

Biographies of the Speakers

“The ICC at Work: Challenges and Successes in the Fights against Impunity”

Fatou Bensouda

On 8 September 2004, Mrs. Fatou Bensouda of the Gambia was elected Deputy Prosecutor by the Assembly of States Parties. She is in charge of the Prosecution Division of the Office of the Prosecutor. Prior to her election, Mrs. Bensouda worked as a Legal Adviser and Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania, rising to the position of Senior Legal Advisor and Head of The Legal Advisory Unit. Before joining the ICTR, she was the General Manager of a leading commercial bank in The Gambia. Between 1987 and 2000, she was successively Senior State Counsel, Principal State Counsel, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Solicitor General and Legal Secretary of the Republic, then Attorney General and Minister of Justice, in which capacity she served as Chief Legal Advisor to the President and Cabinet of The Republic of The Gambia. Mrs. Bensouda also took part in negotiations on the treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Parliament and the ECOWAS Tribunal. She has been a delegate at United Nations' conferences on crime prevention, the Organization of African Unity's Ministerial Meetings on Human Rights, and the delegate of the Gambia to the meetings of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court. Mrs. Bensouda holds a masters degree in International Maritime Law and Law of The Sea and as such is the first international maritime law expert of The Gambia.

Morten Bergsmo

Morten Bergsmo is Senior Researcher at the International Peace Research Institute (PRIO) in Oslo, Norway, and currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy in International Law at Cambridge University, St. James College. From 2003 to 2005 he was Senior Legal Adviser and Chief of the Legal Advisory Section of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. From 2002 to 2003 he was Senior Legal Adviser and co-ordinator of the process to establish the Office of the Prosecutor and Consultant-Member of the Advance Team of the International Criminal Court. From 1996 to 2002 he was an expert adviser to the Preparatory Committee for the International Criminal Court, the Rome Diplomatic Conference for the International Criminal Court, and the Preparatory Commission of the International Criminal Court, representing the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in these negotiations. He was also the Acting Head of ICTY Delegation to the Rome Conference. In 2000 he was Legal Adviser on special assignment to the Office of the General Prosecutor of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor. From 1993 – 1994 he was Legal Adviser to the United Nations Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992), seconded by the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. From 1991 to 1993 he was a Researcher at the Norwegian Human Rights Institute. He holds a law degree of the University of Oslo.

Sabine Birken

Sabine Birken is a criminal defence counsel with a focus on International Criminal Law, Criminal Law relating to business and tax offences and preventive counselling at Birken Herb Terstegge, Attorneys, in Muenster, Germany. As a side branch she is involved in Criminal Law relating to young offenders. She is member of the board of the German Association for Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Probation Offices in Westphalia-Lippe. She studied law at the Westphalian Wilhelms-University in Muenster and majored in International Law, spending time abroad in London, in Warsaw with the International Committee of the

Red Cross and in Kiev among others. During her lawyers traineeship at the High Court in Dortmund she also specialized in Criminal Law. In 1993 she became member of the United Nations Association of Germany (UNA-Germany) and since September 2006 she is chair of the UNA-Germany in North Rhine-Westphalia. In this capacity she is responsible for the Human Rights section and for the International Criminal Tribunals.

Leonie von Braun

Leonie von Braun (Ph.D Law, Berlin) is a Trainee Lawyer of the State of Berlin since November 2006. She studied law in Bonn and Berlin with a focus on European and International Public Law. After completing her first state examination in law in 2003, she was accepted into the Postgraduate Program of International Affairs. During this year she worked in the Legal Advisory Section of the ICC, the UN Serious Crimes Unit in Timor Leste and with Human Rights Watch. With a scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) she completed her doctorate in International Criminal Law at Humboldt-University in July 2007. She is Chair of the Working Group on International Justice of amnesty international's German section.

