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IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Examining the paths taken and not taken in modern-day international criminal law and where the road may lead

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The ADC-ICT Annual Conference 2026 brings together defence counsel, judges, academics and practitioners to examine how international criminal law has evolved over the past three decades, and to consider where the road may lead. Across panels and conversations, we will reflect on experience, question assumptions, and explore new directions for a fairer and more effective system of justice.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

09:10 – 09:15	**Welcome Address – Marie O'Leary** *President, ADC-ICT*
09:15 – 09:30	**Opening Remarks**
09:30 – 11:00	**Panel I – *To where it bent in the undergrowth: Defence Practice Today***
11:00 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**
11:30 – 13:00	**Panel II – *Yet knowing how way leads on to way: Practices we've fallen out of practice with***
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch**
13:45 – 14:30	**Lunchtime Side Event: Ireland's Influence on International Criminal Law**
14:30 – 16:00	**Panel III – *And that has made all the difference: New practices we should take***
16:00 - 16:05	**Closing Remarks**

09:30 – 11:00

PANEL I

To where it bent in the undergrowth:

Defence Practice Today

This panel examines contemporary defence practice across international and hybrid tribunals. It will consider how procedural developments have affected equality of arms, fair trials and effective representation, and explore the challenges and opportunities faced by defence teams across different international jurisdictions.

SPEAKERS

- Moderator: **Judge Alphons Orie**
- **Philippe Currat**, Defence Counsel, Universal Jurisdiction and Switzerland
- **Peter Haynes KC,** Defence Counsel, ICC, Duterte proceedings
- **Sophie Menegon**, Defence Counsel, KSC, Thaçi et al. proceedings
- **Kerrie Ann Rowan**, Defence Counsel, KSC, *Thaçi et al.* proceedings

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL II

Yet knowing how way leads on to way:

Practices we've fallen out of practice with

This panel revisits best practices developed in the ICTY, ICTR, ICC and other international courts that may have been neglected or set aside over time. Through critical reflection, it will consider whether such procedural, evidential and trial practices should be revived to strengthen the fairness, efficiency and legitimacy of international criminal justice today.

SPEAKERS

- Moderator: **Judge Joanna Korner KC**
- **Anta Guissé**, Defence Counsel
- **Prof. dr. Brianne McGonigle Ley**, Professor of Global Justice Studies and Director of Masters Education in the School of Law, Utrecht University: The Changing Landscape of Victim Participation in International Justice
- **Geoff Roberts**, Defence Counsel
- **Pubudu Sachithandan,** Prosecutor, ICC

13:45 – 14:30

LUNCHTIME SIDE EVENT

Ireland's Influence on International Criminal Law

Hosted in partnership with the Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI), this session will explore Ireland's significant contribution to the development of international criminal law through its practitioners, judges and institutions.

SPEAKER

- **Judge Fergal Gaynor**

14:30 – 16:00

PANEL III

And that has made all the difference: *New practices we should take*

Looking ahead to the future of international criminal law, this panel explores emerging developments likely to shape the next decade, including technological innovation, evolving defence strategies, new accountability mechanisms and changing approaches to international justice.

SPEAKERS

- Moderator: **Judge Keebong Paek**
- **Dr Gabrielė Chlevickaitė**, Senior Researcher in International Criminal Law, Asser Institute
- **Dr Adina Loredana Nistor**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- **David Vaughn**, Team Leader, European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM) Trust Through Justice Project

REGISTRATION FEES

Intern / Student

Excluding lunch	€50.00
Including lunch	€68.00

Full Registration

Excluding lunch	€60.00
Including lunch	€78.00

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Registration closes 2 December 2026 at 17:00 CET

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QUESTIONS?

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