

Nuremberg Academy Lecture 2025

»The Long Arc of Justice: Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity«

by Professor Leila Sadat

Tuesday, 1 April 2025, at 5.30 pm

Courtroom 600, Nuremberg Palace of Justice, Bärenschanzstraße 72,
90429 Nuremberg, Germany

The event is held in English and open to the public. No registration required

In this timely lecture, **Professor Leila Sadat** will explore the history, development and intricacies that have defined the place of crimes against humanity in international law. Professor Sadat, who has been instrumental in furthering efforts to codify the crime in a new global treaty, will also reflect on the status and future course of this initiative. This initiative has been described by Professor Sadat as an effort to fill a gap required to complete the Nuremberg legacy.

The lecture will look to the past, to the present and to the future of this sometimes-forgotten international crime. Professor Sadat will discuss its early history in the condemnation of the transatlantic slave trade and its subsequent emergence in positive law after the Second World War. She will also explore its critical role in modern day international criminal adjudication. Finally, the lecture will examine the ongoing efforts to forge a convention for crimes against humanity within the United Nations.

5.30–6 pm Welcoming Remarks

Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, Director, International Nuremberg Principles Academy
Katja Keul, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office of Germany
Dr Thomas Dickert, President, Higher Regional Court of Nuremberg
Dr Nasser Ahmed, City Councillor, City of Nuremberg, representing the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg

6–7 pm Nuremberg Academy Lecture by Professor Leila Sadat

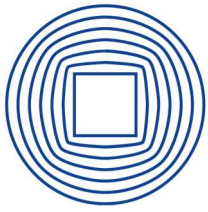
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7–7.30 pm Discussion

Moderator: **Professor Dr Christoph Safferling**

7.30–9 pm Reception





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Professor Leila Sadat is the Director of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative, a project responsible for drafting the world's first treaty on crimes against humanity. From 2012-2023, she served as Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor. Professor Sadat is also the James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute at Washington University Law School and a Fellow at the Schell Center for Human Rights at Yale Law School.

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