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Thursday, 5 December 2024, from 1.15 to 2.45 pm

Conference Room Europe 1 and 2, World Forum, The Hague

Discussion

Addressing International Crimes and Refugees: The German Experience

Opening Remarks and Presentations:

Professor Dr Christoph Safferling, International Nuremberg Principles Academy

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The International Nuremberg Principles Academy dedicates its side event to International Crimes and Refugees:

The presence of individuals within a State Party who bear witness to crimes committed beyond its borders underscores an obligation: their testimony is essential to the pursuit of justice, and neither distance nor national boundaries diminish the responsibility to hold perpetrators accountable for international crimes.

Between 2015–2016, conflicts in Syria and Iraq, followed by the 2022 war in Ukraine, led to a significant influx of refugees into Europe, particularly Germany. Among them were both witnesses to atrocities and, in some cases, perpetrators of international crimes. The presence of these individuals poses a dual challenge: protecting witnesses and victims while identifying and prosecuting those responsible for war crimes. Germany, leveraging universal jurisdiction, has led efforts in prosecuting international crimes. Migration authorities play a key role, as they often detect these links during initial contacts with refugees. This event examines the procedures Germany follows in such cases.

After interventions from the speakers, the floor will be opened for questions.

A light lunch will be provided.

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