

## Press release

### International Expert Framework Meeting, 26-27 June

**On the 26 and 27 of June 2009 the Second Expert Meeting of the International Expert Framework on International Criminal Procedure will be held in Amsterdam. The meeting is organized jointly by the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (Hiil) and the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL) of the University of Amsterdam.**

The meeting will gather top level experts on international criminal procedure including pre-eminent academics and practitioners working for international tribunals in order to discuss and further the progress of the Hiil and ACIL joint project: 'Towards Codification of General Rules and Principles of International Criminal Procedure'. Eleven working groups will share their specific experiences and progress thus far; as well as discuss the findings and consequences for the system of international criminal justice.

#### **'Towards Codification of General Rules and Principles of International Criminal Procedure'**

The project aims to contribute to the development of the nascent area of international criminal justice and to assist in facing its greatest challenge: delivering effective and fair trials. As international tribunals proliferate and become more important in an increasingly globalised justice system, a lack of cohesive procedural standards leave the institutions increasingly fragmented, augmenting risks and problems. The objective of the research project is in particular to elaborate a set of general rules on and principles of international criminal procedure with a further perspective of crystallizing them into a Model Code of International Criminal Procedure.

The project is realised as a part of the Hiil theme on International Criminal Process. The theme was born from the recognition that the ever-growing internationalisation of crime poses serious challenges both to international legal system as a whole as well as to national legal systems which are building blocks thereof. The project strengthens and builds upon the ongoing ACIL research programme *International Criminal Procedure: In Search of General Rules and Principles*, financed by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).

#### **Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (Hiil)**

Hiil initiates, funds and facilitates top-level, multidisciplinary research on the topic of national law in a global society. Its aim is to explore how national legal orders function in a world where borders are becoming less important and where the interconnectedness of societies – and thus their laws – is a fact of life.

#### **Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL)**

*The ACIL* is a research center which integrates the various research activities related to international law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam.

#### **Information**

You can read more information about the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (Hiil) at: [www.hiil.org](http://www.hiil.org); you can also read more about the IEF and the Hiil/ACIL joint project at <http://icp-ef.org/>.

For the editor: The expert meeting itself is a closed event. The interviews with the project leader Goran Sluiter of University of Amsterdam can be scheduled through Hiil *en marge* of the meeting.

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