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International Conference

The Future of Remedies Against Immunity Ways Out of the German-Italian Stalemate

28 – 30 April 2025, Villa Vigoni, Lake Como, Italy

Call for Engaged Listeners

The *Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL)*, *Faculté de Droit/C3RD – Université Catholique de Lille* and *Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza - Università degli Studi di Torino*, are pleased to announce the international conference:

The Future of Remedies Against Immunity Ways Out of the German-Italian Stalemate

The event will take place at Villa Vigoni on Lake Como, Italy, from 28 April 2025 (1 p.m.) to 30 April 2025 (1 p.m.).

The pending proceedings before the International Court of Justice and the Judgment 159/2023 rendered by the Italian Constitutional Court have sparked renewed interest in the decade-long legal dispute between Italy and Germany concerning reparations for WWII crimes. The judicial saga generated numerous unresolved legal problems that continue to burden Germany and Italy's political and diplomatic relationship, with vast repercussions on core questions of international law and the relationship between different legal orders.

How to square State immunity and the right to remedy for victims? How can individual human rights be reconciled with the international rule of law? How is the relationship between international and domestic law evolving after *Sentenza 238/2014*, and what role may/have courts play/ed in this process?

The conference will represent an interdisciplinary academic forum addressing constitutional, international, and comparative legal perspectives at the intersection of war crimes (including historical ones), immunities, and human rights. It conveys scholars and key players from both sides to identify and discuss possible solutions to the current impasse. Ideally, innovative ideas will emerge and be suggested to the political and judicial stakeholders who will participate, as an invited audience, on the conference's last day, integrating the legal conflict into a broader societal debate.

The conference will be restricted to panellists and a **limited number of engaged listeners**. Engaged listeners are not expected to give a talk but to contribute to the discussion actively. During the selection process, preference will be given to young scholars, PhD candidates, and postdocs.

If you wish to participate in the audience and contribute to our discussion, please send an application with a short **motivation letter** explaining your interest in the conference and current research interests (maximum 400 words), along with a **copy of your CV** to vigoni2025@mpil.de. Selection is based on demonstrated interest and expertise in the conference theme.

The application **deadline is 28 February 2025**. Selected engaged listeners will be notified by 10 March 2025 and included in the conference program.

Participation is free of charge. The MPIL will be pleased to cover the cost of the board for the selected engaged listeners (two dinners and three lunches). Please note that travel and accommodation expenses cannot be covered by the organizers.

All conference participants will be hosted at [Villa Vigoni](#) to facilitate exchange and informal talks outside the official meetings.

The **total cost** per person **for two nights** in a single room (bed and breakfast) at the Villa (Monday 28– Wednesday 30 April 2025) is **230 euros**.

We envisage publishing selected contributions to the conference in an edited volume and an accompanying blog. Engaged listeners are welcome to submit proposals.

More information can be found on our [conference website](#).

Conveners Prof Dr Anne Peters, *Director at MPIL*
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