David Donat Cattin

David Donat Cattin (Ph.D Law, Italy) is the Director of the International Law and Human Rights Programme and Development Advisor of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), a network of over 1300 Lawmakers from 117 countries of all regions of the world (www.pgaction.org). Over the past seven years, Dr. Donat Cattin worked to promote the universality and effectiveness of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute in approximately 80 countries. Under his coordination, PGA Members contributed to the ratification process of 60 out of the current 105 States Parties to the Statute, including some of the most recent ratifications/accessions, namely Mexico (2005), the Comoros (2006) and Japan (2007). Dr. Donat Cattin holds a Ph.D in International Law and Human Rights (2000) from the University of Teramo (Italy), Faculty of Law, and a 'magna cum laude' law degree (1999) from the LUISS-Guido Carli University of Rome (Italy), Faculty of Law. As a legal scholar and human rights activist, Dr. Donat Cattin made several publications and interventions in international fora. His writings on international criminal law appeared on well known scholarly works, such the TRIFFTERER's 'Commentary on the Rome Statute of the ICC' (1999; II edition under editorial review 2007) and the LATTANZI & SCHABAS' 'Collection of Essays on the Rome Statute of the ICC' (vol. I, 1999; vol. II, 2004).

Herta Däubler-Gmelin

Professor Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin is a Member of Parliament and Chair of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance Committee of the German Parliament. She studied Law, History and Political Sciences in Tübingen and completed her Dissertation in 1975. Since 1965 she is a Member of the Social Democratic Party. From 1980 to 1983 she was Chair of the Judicial Committee of the German Parliament and from 1983 to 1993 Deputy Chair of Parliamentary Fraction of the Social Democrats. From 1998 to 2000 she was Minister of Justice. She also works as a Lawyer in Berlin and is Honorary Professor of the Otto Suhr Institute of the Free University in Berlin since 1996.

Richard Dicker

Richard Dicker has been the director of Human Rights Watch's International Justice Program since the program's beginning in 2001. He is a graduate of New York University Law School and has received his LLM from Columbia University. After his academic training, Mr. Dicker spent two years practicing civil rights law in New York. For the past sixteen years, he has worked for Human Rights Watch, where he first focused on accountability issues in southern Africa and arbitrary detention in China.

From 1994 to 1995, Mr. Dicker led Human Rights Watch's efforts to bring a case before the International Court of Justice charging the government of Iraq with genocide against the Kurds. Starting in 1995, he directed Human Rights Watch's multi-year campaign to establish the International Criminal Court (ICC). He observed the preparatory negotiations at the United Nations and was present in Rome for the 1998 Diplomatic Conference that finalized the ICC treaty. In the last few years, he has been outspoken in defense of the ICC in the face of intense criticism by the U.S. government.

In addition to remaining very active with the ICC, Mr. Dicker has led advocacy efforts urging the creation of effective domestic accountability mechanisms in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the former Yugoslavia. He has made several visits to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Balkans to meet with officials and nongovernmental organizations there. From 2002 to 2004, he observed segments of the Milosevic trial in The Hague, and in October 2005 he was present in Baghdad for the start of the Dujail trial against Saddam Hussein. Richard Dicker's views appear frequently in the press on international justice issues.

George C. Gebbie

Mr. Gebbie is a Member of the Faculty of Advocates since 1987. Previously, he was a solicitor in private practice and before that a Procurator Fiscal Depute in Glasgow. After graduating with honours from Aberdeen University, was trained by the Crown Office (Headquarters of the public prosecution service in Scotland). In 1997 his name was added to the UN list of assigned counsel for indigents appearing before the ICTY. Mr. Gebbie is a member of the Criminal Law Practitioners Advisory Panel for Fair Trials Abroad, an EU NGO supporting the travelling EU citizen's right to proper legal representation and a fair hearing as required. He is co-ordinator of the European Criminal Bar Association's (ECBA's) expert witness project. In 2005 he appeared as counsel for one of the lawyers who had represented one of the surviving victims of *Marc DuTroux* in Belgium. In 2006 he had his name added to the List of Counsel of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. That same year he was asked by the List Counsel to be the English language interlocutor to facilitate forming a professional association for them. This goal was achieved in 2007, after consulting with diplomats and NGO's at the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague in 2006. In 2006 he represented victim *a105* before the ICC by making the opening statement on his behalf in the case of *Lubanga* from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Christopher Keith Hall

