

## Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice

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### **Statement by Professor Mark Klamberg** *Stockholm University*

Excellencies, colleagues, friends,

It is a pleasure to join you today at [Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice](#). I am honoured to speak at this launch of [Lexsitus 3.0](#), in my capacity as Co-Director of Lexsitus together with Morten Bergsmo, and as Chief Editor of the [Commentary on the Law of the International Criminal Court](#), the CLICC.

Let me begin by expressing my deep gratitude to Morten and to all contributors, programmers and others who have built and sustained Lexsitus and CLICC over the years. Their commitment has made it possible to deliver high-quality open-access knowledge across several language versions – English, French, Russian, Spanish, and now, increasingly, Persian. This community of contributors, reviewers and translators has ensured that these resources retain scholarly rigour while remaining accessible to practitioners, students and researchers around the world.

Today's launch of Lexsitus 3.0. marks an important step forward. The platform has always been designed to make complex material easier to navigate and apply. With this new version, the platform now offers enhanced technical features, including precise hyperlinking to individual paragraphs of judgments and decisions. This improves accuracy in referencing and makes comparative work across cases far more efficient. It also enables teachers and investigators to integrate authoritative sources directly into training sessions, briefs or classroom material.

The new multilingual capacities – most recently Persian – are equally significant. By making the legal framework of the Court available in a comprehensive, navigable and freely accessible way, Lexsitus 3.0. broadens participation in global justice conversations and makes specialized knowledge less dependent on location, institutional affiliation or financial means.

Allow me to describe Lexsitus as a 'one-stop shop' for core ICC legal materials, with structured learning streams, expert lectures, case law, and commentary, designed to support both teaching and practitioners. It is a platform that integrates academic knowledge with the operational needs of investigators, prosecutors, defence counsel, and judges. In that sense, it represents a genuine bridge between research and practice – an example of how international criminal law can be made more intelligible, more transparent, and more usable.

The CLICC, hosted on the Lexsitus platform, complements this mission. It is an article-by-article commentary on the Statute and the Rules, written by leading scholars and practitioners, peer-reviewed, and kept open-access. The goal is not only to provide doctrinal clarity, but to support the consistent interpretation and application of the Court's legal framework. As Chief Editor, I have seen first-hand how much work goes into maintaining its quality. It is an ongoing effort that depends on a collaborative ethos across languages and legal cultures.

This brings me to a broader point: the value of open-source knowledge infrastructures in international criminal law. Much of the world's most important legal reasoning – case law, submissions, procedural decisions – remain difficult to access, scattered across databases with varying levels of availability, often behind paywalls. Open-access resources like Lexsitus and CLICC help correct that imbalance. They allow students in universities with limited library budgets, civil society organizations documenting atrocities, and practitioners in domestic systems to use the same legal materials as better-resourced institutions. In doing so, they help level the playing field and strengthen the global capacity to address war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other international crimes.

The three frontiers highlighted by this event – bridging knowledge between war crimes and economic crime investigations, engaging more deeply with the theoretical foundations of international criminal justice, and expanding access to international criminal law in Persian-speaking regions – are all frontiers that rely on accessible, high-quality, and multilingual resources. Lexsitus 3.0. is designed precisely with these needs in mind.

Let me close by again thanking all who have contributed to this work. Lexsitus and CLICC continue to evolve because of the commitment of a wide community of scholars, practitioners and translators. I look forward to working with many of you as we take forward the next stages of this project.

Thank you.