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CONCEPT AND FORMAT

THE FUTURE OF REMEDIES AGAINST IMMUNITY

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The pending proceedings before the International Court of Justice and the Judgment 159/2023 rendered by the Italian Constitutional Court have sparked renewed interest in the decade-long legal dispute between Italy and Germany concerning reparations for WWII crimes. The judicial saga generated numerous unresolved legal problems that continue to burden Germany and Italy's political and diplomatic relationship, with vast repercussions on core questions of international law and the relationship between different legal orders.

How to square State immunity and the right to remedy for victims? How can individual human rights be reconciled with the international rule of law? How is the relationship between international and domestic law evolving after *Sentenza* 238/2014, and what role may/have courts play/ed in this process?

The conference will represent an interdisciplinary academic forum addressing constitutional, international, and comparative legal perspectives at the intersection of war crimes (including historical ones), immunities, and human rights. It conveys scholars and key players from both sides to identify and discuss possible solutions to the current impasse.

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2025

- 14.00 – 18.00** **PANEL I**
TAKING STOCK OF *SENTENZA* 159/2023:
REMEDIES WITHOUT EXECUTION?
- 14.00 – 14.15** **Welcome**
Prof Anne Peters, Prof Valentina Volpe, Dr Giovanni Boggero, Dr Julian Stefenelli

Chair: Prof Andreas L. Paulus
- 14.15 – 15.00** **Part 1**
Speakers: Prof Paolo Palchetti and Prof Pietro Faraguna
- 15.00 – 16.00** **Part 2**

Speakers: Prof Olivia Lopes Pegna and
Prof Antonios Tzanakopoulos / Mr Peter Tzeng

Discussant: Dr Giorgia Berrino
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 – 17.30** **Discussion and Remarks from the Floor**
- 17.30 – 18.00** **Final Statements of each Panelist and Discussant**

Rapporteur: Prof Alessandro Bufalini
- 18.30 – 19.30** **GERMANY V. ITALY THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**

A Conversation with Prof Marta Cartabia
- 19.30 – 21.30** **Dinner**

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025

- 9.30 – 13.00** **PANEL II
GERMANY V. ITALY (SUSPENDED)
BEFORE THE ICJ: ‘MUCH ADO ABOUT
NOTHING’?**

Chair: Prof Francesco Viganò
- 9.30 – 10.15** **Part 1**

Speakers: Prof Stefan Kadelbach and Prof Stefan Oeter
- 10.15 – 11.00** **Part 2**

Speakers: Prof Andrea Spagnolo and Prof Riccardo Pavoni

Discussant: Prof Achilles Skordas
- 11.00 – 11.30** **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Discussion and Remarks from the Floor**
- 12.30 – 13.00** **Final Statements of each Panelist and Discussant**

Rapporteur: Dr Julia Emtseva
- 13.00 – 14.30** **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 – 18.30** **PANEL III
BRINGING HISTORY BEFORE COURTS:
A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

Chair: Prof Bruno Simma
- 14.30 – 15.15** **Part 1**

Speakers: Prof Giorgio Resta and Prof Valérie Rosoux
- 15.15 – 16.00** **Part 2**

Speakers: Prof Flávia Piovesan and Ms Vessela Terzieva

Discussant: Prof Filippo Fontanelli

16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00	Discussions and Remarks from the Floor
18.00 – 18.30	Final Statements of each Panelist and Discussant Rapporteur: Dr Elia Alexiou
19.30 – 21.30	Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

9.30 – 13.00	PANEL IV SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS Co-Chairs: Ms Marlene Grunert and Ms Giulia Merlo
9.30 – 10.30	Part 1 Rapporteurs Prof Alessandro Bufalini Dr Julia Emtseva Dr Elia Alexiou
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 – 12.15	Part 2 Round Table Prof Andrea Gattini Prof Lutz Klinkhammer Judge Raffaele Sabato Sen Liliana Segre (tbc) Prof Bruno Simma
12.15 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Closing Lunch

SPEAKERS

Dr. Elia Alexiou - Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany

Dr. Giorgia Berrino - Post-doctoral Research Fellow of International Law, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy

Dr. Giovanni Boggero - Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law, Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy

Prof. Dr. Alessandro Bufalini - Associate Professor of International Law, Università della Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy

Prof. Dr. Marta Cartabia - Professor of Constitutional Law, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy; President Emerita, Italian Constitutional Court; Former Minister of Justice of the Italian Republic

Dr. Julia Emtseva - Post-doctoral Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy

Prof. Dr. Pietro Faraguna - Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Italy

Prof. Dr. Filippo Fontanelli - Professor of International Law and Practice, University of Edinburgh, UK