Mr. Hall is Senior Legal Adviser of the International Justice Project of amnesty international since 2004. In this capacity he is responsible for work on ending impunity for human rights violations through universal jurisdiction and international criminal tribunals and a permanent international criminal court. Before, he was Legal Adviser at the International Secretariat of amnesty international in London from 1990 to 2004. In this capacity, he was Head of amnesty international's delegations to the Ad Hoc and Preparatory Committees on the International Criminal Court (1995 -1998), the Rome Diplomatic Conference (1998), the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (1999 – 2002) and the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (2003 -). He is also author of the 2001 Amnesty International study of state practice concerning universal jurisdiction in 125 states. Mr. Hall was also a member of amnesty international's legal team responsible for third-party intervention in House of Lords in *Pinochet* case (1998-1999) and supervisor responsible for submission of written comments in the European Court of Human Rights and *amicus curiae* briefs and similar interventions in the International Criminal Court, the Special Court for Sierra Leone and national courts, including the United States Supreme Court and the House of Lords. Mr. Hall is a graduate of Columbia University College in New York City and the University of Chicago Law School.

Stéphane J. Hankins

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Robert Heinsch

Robert Heinsch is Legal Advisor in the International Law and International Institutions Department of the German Red Cross. After studying law he received an L.L.M (London) and a doctoral degree from the University of Cologne in International Law. From 2005 to 2007 he was legal advisor to the Second Vice President of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Associate Legal Officer in the Trial Division of the ICC. From 2000 to 2006 he was a Senior Researcher at the Chair for International and European Law and the Law Centre for International and European Cooperation, University of Cologne. Before, he was Associated Researcher at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) of Bochum University. He is corresponding author of the German Journal of Peace and Armed Conflict (JILPAC), Member of the German Working Group for International Criminal Law, Member of the United Nations Association (UNA) of Germany and Member of the International Law Association (ILA) – German Branch.

Marianne Heuwagen

Marianne Heuwagen is Germany Director of Human Rights Watch in Berlin since September 2005. After her "Staatsexamen" (State Exam) in German Studies and History at the University of Bonn, she attended Stanford University in California where she earned a Master's Degree in Communications. Ms. Heuwagen worked as a freelance journalist on the West Coast for the German broadcasting system ARD, the newspapers DIE ZEIT and *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and covered intensely civil and human rights issues in the United States. She was also instrumental in establishing Villa Aurora, the former residence of the German-Jewish writer Lion Feuchtwanger and his wife Marta, as an Artist-in-residence-Center in Los Angeles. In 1986 she returned to Germany and became the Berlin correspondent for *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. In 1999 she joined the national buero of *Süddeutsche Zeitung* in Berlin, three years later she was appointed op-ed editor in Munich before joining Human Rights Watch.

Hans-Peter Kaul

Judge Kaul was elected for a three-year term from the Western European and Others Group of States and was elected first President of the Pre-Trial Division. Judge Kaul is qualified for the German bar. In 2002, he was appointed Ambassador and Commissioner of the Federal Foreign Office for the International Criminal Court. Since 1996 Judge Kaul participated as head of the German delegation in the discussions and negotiation process of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, in his capacity as Head of the Public International Law Division of the Federal Foreign Office (1996 - 2002), he was responsible, inter alia, for several cases involving Germany before the International Court of Justice. He has written extensively on the International Criminal Court and other fields of public international law.

Golzar Kheiltash

Golzar Kheiltash is a lawyer and international justice advocate based in Washington, D.C. For the past six years, Ms. Kheiltash has tracked, researched, and analyzed the development of the ICC and U.S. reactions pertaining thereto. Ms. Kheiltash currently serves as a consultant to NGOs, government officials, and other stakeholders who are committed to securing constructive and effective U.S. policies toward the ICC as well as other international justice norms and mechanisms. Prior to her consulting role, Ms. Kheiltash served as Legal Analyst for the International Law and Justice Program at Citizens for Global Solutions, Coordinator for the Washington Working Group for the ICC, and Program Manager for Legal Affairs at the Hamyaran NGO Resource Center in Tehran, Iran. She has also worked with the International Justice Departments at Human Rights Watch and Human Rights First on a number of issues ranging from ICC ratification to transitional justice in Afghanistan. Ms. Kheiltash has authored several articles on Darfur, Northern Uganda, and the ICC and is a regular contributor to the International Law Enforcement Reporter. She is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and UCLA School of Law.

