

Short summary

The 25th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) and its three Protocols on trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, and trafficking in firearms and ammunition (collectively often referred to as the 'Palermo Convention and Protocols') is fast approaching.

The Institute for Comparative Criminal Law at the University of Cologne has the pleasure of inviting interested experts, officials, researchers, representatives, students, and other interested members of the public to a two-day international conference to examine these challenges and controversies and prepare for the 25th anniversary of UNTOC and its Protocols.

The conference will be held in English language only. Chatham House Rule applies.

Hosts:



Prof. Dr. Bettina Weißer
Prof. Dr. Andreas Schloenhardt



Conference assistance and registration:

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Venue

Schloss Wahn University of Cologne

Transportation to conference venue:

Schloss Wahn can be reached using suburban trains (lines S12 or S13) from the city centre or the airport. Exit the train at Porz-Wahn Station which is in walking distance (200m) from the conference venue.



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Challenges
celebrations
controversies

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

6-7 JUNE 2024

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

Luigi Achilli | European University Institute (EUI) Florence

Marika McAdam | ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program

Karine Bannelier | University of Grenoble Alpes (UGA)

Francesco Calderoni | Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan

Parosha Chandran | The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London

Calogero Ferrara | European Public Prosecutor's Office, Palermo

Julia Geneuss | Universität Bremen

Florian Jeßberger | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Max Menn | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna

Joseph Lelliott | University of Queensland

Mark Shaw | Director of the Global Initiative against Transnational Organised Crime, Geneva

Frank Zimmermann | Universität Freiburg

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2024

12.30 pm	Registration
1.00pm	Welcome remarks Bettina Weißer & Andreas Schloenhardt
1:20 pm	Keynote address
2:00pm	Coffee break
2.30pm	United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime Chair: Bettina Weißer
4.00 pm	Coffee break
4.30pm	Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants / Firearms Protocol Chair: Andreas Schloenhardt

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 2024

9.00 am	Trafficking in Persons Protocol Chair: Joseph Lelliott
10.30 am	Coffee break
11.00 am	The future of UNTOC Chair: Florian Jeßberger
12.30 pm	Closing remarks Bettina Weißer & Andreas Schloenhardt

GOALS, CONCEPT, AUDIENCE

The conference seeks to critically explore the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its three Protocols on trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, and trafficking in firearms and ammunition. Separate panels examine each instrument as well as future developments. Most panels comprise one speaker reflecting on the evolution and experiences of the instrument thus far, followed by a further speaker examining future progress and prospects, followed by an open discussion. A high-level keynote speech and a concluding panel reflecting on the significance of UNTOC for other crime types and the development of transnational criminal law complete the conference schedule.

The conference is aimed at and suitable for officials from national authorities, representatives of international organisations and non-governmental organisations, criminal law practitioners, academic researchers in the fields of criminal law, international law, criminology, social sciences, international relations and related fields, university students, and other experts

While it is anticipated that conference presentations and discussions will be edited for publication in a book or special issue, to enhance open discussion, Chatham House Rule applies.