

International conference

Unknown Legacies of the Nuremberg Trial: Regional Approaches and Perspectives in East Central Europe

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Day 1: Wednesday, December 3

13.00–14.00 Registration

14.00–14.15 Conference opening

14.15–16.00 Panel 1: (Re-) discovering the history of the Nuremberg Trial: international networks and domestic efforts preceding the London Conference

- Dominika Uczkiewicz, *The Polish contribution to the UNWCC and to the works of the International Military Tribunal*
- Elias Forneris, *French and Belgian lawyers in London: Planning post-war justice (1941–44)*
- Ivo Cerman, *Bohuslav Ečer and Antonín Hobza. The Czechoslovak approach to crimes against peace*
- Kinga Czechowska, *Wacław Kulski and Michał Putulicki—two lawyers in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Chair: Piotr Długotęcki

16.00–16.15 Coffee break

16.15–17.45 Panel 2: Victor's justice or fair trial? Establishing the Nuremberg principles on the brink of the Cold War

- Pavel Šturma, *The Nuremberg Principles: Continuity and changes*
- Bartłomiej Krzan, *The Role of criminal organizations in addressing mass criminality: Then and now*
- Miguel Manero de Lemos, *Four 21st century myths concerning the crime of aggression. Or, the four forgotten legacies of the*

Nuremberg Trial concerning aggression and how East-Central European countries have long been standard bearers of such legacies

- Mateusz Piątkowski, *The grim side of Nuremberg—The case of air bombardments of Central European towns and cities*

Chair: Ivana Hrdličková

17.45–18.00 Coffee break

18.00–19.30 Round Table Discussion: Conferences in London and Potsdam and the origins of the Nuremberg Trial

Participants:
Annette Weinke
Jacek Tebinka
Pablo Gavira Díaz
Alexander Korb

Chair: Dominika Uczkiewicz

Day 2: Thursday, December 4

9.30–11.00 Panel 4: Judging major war criminals after Nuremberg

- Tamás Hoffmann, *History's first domestic criminal trial against a former head of state for the crime of aggression—The Bárdossy case at the Hungarian People's Tribunals*
- Boris Popivanov, *Wartime justice, postwar power: The Sixth Chamber of Bulgaria's People's Court in 1945*
- Oktawian Kuc, *A Polish Nuremberg. The Supreme National Tribunal and its judicial dialogue with the IMT*

- Julia Klaus, *Axis Rule in Occupied Asia? The Tokyo Tribunal, Its Uncomfortable Relationship with Nuremberg, and Rafał Lemkin*

Chair: Karolina Wierczyńska

11.00–11.15 Coffee break

11.15–13.00 Panel 5: Domestic approaches and prosecutions I

- Gabriele Chlevickeite, *The Lithuanian contribution to post-war justice: War crimes trials, legal practitioners, and the Cold War context*
 - Irina Rebrova, *Cold War trials of Nazi crimes: The Yeysk case between Soviet, East German, and West German courts in the 1960s–1970s*
 - Alina Ivanenko, *Judging under occupation: Ukrainian judges under German rule and postwar Soviet trials*
 - Andrea Rudorff, *Polish postwar trials against members of the Auschwitz camp personnel*
 - Kamil Frączkiewicz, *West German Investigations (1949–1990) into crimes committed in KL Gross Rosen*
 - Ewelina Czarnowska, *Selbstschutz as the Case Study in Postwar Justice: The Central Office in Ludwigsburg and Crimes in the Lublin District*
- Chair: John Cornell

13.00–14.00 Lunch break

14.00–15.30 Panel 6: Domestic approaches and prosecutions II

- Elisa Novic, *Damien Scalia, War crimes and collaboration on trial in France after 1945*
 - Jarosław Suchoples, *War responsibility trials in Finland, 1945–1946*
 - Alina Ivanenko, *Judging under occupation: Ukrainian judges under German rule and postwar Soviet trials*
 - Filip Gańczak, *Józef Skorzyński (1878–1959). Poland's forgotten Nazi hunter*
- Chair: Krystian Wiciarz

15.30–15.45 Coffee break

15.45–17.15 Round Table Discussion: Comprehensive or selective justice? Great Powers, 'small states', their visions and receptions of the Nuremberg Trial

Participants:
Ivana Hrdličková
Tamás Hoffmann
Bartłomiej Krzan
Steve Crawshaw

Chair: Karolina Wierczyńska

