

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE & ACCOUNTABILITY IN
AFRICA — NATIONAL AND REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS
CONFERENCE**

26 - 27 OCTOBER 2017

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

9:30 – 10:15 **Registration, Tea & Coffee**

10:15 – 10:30 **Opening Address:** Mashood Baderin (Director CAS)

10:30 – 11:00 **Keynote Address:** (TBC)

11:00 – 12:30 **Panel 1: Understanding Criminal Justice and Transitional Justice in Africa**

CHAIR: **Prof. Rashida Manjoo**

PANELLISTS:

Agnieszka Szpak – *"Indigenous and tribal mechanisms of transitional justice – filling the gaps in formal justice systems?"*

Rui Verde – *"Post colonialism and sovereignty v. international justice. The case of Angola"*

PHD COMMENTATOR: Paul Jennings (QMUL)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Panel 2: The African Regional Criminal Court in Context**

CHAIR: **Dr Carla Ferstman**

PANELLISTS:

Dominique Mystris – *"The African Criminal Court and the African Peace and Security Architecture"*

Theresa Akpoghome – *"The Quest to Prosecute and Punish International Crimes by the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples Rights: Myth or Reality?"*

Harsh Mahaseth – *"The Effects of the Withdrawal of the African Union from the International Criminal Court"* [via Skype]

PHD COMMENTATOR: (TBC)

15:00 – 15:15 **Tea & Coffee Break**

15:15 – 16:30 **Panel 3: Hybrid Courts: Impact, Influence and Lessons**

CHAIR: **Dr Lutz Oette**

PANELLISTS:

Ole Frahm – *"A hybrid court for a hybrid regime? Debating accountability in South Sudan"*

Ngabohl Kodkandji – *"Measuring the impact of Hissène Habré trial on the legal and jurisdictional developments relating to international crimes in Chad"*

PHD COMMENTATOR: **Jeremiah J. Garsha (Cambridge)**

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

9:30 – 10:45 Panel 4: Complementarity

CHAIR: **Dr. Line Gissel**

PANELLISTS:

Patricia Hobbs – "Achieving the catalysing effect of complementarity through a rejection of Gabon's self-referral to the ICC."

Patryk Labuda – "The Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic: A New Model of Justice or Old Wisdoms Revisited?"

PHD COMMENTATOR: (TBC)

10:45 – 11:00 Tea & Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5: Three Thematic Issues in the International Criminal Law Section of the African Court

CHAIR: **Prof. Manisuli Ssenyonjo**

PANELLISTS:

Dr. Iyabode Ogunniran – "*Human Rights Violations of Children in the North-Eastern Nigeria: Pursuing the Accountability and Justice Mechanisms*"

Michalakea Taygeti – "*Corporate accountability and transitional justice*"

Juan-Pablo Perez-Leon-Acevedo – "*African justice initiatives and victims: Victims as reparation claimants at the Extraordinary African Chambers in Senegal and the Prospective International Criminal Law Section of the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples' Rights.*"

PHD COMMENTATOR: (TBC)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Panel 6: Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the African Court

CHAIR: **Prof. Rashida Manjoo**

PANELLISTS:

Carla Ferstman – *Overview of the SGBV field from an international and regional perspective (normative and policy developments)*

Nastassja White – "*Fighting Impunity in SGBV Crimes, Whilst Upholding the Right to a Fair Trial: Have international attention and NGO influence adversely affected procedural rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo?*"

Kirsten Campbell – "*SGBV crimes and Bosnian courts*"

PHD COMMENTATOR: **Bilge Sahin (SOAS)**

15:00 – 15:15 Tea & Coffee Break

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15:15 – 16:45 Panel 7: The International Criminal Law Section of the African Court – Implementation and Hurdles

CHAIR: **Prof. Mashood Baderin**

PANELLISTS:

Lillian Mongella – “Criminal Jurisdiction in the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples’ Rights: Can Africans Hope for a Brighter Future in Fighting Impunity?”

Maria Garcia-Casas – “Dealing with the crime of Unconstitutional Change of Government in times of transition”

PHD COMMENTATOR: **Etana Habte (SOAS)**

16:45 – 16:55 **Closing:** Valsamis Mitsilegas, (Co-Director QMUL Criminal Justice Centre)

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