

CALL FOR PAPERS

Alumni-Conference:

International and Transnational Criminal Law in Africa: Practice, Challenges and Prospects

Friday, 30 October (afternoon) and Saturday, 31 October 2020 (morning) | via Zoom (online)

Please note: Due to the Covid-19 situation, the conference will take place online via zoom. Technical instructions will be provided in advance, stable internet connection is required for participation.

The African-German Research Network for Transnational Criminal Justice was established in 2019 to bring together the Alumni of the former South African-German Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice. The network now organizes its second annual research conference and invites paper abstracts on “International and Transnational Criminal Law in Africa: Practice, Challenges and Prospects” from Alumni of the South-African German Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice.

The conference will assess the extent to which African states have implemented international and transnational criminal law through a critical examination of their legal frameworks, the nature and capacity of the legal enforcement and institutional frameworks adopted to criminalise, investigate and prosecute international crimes as well as the legal, institutional or practical challenges for effective implementation. Besides having a substantial majority of states parties to the International Criminal Court, African countries have established various ad hoc tribunals and adopted several legal and institutional frameworks at the regional and national levels as evidence of their stance against impunity for international crimes.

Along with the four core crimes and their implementation in the national legal frameworks in Africa, other transnational crimes will be examined, especially those that have been included in the Malabo Protocol, being the crime of unconstitutional change of government, piracy, terrorism, mercenarism, corruption, money laundering, trafficking in persons, trafficking in drugs, trafficking in hazardous waste and illicit exploitation of natural resources.

The conference will seek to cover a broad range of topics relating to the implementation of international and transnational criminal law in Africa. We welcome, amongst others, case studies on specific countries and their domestic implementation of international and transnational criminal law. Analyses on specific legal issues focusing on one type of international crimes or on proven methods of national implementation are appreciated, as well. All papers should have a clear focus on the topic of the conference.

It is envisaged to submit the contributions to Asser Press for publication.

In order to apply, please submit an abstract of your paper not exceeding 500 Words until **15th August 2020** to transcrim@rewi.hu-berlin.de. Abstracts should contain the proposed title of the work, name of the applicant and author’s affiliations. The jury consists of the directorship and members of the advisory board. Successful applicants will be notified through official communication in their application. Authors are expected to submit their papers until **15th October 2020**.

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