Despite the development of international criminal justice over the past seven decades, challenges and critiques remain unresolved or have subsequently emerged, particularly in the context of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Key issues include amnesties, immunities, controversial acquittals, non-cooperation, interpretative fragmentation, and cultural clashes. Criticism emerged as a reaction to the perception of impunity and the system’s underachievement. It is important to reflect on the extent to which such challenges are inherent to the system and whether they can be overcome. What is the state of international criminal justice today? What impact have these challenges had on the system’s integrity, currency, and credibility?

Young academics from fifteen different countries will discuss these issues during five panels moderated by experts in the field of International Criminal Law (see the full programme at the web page: www.youngpenalists.com/viii-symposium.html).

AIDP Symposia for Young Penalists have become a focal point for exchange on current issues of criminal justice. Young academics and practitioners share their ideas on an international forum, receive feedback and are inspired by renowned keynote speakers and moderators, and work together to learn more - and improve - criminal justice (for further information, visit the AIDP Young Penalists website: www.youngpenalists.com).

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