PROSECUTING SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL CRIMES:
THE JOINT ROLE OF NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL COURTS

Saturday, May 16 2009, 9:45 - 13:00
Verzlunarskóli Íslands, Ofanleiti 1, Reykjavík

Keynote Speaker:
Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

9.45 Welcoming Address: Dr. Svafa Grönfeldt, Rector of Reykjavik University

10.00 Keynote Address: Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court
The International Criminal Court and national proceedings: the impact of positive complementarity. Luis Moreno-Ocampo is the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, taking office on 16 June 2003. He previously worked as a prosecutor in Argentina, famously combating corruption and prosecuting human rights abuses by senior military officials. As the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Moreno-Ocampo has opened investigations in four situations: Northern Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Darfur/Sudan, and the Central African Republic. The Prosecutor is currently conducting preliminary analysis of situations in a number of countries including Chad, Kenya, Afghanistan, Georgia, Colombia and Palestine.

10:30 Panel I: Impact of international criminal courts on prosecutions at the national level
Chair: Ruth Mackenzie, Deputy Director of the Centre for International Courts and Tribunals, University College London
Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, Appeals Chamber, Special Court for Sierra Leone; former judge, War Crimes Chamber, Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Internationalized National Courts: Addressing the Challenge of Complementarity
Prof. Yuval Shany, Academic director of the Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University
Attaining the goals of international criminal justice through national courts

12:00 Panel II: Prosecuting serious international crimes committed abroad
Chair: Prof. Andre Nollkaemper, Director of the Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam
Thordis Ingadottir, Director of the DOMAC Project, Reykjavik University
States’ obligations to prosecute serious international crimes: the relevance for Iceland
Prof. Harmen van der Wilt, University of Amsterdam
Equal standards? On the dialectics between national jurisdictions and the International Criminal Court

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