

In the history of international law, the socialist bloc has been generally relegated to the role of roadblock in fulfilling the ideals of Western liberalism. This conference seeks to question established narratives that have ignored or downplayed the role of state-socialist governments and legal experts in shaping the evolution of international criminal and humanitarian law after the end of the Second World War. With a geographic scope covering the Soviet Union, the Eastern Bloc, Africa, and China, the conference explores the socialist world's doctrines and international engagements concerning the codification of different international crimes [including crimes against peace, the crimes of aggression, Apartheid, terrorism, slavery, narcotics trafficking and more], approaches to humanitarian intervention, and the relationship between state sovereignty and international law. The conference advances the idea that rather than simply block progress, socialist initiatives played a vital role in the production of norms and ideas that continue to be relevant for the current international criminal and humanitarian legal system.

ADRESSES

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PROJECTS

1989 after 1989: Rethinking
the Fall of State Socialism
in Global Perspective [Exeter]
– James Mark
– Raluca Grosescu
– Ned Richardson-Little



Processes of juridification
in international relations since
1850 [Leipzig]
– Stefan Troebst
– Dietmar Müller

Jurists in International Politics,
Practice and Practitioners of
International Law in the 19th
and 20th Century [Berlin]
– Marcus Payk

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



STATE SOCIALISM, LEGAL EXPERTS AND THE GENESIS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL AND HUMANITARIAN LAW AFTER 1945

24–26 November 2016

Humboldt University of Berlin

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

14.00–14.45 **Welcoming Address / Introduction**
Marcus Payk [Humboldt University of Berlin]
Dietmar Mueller / Stefan Troebst [GWZO Leipzig]
Raluca Grosescu [University of Exeter]
Ned Richardson-Little [University of Exeter]

14.45–15.15 Coffee Break

15.15–17.00 **PANEL 1**
ICL & IHL IN SOCIALIST LEGAL DOCTRINES
Chair / Discussant: Bill Bowring
[Birkbeck University of London]

Deconstructing the statist concept of international criminal law

Gleb Bogush [University of Moscow]
Maria Varaki [University of Istanbul]

Socialist Legal Doctrines and International Criminal and Humanitarian Law
Arno Trültzsch [GWZO Leipzig]

The Perestroika of International Criminal Law
Mikkel Jarle Christensen
[University of Copenhagen]

17.15–18.15 Light Dinner

18.15 Comment and Discussion

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

9.00–11.00 **PANEL 2**
STATE SOCIALIST CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND CRITIQUES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS
Chair / Discussant: Jan Zofka [GWZO Leipzig]

The Socialist Bloc and the Geneva Conventions, 1945–1949
Boyd van Dijk [European University Institute, Florence]

Between Arbitration and Judicial Settlement: Platon Dmitrievich Morozov, Georges Cahen-Salvador, and the making of the 4th Geneva Convention
Gilad Ben-Nun [University of Verona]

The Protagonism of the USSR and the Soviet Bloc in the Revision of International Humanitarian Law [IHL]
Giovanni Mantilla [University of Mexico City]

11.00–11.30 Coffee Break

11.30–13.00 **PANEL 3**
DECOLONIZATION, GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
Chair / Discussant: James Mark [Exeter]

Africa's oldest liberation movement, the humanitarian imperative and the future of ICL/IHL in South Africa
Gerhard Kemp [Stellenbosch University]

Women's committees in the East Bloc and IHL
Beata Hock [GWZO Leipzig]

13.00–14.00 Lunch Break

14.00–16.00 **PANEL 4**
STATE SOCIALIST CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
Chair / Discussant: Moritz Vormbaum
[Humboldt University of Berlin]

The Human Face of Soviet justice? Aron Trainin and the origins of the Soviet Doctrine of International Criminal Law
Valentyna Polunina [University of Heidelberg]

The Soviets' Role in the Conceptualisation of the Crime of Aggression
Kirsten Sellars [The Chinese University of Hong Kong]

The 1968 UN Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations for International Crimes
Raluca Grosescu [University of Exeter]

16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

16.30–18.30 **PANEL 5**
TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINALITY
Chair / Discussant: Isabella Löhr [GWZO Leipzig]

Socialist countries and the making of the 1949 Convention against trafficking
Sonja Dolinsek [University of Erfurt]

Soviet Internationalism and Decolonizing Moralities in Debates over Early UN Anti-Trafficking Conventions 1949–1953
Philippa Hetherington [University College London]

"There is no drug problem in the GDR": East Germany, Narcotics Control, and International Law
Ned Richardson-Little [University of Exeter]

19.30 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

10.00–12.00 **PANEL 6**
ICL IN STATE SOCIALIST NATIONAL SETTINGS
Chair / Discussant: Kerstin von Lingen
[Heidelberg University]

International Criminal Law and Human Rights Categories in China
Ryan Mitchell [Yale University]

Safety First: The East German regime's embrace of socialist legality, crime prevention, and socialist legal internationalism from the 1960s to the 80s
Sebastian Gehrig [University of Oxford]

The Implementation of International Criminal Law in the Hungarian Legal System
Tamás Hoffman [Hungarian Academy of Science]

12.00–12.30 Coffee Break

12.30–13.15 Concluding Remarks
