

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **The International Criminal Court, and Civil Society**

Course Number and Section:

POLISCI

4453G 550

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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to encourage students to analyze the institutional, political and legal origins and manifestations of international criminal justice as a whole, and the International Criminal Court (ICC) in particular. During the first part of the course, students will be introduced to the origins of international humanitarian law, and other laws and conventions dealing with conduct in war. During the second part of the course, students will survey the political and diplomatic efforts which established institutions dealing with international criminal justice. Finally, students will assess the effectiveness of these institutions. The discussions will be animated by considering the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials, the ad hoc and hybrid tribunals addressing mass atrocities in Rwanda, the Balkans, Cambodia and Sierra Leone, and the situations before the International Criminal Court (ICC). Further attention will be paid contemporary 'situations' under considerations at the Court.

Learning Outcomes:

- a. Analyze the key institutional features of the Court, including its historical trajectory
- b. Reflect on the unique features of the Court as compared to other institutions dealing with international criminal justice
- d. Understand the intellectual space scholarly work on the Court is situated in within the broader international relations literature
- e. Evaluate the efficacy of the Court based on current and former situations under examination by the Court
- c. Reflect on and analyze the role non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have played and still play in the work of the Court and international criminal justice in general

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Crane, David M., Leila N. Sadat, and Michael P. Scharf, editors. *The Founders: Four Pioneering Individuals Who Launched the First Modern-Era International Criminal Tribunals*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. [Available via the UWO library.]

Ocampo, Luis Moreno, *War and Justice in the 21st Century: A Case Study on the International Criminal Court and its Interaction with the War on Terror* (2022; online edn,

Oxford Academic, 17 Nov. 2022), <https://doi-org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/10.1093/oso/9780197628973.001.0001>, accessed 4 Dec. 2024.

Sarkany, Laszlo. "The independent Prosecutor of the International Criminal Cour." UBC Press, 2024. [COST: \$39.95 CAD]

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	20
Seminar Presentation	During the term	20
Book review	February 27th, 2025	25
Class essay	April 2nd, 2025	35

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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