

Advancing Victim Participation at the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Impact Story

Dr. Rudina Jasini is an attorney and researcher specializing in international criminal law and human rights law. She completed her doctoral research in law at the Centre for Criminology at the Faculty of Law and has continued to advance research at the Centre. Over the course of her career, Dr. Jasini has extensively examined the challenges of the participation of victims of gross violations of human rights as civil parties in international criminal proceedings.

In addition to her academic research, Dr. Jasini has worked for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in the Hague. She has also worked with the legal team providing representation and assistance to victims of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia.

Since 2018, Dr. Jasini has worked with Professor Carolyn Hoyle on the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Award (IAA) project on 'Advancing the Impact of Victim Participation at the International Criminal Court: Developing Avenues for Collaboration'. The purpose of the project was to bring together scholars, legal practitioners, and experts to discuss the complexities of victim participation and to advance new pathways through which victims could contribute to and benefit from their participation in international criminal proceedings.

As part of the project, the Centre for Criminology and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA) held a workshop and training between May 31st, 2018 and June 1st, 2018 on victim participation at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. The event brought together distinguished scholars and practitioners for a series of discussions on the role and implications of the victim participation mechanism at the ICC. Altogether, fifty participants from all over the world attended the event.

Later that year, on October 4th, 2018 the Centre and the ICCBA hosted a one-day workshop on victim participation at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Mansfield College. The workshop brought together scholars, legal practitioners, and experts to examine various nuances of victim participation, including theoretical and jurisprudential developments on reparation, the presentation of evidence, as well as ethical, psychological and practical considerations concerning victim testimony at the International Criminal Court.

Through these initiatives, Dr. Rudina Jasini has been able to bring together academics, researchers, practitioners, and lawyers to meaningfully discuss the forms of victim participation in the International Criminal Court. Dr. Jasini continues to actively examine and to advocate for victim participation in the International Criminal Court.