

Acceptance Research Small Grants

The Nuremberg Academy will offer grants to researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, Cambodia, Lebanon, Ruanda, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Colombia, Guatemala, in relation to the research project “Exploring multiple dimensions of international criminal justice acceptability in the after-Nuremberg era.”

The International Nuremberg Principles Academy is a foundation dedicated to the advancement of international criminal law. Located in Nuremberg, Germany – the birthplace of modern international criminal law – it is conceived as a forum for the discussion of contemporary issues in the field. The mission of the Nuremberg Academy is to promote the legitimacy, legality, and acceptance of international criminal law and its application around the world. Its main fields of activity include interdisciplinary research, trainings, and consultant services tailored to specific target groups, as well as human rights education. Special focus is placed on cooperation with countries and societies facing challenges related to international criminal law.

The grants are intended to support scholars and researchers to deliver an in-depth analysis of about 6000 – 8000 words, of the acceptance of an international criminal court in one of the aforementioned countries.

The report should be focused on the acceptance of a particular court or other institution working in the field of international criminal law in a particular country. It should demonstrate a clear link to the applicants’ previous studies and researches conducted by academia, courts and / or other civil society groups.

The report should offer an overview over the definition, dimensions and levels of acceptance striving to answer but won’t be limited to the following questions:

What constitutes acceptance, and what constitutes non-acceptance? How is the acceptance or the non-acceptance manifested? How does the courts’ or other actors’ outreach influence the acceptance or the non-acceptance? How is the existence of a court accepted by various interest groups (political leaders, victim’s organizations, civil society, general population, etc.)? How are the interests of different groups represented in terms of involvement and/or consultation before or during the court setup? How is the output (verdicts, processes, statements, acquittals) accepted by the various interest groups? How do political leaders comply with the courts? Do they accept their decisions and implement them? Is the national criminal system influenced by the acceptance of those decisions?

The applicant should possess a deep understanding of the particular situation under investigation or adjudication and of the particular International court/mission as an institution and its outcomes. He/she should have a track record of professional accomplishments and a research interest in relation to peace and justice matters. Researchers already working on peace and justice issues as part of research, education, and policy-making institutions are particularly encouraged. Proficiency in spoken and written English is required.

Successful applicants will be invited to present their work at the annual Nuremberg Forum that will be hosted by the Nuremberg Academy from 19 – 21 November 2015.

The academy will offer a research grant of 2500 Euro to successful applicants. A maximum of 5 small research grants will be offered. The organizers of the annual conference will arrange your travel and accommodation.

Interested applicants should send a CV and concept note of the report by 15 June 2015 to Interdisciplinary Research Coordinator: marjana.papa@stadt.nuernberg.de