



Call for proposals from PhD candidates

**Participate in the Second Doctoral Seminar of the  
Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights  
Siracusa, 2-5 March 2023**

PhD candidates from universities around the world are invited to participate in the second annual doctoral seminar of the Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights. The seminar is planned to take place exclusively in person in Siracusa, Italy (no hybrid format) over two days, i.e. **3 and 4 March 2023**. The seminar will provide an opportunity to doctoral researchers for networking with their colleagues and with senior academics, to gain experience in presenting research to a scholarly audience, and the acquisition of practical skills for their studies and future careers. They can expect substantive feedback on both their oral presentations and written work.

The seminar will consist of presentations by doctoral candidates as well as sessions delivered by experts of both a practical and theoretical nature of relevance to post-graduate research and academic careers.

This call for proposals is addressed to doctoral researchers working in the areas on which the work and activities of the Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights are focussed. It is expected that the seminar will be of interest to PhD candidates whose research work engages with the fields of international criminal law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as with human rights and criminal justice at the domestic level. The organisers will endeavour to plan the sessions along thematic lines, to the extent possible. It is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of papers so that thematic sessions may be organised on the following subjects: protection of the environment, participation in international crimes, racial discrimination, protection of cultural property, and relationships between the fields of international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law. There is no intent to exclude presentations on other subjects.

PhD candidates at all stages in their research are invited to submit proposals for presentations at the seminar. A presentation will consist of a twenty-minute talk followed by ten to fifteen minutes of feedback from participating academics as well as peers.

Attendance and participation from doctoral candidates who do not present papers is also welcomed and expected.

Participants should not endeavour to present a summary of their thesis but rather to develop an aspect of their work, or even a topic of interest that falls outside the frame of the thesis itself, as if they were participating in a conference or annual meeting of a professional academic association.

Proposals should consist of no more than 200 words setting out the basic idea, argument and/or objective of the presentation. The deadline for submission is **21 November 2022**. They should be sent to Assia Buonocore at the Siracusa Institute: [a.buonocore@siracusainstitute.org](mailto:a.buonocore@siracusainstitute.org).

Those doctoral researchers whose proposals are accepted for presentation at the Seminar will be notified in early December. The selection will be made by the Steering Committee of the Seminar, consisting of the following scholars: Prof. Shane Darcy (National University of Ireland Galway); Prof. Neha Jain (European University Institute); Prof. Joseph Powderly (Leiden University); Prof. Sarah Nouwen (European University Institute); Prof. William Schabas (Middlesex University); Prof. Dire Tladi (University of Pretoria); Prof. Jan Wouters (KU Leuven).

- All Participants will receive a **certificate of participation**.
- The Institute has a **library** containing over 25,000 volumes in International Criminal Law and Comparative International Law which are open to the use of participants in person throughout the course.
- Participation fees are € 150,00 (including two lunches during working days and course materials). Accepted participants will receive an acceptance letter in due course, with further information on methods of payment.
- Participants shall arrive to Catania Airport (CTA), and the Siracusa Institute will assist them in locating reasonable priced accommodation during the seminar. It is expected that this will be in the range of 80/100 € per night.
- The proceedings will be conducted in English.

### Cancellation Policy

- If a registered participant cancels his/her participation, the registration costs cannot be refunded.
- Given the current exceptional circumstances, if a registered participant, cannot attend the course due to contracting Covid-19, the Institute will consider a full refund on presentation of a certified medical certificate.

If holding a course in presence should not be possible due to the worsening of the global health situation, the course will be held entirely online and the Institute will refund to the participants in person the difference in the registration cost.