

Launching *Religion, Hateful Expression and Violence*, the second edition of the CLICC commentary, and Arabic and French Lexisitus

Tuesday, 5 December 2023, 13:15-14:45, UNHQ, Conference Room 8.

A UN Web TV-streamed side-event (with lunch) to the 22nd Session of the ICC Assembly of States Parties, convened by the Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), sponsored by Norway, co-sponsored by the Indian Society of International Law, Coalition for International Criminal Justice, Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire (Université Laval), Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice, Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), Northumbria Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, and Canadian Partnership for International Justice, with financial support from Justitierådet Edvard Cassels stiftelse.

Digital public goods are changing the way international criminal law is disseminated, studied and consulted around the world. The Digital Public Goods Alliance has already certified a publisher that specializes in international criminal law (the Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher ('TOAEP')) and the leading e-learning platform in the field (Lexisitus), both built onto the award-winning [ICC Legal Tools Database](#) ('LTD'). Chaired by Professor Gregory S. Gordon (Chinese University of Hong Kong), this side-event discusses a significant new TOAEP-release on religious hate speech and a commentary in Arabic, English and French on Lexisitus.

13:15-13:55 Hate Speech in the Name of Religion: Are Religious Leaders and International Criminal Justice Doing Enough to Deter Such Hateful Expressions?



In addition to detailed case-studies and analyzes of normative frameworks and motivations behind hate speech in the name of religion, the new anthology *Religion, Hateful Expression and Violence* (1,156 pp.) contains more than 230 pages of discussion on measures available for religious leaders to reduce hate speech originating in their communities (e-book freely available at <https://www.toaep.org/ps-pdf/41-bergsmo-manocha/> and there will be 40 complimentary hard-cover copies for side-event participants). The book also discusses the role of international criminal law ('ICL') and justice, including the use of thematic prosecution against hate speech.

- H.E. Karim A.A. Khan KC (Prosecutor, International Criminal Court) (tbc);
- H.E. Dr. Bahia Tahzib-Lie (Dutch Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative);
- Professor Nazila Ghanea (Oxford University; UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief);
- H.E. Alice Wairimu Nderitu (UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide);
- Professor Mohamed E. Badar (Northumbria University);
- Dr. Song Tianying (CILRAP Research Fellow).

13:55-14:45 Online Commentary in Arabic, English and French Lexisitus: Has the Future of Digital Capacity-Building in International Criminal Law Arrived?



The 2,300-page *Commentary on the Law of the International Criminal Court* ('CLICC') is now freely available in Lexisitus, the leading ICL e-learning platform, in Arabic, English and French (<https://cilrap-lexisitus.org/>). Five thought leaders discuss the significance of digital public goods and digital capacity-building, Lexisitus and the commentary (including a new three-volume English edition), and the positive implications for the LTD as an ICL global commons:

- Professor and Head of School Olympia Bekou (University of Nottingham);
- H.E. Dr. Amandeep Singh Gill (Envoy on Technology to the UNSG) (tbc);
- H.E. Judge Marc Perrin de Brichambaut (International Criminal Court);
- Professor Mohamed E. Badar (Northumbria University; Chief Editor, Arabic CLICC);
- Professor Mark Klamberg (Stockholm University; the Chief Editor of CLICC).