SII • Professor William Schabas, Course Director
			20.00	<i>Social Dinner</i>
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 & THURSDAY, JUNE 22				
Final (oral) examination				

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights will organize the **22nd Specialization Course in International Criminal Law for Young Penalists 'M. Cherif Bassiouni'** on '75 Years: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and The Genocide Convention' between Monday, June 12, and Saturday, June 17, 2023. The course will take place in presence at the headquarters of the Siracusa Institute, located in **Siracusa, Italy**; **online participation will also be allowed**. The final examination for the Diploma will take place exclusively online on Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22.
- The course will consist of **12 daily sessions** spread over six days, for a total of 32 contact hours. The daily sessions will consist of keynote lectures, panel discussions and **small-group exercises**, which aim to stimulate interaction among participants.
- The daily sessions will be programmed approximately between h. 9.30 and 17.30, CET. Each session will be **broadcast live** on a dedicated digital platform. In addition, during the course and for one week after the broadcast, participants will have access to **video recordings** of all daily sessions.
- In advance of the course, all registered participants must **access the Institute's e-learning platform**, from which the faculty's recommended course readings and other relevant documents can be

downloaded. Each participant will have their own personal profile for accessing these materials. PowerPoint presentations and other course resources will be added to the platform at the beginning or end of each session.

- Once the course is completed, participants will have to take an **online examination** to receive the **Diploma of the Siracusa International Institute**. The examination will have a written and an oral component. Successful participants will be among the Institute's graduates and eligible for a prize to be awarded to the person who achieves the best examination result, and two runners-up.
- For participants in person, **attendance** is required at all live sessions: failure to attend more than two live sessions will disqualify participants from receiving the Diploma. For participants online, watching the recorded video of the sessions will qualify for attendance, but at least 5 sessions should be attended live; in any case, attendance of all live sessions is encouraged.
- The Institute has a **library** containing over 25,000 volumes in International Criminal Law and Comparative International Law which are open to the use of participants in person throughout the course.

Eligibility

- The course targets mainly recent law graduates, practitioners, academics and students from across the globe, who are pursuing higher education or careers in the fields of international criminal law and international relations.
- To be eligible for the course, participants should have **a university degree in law, or other relevant education and experience**.
- Being a course for young penalists, participants should be **35 years of age or under**.
- **Auditors**, who do not fulfil the eligibility criteria, may also be accepted into the course and receive the Diploma.
- The working language will be **English**.

Registration Costs & Scholarships

- The registration for the course is open to all interested applicants. The **application form** should be filled out online at the Institute's website: <http://www.siracusainstitute.org/app/international-criminal-law/>. In the application form, applicants will be asked to specify if they wish to attend in person or online. The **application deadline is April 30, 2023**.
- Please see below the **registration costs** for the different categories of participants:

REGISTRATION COSTS	
participants in person	€ 800
participants online	€ 600

The registration costs for all participants include the access to the course online platform, including academic material and video recordings of all session. The registration costs for participants in person include lunches on course days (6 lunches in total) and 1 social dinner.

- The Institute will offer **a limited number of scholarships to participants in person coming from developing and less developed countries**. If awarded a scholarship, participants will be required to pay a reduced registration cost of **€ 200**. The scholarship covers the access to the course online platform, including academic material and video recordings of all session, lunches on course days (6 lunches in total) and 1 social dinner (travel costs, accommodation and dinners are not included). No scholarships will be available for participants online.
- All accepted participants, including auditors and scholarship recipients, are required to **join the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP)** as Young Penalists (€ 45). Membership information can be found on the AIDP website (www.penal.org).
- All accepted participants will receive an acceptance letter in due course, with further information on technical details, methods of payment and relevant deadlines.

Cancellation Policy

- A participant may cancel his/her registration until Sunday 28 May. In such instance, the Institute will retain 50% of the Registration Costs.
- If a participant in person decides to attend online before Sunday 28 May, the Institute will refund the difference in the Registration Costs.
- If the online component is cancelled because the minimum number of online participants has not been reached, the participant can request a full refund or pay the difference to attend the in person course.

If you have any questions, please contact
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