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Session IV – 3:30 pm CET

Conflict Litigation: World Courts as Guardians of Peace?

Workshop Organizers

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Description

Over the last two decades, international courts and tribunals have been frequently asked to deal with major political conflicts and to pronounce on crises of global significance. While not an unprecedented phenomenon, the pattern seems new: international courts and tribunals today are regularly “in demand” during critical situations of global reach – a change compared to their traditional perception as institutions typically addressing disputes of lesser or mid-level significance. In the course of this development arises the question: Are Courts and Tribunal fit for purpose? In other words, can World Courts help solve major conflicts and become guardians of peace?

Programme

(The times of the programme items are indicated in CET.)

3:30 pm Session 1: Status Quo & Illustrations

Naive Hopes, Rude Awakenings, New Beginnings: International Courts as Guardians of Peace

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A Case in Point: Did Courts and Tribunals Prevent a 'Hot War' between Iran and USA?

Jelena Bäuml

4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:15 pm Session 2: Challenges in Guarding Peace

Challenges in the Trial Phase

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Challenges in the Compliance Phase

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4:45 pm Discussion

4:55 pm Closing

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