

Conference Program

Challenging the Authority of International Courts and Institutions German-French International Law Conference. 5/6 March 2026, University of Münster

Thursday, 5 March 2026

12.00-12.30 Arrival and light lunch

12.30-13.00

Welcome addresses

Peter Oestmann (Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Münster)

Stefan Oeter (for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht)

Michel Erpelding (for the Société française pour le droit international)

Panel 1: Challenging the Authority of the ICC and the ICJ.

Moderator: Michel Erpelding

13.00-13.45

The non-implementation of arrest warrants of the ICC – a problem for the legitimacy of the Court?

Alexandre Hermet

13.45-14.30

Is the ICC merely a court for developing countries?

Leonie Steinl

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-15.45

The support of the ICC in light of the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act

Isabelle Moulier

15.45-16.30

Politics or law? The increasing politicization of the ICJ in the context of international conflicts

Guillaume Le Floch

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

Panel 2: Regional Human Rights Courts.

Moderator: Niels Petersen

17.00-17.45

The Authority of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the Face of Resistance by Domestic Constitutional Courts

Christina Binder

17.45-18.30

The Backlash against the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights

Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday, 6 March 2026

09.00-09.45

Member States' Strategies to Undermine the Authority of the ECtHR

Stefan Kadelbach

09.45-10.30

Judicial Strategies to defend the authority of courts

Dana Burchardt

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

Panel 3: Challenges to International Organizations and Treaties.

Moderator: Stefan Oeter

11.00-11.45

The Development of International Law in Times of Treaty Withdrawals

Frédéric Dopagne

11.45-12.30

The Withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Change Agreement and Its Consequences

Charlotte Kreuter-Kirchhof

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45

Open Markets and Free Trade: Which Future for the International Trading System after the Blockage of the WTO Appellate Body?

Peter-Tobias Stoll

14.45-15.30

What are the Consequences of the Non-Payment of Membership Dues for International Organizations?

Nicola Bonucci

15.30-15.45 Concluding remarks and farewell

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