



Call for papers for PhD candidates

Participate in the Fourth Doctoral Seminar of the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights Siracusa, 17-18 March, 2025

PhD candidates from universities around the world are invited to participate in the fourth annual doctoral seminar of the Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights. The seminar is planned to take place exclusively in person in Siracusa, Italy (no hybrid format) over **two days, 17 and 18 March, 2025**. The seminar will provide an opportunity to doctoral researchers for networking with their colleagues and with senior academics, to gain experience in presenting research to a scholarly audience, and the acquisition of practical skills for their studies and future careers. They can expect substantive feedback on both their oral presentations and written work.

The seminar will consist of presentations by doctoral candidates as well as sessions delivered by experts of both a practical and theoretical nature of relevance to post-graduate research and academic careers.

This call for papers is addressed to doctoral researchers working in the areas on which the work and activities of the Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights are focussed. It is expected that the seminar will be of interest to PhD candidates whose research work engages with the fields of international criminal law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as with human rights and criminal justice at the domestic level. The organisers will endeavour to plan the sessions along thematic lines, to the extent possible. It is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of papers so that thematic sessions may be organised on the following subjects: protection of the environment, participation in international crimes, racial discrimination, protection of cultural property, and relationships between the fields of international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law. There is no intent to exclude presentations on other subjects.

PhD candidates at all stages in their research are invited to submit *proposals* for presentations at the seminar. *Proposals* should consist of no more than 200 words setting out the basic idea, argument and/or objective of the presentation. The deadline for submission of *proposals* is 17h00 European Central Time on 6 December 2024 at a.buonocore@siracusainstitute.org

Successful candidates will be notified in early January 2025. They will be expected to register for the course by 24 January 2025 and to submit their paper by 28 February 2025. This submission will be more substantial than the short abstract provided and will consist of 2,000 to 3,000 words. Papers should be sent to Assia Buonocore at the Siracusa Institute: a.buonocore@siracusainstitute.org

Participants should not endeavour to present a summary of their thesis but rather to develop an aspect of their work, or even a topic of interest that falls outside the frame of the thesis itself, as if they were participating in a conference or annual meeting of a professional academic association. A presentation will consist of a twenty-minute talk followed by ten to fifteen minutes of feedback from participating academics as well as peers.

- The seminar is directed by an academic committee whose members include Prof. William A. Schabas (Middlesex University London), Prof. Jan Wouters (Leuven University), Prof. Yvonne McDermott Rees (University of Swansea); Prof. Shane Darcy (University of Galway); Prof. Joseph Powderly (Leiden University), Judge Dire Tladi (International Court of Justice); Prof. Emanuela Fronza (University of Bologna)
- All Participants will receive a **certificate of participation**.
- 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.
- Participation fees are € 150,00 (including two lunches during working days and course materials). Accepted participants should settle their fees by March 2 by bank transfer to The Siracusa Institute's bank account.
- Catania Airport (CTA) is the closest to Siracusa. The Siracusa Institute will assist participants in locating reasonably priced accommodation during the seminar. It is expected that this will be in the range of 100 € per night.
- The proceedings will be conducted in English.

Cancellation Policy

- If a registered participant cancels his/her participation, the registration costs cannot be refunded.