



Site events

Discussing the topics of conflict, trauma and reconciliation in the city of The Hague seems particularly justified considering that The Hague is considered the legal capital of the world, where several international and regional institutions are mandated to address various forms of crime; from international crimes ([International Criminal Court](#) and [Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia](#), Special Court Sierra Leone) to globalized crimes such as corruption, trafficking in human beings and drugs (Eurojust and Europol).

Many of the above mentioned institutions have shown interest in the 14th International Symposium on Victimology as well as the [Victim Service Point](#) and the [Regional office Victim Support Netherlands](#), and offered to organise side events.

We are proud to present to following visiting possibilities:

International Criminal Court

The International Criminal Court (ICC), governed by the Rome Statute, is the first permanent, treaty based, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community. The ICC is an independent international organization, and is not part of the United Nations system. Its seat is at The Hague in the Netherlands.

The visit will consist of a presentation (1 hour 30 minutes) on the mandate, structure and the activities of the Court. Visitors may beforehand or afterwards, where possible, attend a hearing according to the Court's schedule.



Maximum: 40 participants (please read the [instructions for visitors](#) carefully and send a separate e-mail with your name, field of activity (function) and nationality after registration to management@14thsymposiumwsv.nl).

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia



The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) is a United Nations court of law dealing with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990's. Since its establishment in 1993 it has irreversibly changed the landscape of international humanitarian law and provided victims an opportunity to voice the horrors they witnessed and experienced.

The visit consists of attending a hearing and a general presentation by an ICTY representative and lasts for approximately two and a half hours. The Tribunal cannot guarantee hearings to take place according to the schedule because the schedule is subject to constant change and hearings could turn in camera without prior notice.

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Criminal Court – Victim Service Point

To support crime victims better, the police, Victim Support The Netherlands and the Public Prosecution Office decided to work together more efficiently. Victim Service Point provides information, advice and support to victims throughout the criminal proceedings.

The police, Victim Support The Netherlands and the Public Prosecution Office work closely together in the Victim Service Point to provide the best services to victims. As the Victim Service Point is a partnership, the organizations continue to be responsible for carrying out their own tasks. Because the three organizations are physical present in the Victim Service Point, the lines between the organizations are short and the support can be done better and more efficient. The daily management of the Victim Service Point is owned by an independent coordinator.

The visit consists of a short tour of the Victim Service Point, a presentation on organisation and activities of the Victim Service Point and a visit of the criminal court The Hague.

Maximum: 30 participants (please send a separate e-mail with your name and passport number after registration to management@14thsymposiumwsv.nl).

Regional office Victim Support Netherlands

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Victim Support Netherlands has 6 regional offices, one of them in The Hague. Victims may contact the regional office to get assistance. Depending on the kind of assistance they need, they will be brought in contact with volunteers who give psychosocial and/or legal support. In severe crimes, a case manager will help them to overcome the consequences of the crime. The regional office is the focal point of all the activities of Victim Support Netherlands.

The visit consists of a short tour of the regional office, a visit to Intake Department and General Service Department and a presentation on the activities of Victim Support Netherlands; a number of cases will be presented to illustrate the work of the organisation.

Maximum: 20 participants

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis

Instructions for visitors

International Criminal Court

After registration on the conference website, please send a separate e-mail with your name, field of activity (function) and nationality to management@14thsymposiumwsv.nl.

On entering the Court, all visitors must go through a security check and present valid personal identification (passport, identity card or driving license).

Rules:

1. Visitors are reminded that they will be entering an international court and are therefore kindly requested to observe appropriate standards of conduct. Any visitor failing to adhere to these rules or otherwise engaging in inappropriate conduct may be immediately expelled from the premises of the Court and thereafter denied access thereto.
2. Visitors shall refrain from the generation of loud noise and from boisterous or abusive conduct or any other activity that may disturb Court sessions, other visitors or other activities of the Court. The use of foul, abusive or inappropriate language or other such conduct is not permitted.
3. There is no dress code for visitors, but those attending a hearing are requested to dress suitably. Clothing that deemed to be provocative or potentially disruptive or offensive insignia or images are not permitted.
4. Mobile phones, portable computers, personal digital assistants, cameras and any other audio, visual or information processing or recording equipment are prohibited inside the Court building. These items shall be placed in the lockers made available for this purpose.
5. Audio recording, filming or the taking of photographs is strictly prohibited inside the Court building. Security officers are empowered to confiscate and /or delete unauthorized recordings.
6. As a matter of courtesy to the Court, drinking, eating and the use of narcotic substances are prohibited. Reading newspapers, books or journals within the public galleries is strictly forbidden.
7. Visitors are not permitted to leave baggage or personal possessions unattended at any time. Lockers are provided for such purposes. Persons seeking to enter the court with excessive or unusual baggage may be refused admission. The Court accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage to or theft of personal possessions belonging to visitors whilst in the premises of the Court.
8. During a hearing, visitors must rise at the request of the Registrar.
9. Security officers may at any time call for the evacuation of the Court building. Please follow their instructions exactly.

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

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Entering the premises

1. All persons entering the building are subject to thorough security checks. No one will be permitted access to the building without complying fully with the requirements of the Tribunal's security officers.
2. All visitors must present proper identification (passport or driver's license).
3. Items such as food, drinks, cameras, cell phones, audio recorders and other electronic equipment are prohibited from the Courtrooms and should not be brought to the ICTY. Small lockers are available in the security entrance booth for visitors to store their belongings for the duration of the visit at their own risk and responsibility.
4. There is no formal dress-code for visitors as such but persons attending the hearings should be appropriately dressed (beach outfits are not allowed in the public gallery).
5. The Tribunal has a non-smoking policy in place and therefore smoking is not allowed on the ICTY premises.

Lastly, you will be entering an international court of law and we ask that you remain silent in the lobby area as well as in the public gallery of the Courtroom at all times.

Attending the Hearings

1. Before entering the Courtroom, you will be required to pass another Security check. No one will be permitted access to the Courtroom without complying fully with the requirements of the Tribunal's security officers.
2. Simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings into English, French and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian is provided; headsets will be made available to visitors.
3. Visitors must stand upon the court usher's instruction.
4. The Presiding Judge may order the removal of a person from the public gallery in the event of any disruption.
5. The Tribunal's security officers are responsible for evacuating the ICTY premises. Please follow their instructions promptly in the event of an evacuation.