

Welcome to Salzburg Law School

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The Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law is an annual two-week summer course, founded in the aftermath of the Rome Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Establishment of the International Criminal Court, which held its inaugural session in 1999. Its main focus is international criminal law and international justice, substantive international criminal law and the organisation of international judicial bodies, in particular, the ad hoc Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda as well as the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, it provides training for future leading experts in this rapidly evolving field in those areas that are inseparably related to the understanding and development of international criminal law, such as humanitarian law and human rights law. The Salzburg Law School disseminates knowledge and promotes the understanding of international criminal law as it stands and as it is evolving, with a particular view on contemporary issues. It follows closely the ongoing developments within international adjudicating organs as well as in the academic community and pays special attention to the interrelationship between concurring fields of law as well as enforcement on the national and the international level. The course is composed of lectures, workshops and case studies; due time is dedicated to discussions with the speakers and among the participants. A maximum of 50 advanced law students and young professionals with academic and/or practical experience in international criminal law, humanitarian law and human rights law will be admitted to attend the Salzburg Law School. Non-jurists may be accepted to participate in case they have sufficient experience in handling criminal cases of international concern. In the last years participants have originated from more than 80 nations of all regions of the world. The Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law was established with the support of the University of Salzburg, the Law Faculty of the University of Salzburg and the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) under the academic coordination of Professor Dr. Otto Triffterer. Professor Triffterer has been a distinguished expert of criminal law, in particular, international criminal law for more than forty years. He is former Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Salzburg, editor of the Commentary of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Observers' Notes, Article by Article (Baden-Baden, Nomos 1999; Second Edition 2008), as well as author of numerous other relevant books and articles. The realization of Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law would not have been possible without the support of a team of law students, all members of ELSA, who have been involved from the very beginning. Our thanks go to Claudia Reinprecht, Tobias Triffterer, Alexander Holik and Nicoline Mertz, who for professional reasons are no longer available. The current Executive Director is Astrid Reisinger Coracini, former Research Assistant for International Criminal Law at the University of Salzburg.