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Géraldine Mattioli is the advocate of the International Justice Program of Human Rights Watch, based in Brussels. Géraldine Mattioli studied International Relations and International Law at the University of Aix-en-Provence (France) and holds a European Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation). Before joining Human Rights Watch, Géraldine Mattioli worked with the International Justice Project of Amnesty International, in London, and with Field Diplomacy Initiative, a Belgian NGO, on the issue of justice for past serious human rights violations in Rwanda. Géraldine Mattioli first joined Human Rights Watch in October 2002 to work on an NGO campaign to save the Belgian universal jurisdiction law before expanding her work to the ICC and other international justice issues.

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Christian Ritscher

Mr. Ritscher is currently Prosecutor at the Federal Court of Justice in Germany specialised on cases concerning the German Code of Crimes against International Law. He studied law in Munich and Passau completing his first and second state examinations in 1989 and 1992. From October 1992 to November 1996 he was judge for Criminal and Civil Law and prosecutor in Aschaffenburg (Bavaria). From 1996 to 2000 he was seconded as prosecutor to the Federal Prosecution Office in Karlsruhe, where he dealt with investigations into terrorist activities as well as appeals. From 2000 to 2002 he was Judge at the District Court of Munich. Since 2002 he is working for the Federal Prosecution Office at the Federal Court of Justice.

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Sam Shoamanesh is the sole Legal Officer of the Defence Support Section, a branch of the Division of Victims and Counsel of the International Criminal Court (ICC) since 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Shoamanesh is responsible for, inter alia, the establishment and implementation of the legal aid system of the Court and related policy work, the Lists of Counsel, Assistants and Professional Investigators, as well as the drafting of the legal documents, observations and submissions of the Registrar related to counsel and equality of arms related issues. He lectures frequently on defence and counsel related issues as part of the section's outreach mandate. Prior to taking up his post at the ICC, he completed a tutorship at the UN-International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, where he assisted in, inter alia, the successful litigation of the ICTY-Registrar's position in an application for judicial review before the Office of the President on a highly contested case concerning the qualification of defence counsel as well as defending the Tribunal's position in a civil law suit. He also contributed to the proposed amendments to the Tribunal's Directive on the Assignment of Defence Counsel now in force. Mr. Shoamanesh has equally acquired experience working for a private litigation firm in Toronto, Canada, where he engaged in complex class action litigation. He is a former senior-editor and board member for the Law Review of the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. He holds degrees in international relations & law (Common law: LL.B. & Civil Law: LL.L.), and has undergone training in negotiations both at the domestic and international level.

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Georg Witschel

Dr. Georg Witschel studied law in Erlangen, Germany, where he also received his doctoral degree in International Law. In 1983 he entered the diplomatic service. In his career in the German Foreign Office he has held the following posts: From 1985 - 86 he was Political Advisor, Federal Chancellor's Office, Bonn; from 1986 - 89 he was part of the Public International Law Division, German Foreign Office, Bonn; 1989 - 92 he was Political Counsellor, German Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel; 1992 - 95 he was Deputy Ambassador and Head of Economic Department, German Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia; 1995 - 98 he was Deputy Director Senior Personnel Division, German Foreign Office, Bonn; 1998 - 2001 he was Deputy Director of Political Department and Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York; 2001 - 02 he was Director of the UN Policy Division, German Foreign Office, Berlin; 2002 - 06 he was the Federal Government Commissioner for Combating International Terrorism, German Foreign Office, Berlin. Since July 2006 Mr. Witschel is Director General, Head of Legal Department, German Foreign Office and Legal Advisor of the Federal Government on international law.