Prof. Dr. Andrea Gattini - Professor of International Law, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy

Ms. Marlene Grunert - Journalist, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany

Prof. Dr. Stefan Kadelbach - Professor of Public, European and International Law, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany

Dr. Lutz Klinkhammer - Deputy Director, German Historical Institute, Rome, Italy

Prof. Dr. Olivia Lopes Pegna - Associate Professor of International Law, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy

Ms. Giulia Merlo - Journalist, Domani, Italy

Prof. Dr. Stefan Oeter - Professor of Public, European and International Law, Universität Hamburg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Paolo Palchetti - Professor of International Law, Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

Prof. Dr. Andreas L. Paulus - Professor of Public and International Law, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany; Emeritus Justice, German Federal Constitutional Court

Prof. Dr. Riccardo Pavoni - Professor of International and European Law, Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy

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Prof. Dr. Flávia Piovesan - Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil

Prof. Dr. Giorgio Resta - Professor of Comparative Private Law, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

Prof. Dr. Valérie Rosoux - Professor of International Negotiation and Transitional Justice, Université Catholique de Louvain -FNRS, Belgium

Mr. Raffaele Sabato - Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Ms. Liliana Segre (tbc) - Senator for Life of the Italian Republic

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Bruno Simma - Emeritus Professor of Public and International Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany; Emeritus Justice, International Court of Justice

Prof. Dr. Achilles Skordas - Emeritus Professor of International Law, University of Bristol, UK

Prof. Dr. Andrea Spagnolo - Associate Professor of International Law, Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy

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Ms. Vessela Terzieva - International Lawyer/Ph.D. candidate in International Criminal Law, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Antonios Tzanakopoulos - Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford, UK

Mr. Peter Tzeng - Partner at Foley Hoag LLP, Washington, DC, US

Prof. Dr. Francesco Viganò - Vice President, Italian Constitutional Court; Professor of Criminal Law, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy

Prof. Dr. Valentina Volpe - Associate Professor of Public International Law, Université Catholique de Lille, France

ENGAGED LISTENERS

Ms. Emilia Klebanowski - PhD Candidate in International Law, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

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Giorgia Berrino is a Post-doctoral Research Fellow in International Law at the Department of Legal Sciences, University of Florence, and an Adjunct Lecturer at the Departments of Law, University of Modena

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Giovanni Boggero is an Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law at the Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy. He holds a PhD (Doctor Europaeus) from the Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale "A. Avogadro". He was a DAAD Visiting Research Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Public Law (2015/2016). He has been a member of the Human Rights Committee for the Piedmont Region since 2024. His research interests include free speech, local government and the relationship between domestic law and international law. In 2018 he authored «Constitutional Principles of

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Alessandro Bufalini is an Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Tuscia (Viterbo, Italy). Previously, he was an Assistant Professor (2020–2022) and a Research Fellow (2017–2019) at the same

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Marlene Grunert studied law in Hamburg, Paris and Berlin, focusing on European and international law. She completed her legal traineeship at the Berlin Superior Court, with stages in the cultural department

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Lutz Klinkhammer is Deputy Director of the German Historical Institute in Rome since 2017. After studying History, History of Art and Political Sciences at the University of Trier where he received his Ph.D. in

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She holds a law degree from Luiss University in Rome and spent time in Berlin through the Erasmus program, where she specialized in constitutional law and improved her German language skills. Before becoming a full time journalist, she worked as a criminal lawyer. She has contributed to several Italian publications, including *il Fatto Quotidiano*, *La Stampa*, *Il Dubbio* and *L'Essenziale*.

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Giorgio Resta is Full Professor of Comparative Private Law and teaches Comparative Legal Systems at Roma Tre University (Italy). Starting July 2022, he holds the position of Vice-President for International Relations.

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PROF. DR. VALÉRIE ROSOUX

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Valérie Rosoux is a Research Director at the Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS). She teaches International Negotiation, Politics of Memory, and Transitional Justice at UCLouvain (Belgium).

She has a Licence in Philosophy and a Ph.D. in Political Sciences. She is a member of the Belgian Royal Academy. Since 2021, she is a Max Planck Law Fellow. Her research interests focus on post-war reconciliation and the uses of memory in international relations. In 2010-2011, she was a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (Washington DC). In the past twenty years she trained diplomats, NGO workers, military officers, and students in Europe, Africa and the USA.

MR. RAFFAELE SABATO

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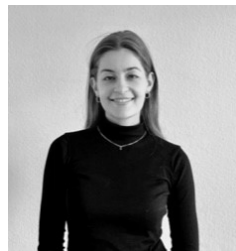
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