

**Living Humanity**  
**War crimes, universal rights, and the future of justice**

*Congress of the Federal Agency for Civic Education*  
*18-19 February, 2025, Nuremberg, Germany*

Wars and armed conflicts currently taking place in Europe and on four other continents are challenging world security systems and international law in a new way. In the 21st century, the destruction of people and living infrastructure can be observed in real time, but so far, we see hardly any effective initiatives by major international organizations to put an end to this destruction.

This congress explores pressing questions: Which global institutions are responsible for this? How does jurisdiction against war criminals work today? What is the connection between the wars of the 20th century and the conflicts of the present? What global power relations can be discerned from the current situation and to what extent do these stand in the way of fundamental solutions?

To address these issues, it is necessary to redefine the concepts of justice, jurisdiction, human rights, responsibility and solidarity. Human rights activists, lawyers, thinkers and journalists will come together for two days in Nuremberg, where they will discuss and search for good answers.

Focusing on the Russian war against Ukraine, we will talk about the resistance to the unchained violence, which is an instrument of power and an alarm signal for humanity. With the title "Living Humanity" we refer to Hannah Arendt's idea of essential thinking in "dark times" and think further about the possibilities of effectively enforcing and defending the universalism of human rights today.

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## PROGRAM

**Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

*Memorium Nuremberg Trials, Saal 600,  
Bärenschanzstraße 72*

### Opening

**6:00 p.m.**

#### Welcoming Words

Kateryna STETSEVYCH, Head, Project Group Eastern, Central and Southeastern Europe at the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)

Thomas DICKERT, President, Higher Regional Court Nuremberg

Nataliya PRYHORNYTSKA, Chair, Open Platform e.V. / Alliance of Ukrainian Organisations

**6:30 p.m.**

#### Keynote

Father Patrick DESBOIS, Professor of the Practice of the Forensic Study of the Holocaust, President of Yahad-In Unum, Paris

**6:50 p.m.**

#### Keynote

Angelika NUßBERGER, Professor of Constitutional Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Cologne

**7:10 p.m.**

#### Too late again. War crimes and fighting for justice

Angelika NUßBERGER, Professor of Constitutional Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Cologne

Patrick DESBOIS, Professor of the Practice of the Forensic Study of the Holocaust, President of Yahad-In Unum, Paris

Wolfgang KALECK, General Secretary, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Berlin

Christoph MÖLLERS, Professor of Public Law and Legal Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin / Permanent Fellow at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

Chair: Niels BEINTKER, Editor and author of the culture program, Bayerischer Rundfunk

**8:30 p.m.**

#### Reception

Wednesday, 19 February 2025

*Historic City Hall Nuremberg  
Rathausplatz. 2*

10:00 a.m.

**Persistence. State of investigation of Russian war crimes**

Maksym BUTKEVYCH, Human Rights Activist, Kyiv (tbc)

Wayne JORDASH, President of the Global Rights Compliance Foundation, London/Kyiv

MAGDA KOOLE, EUAM Senior Adviser on Prosecution of International Crimes

Andrej UMANSKYJ, Historian and Lawyer, Gazeas Nepomuck Lawyers, Cologne

Chair: Oksana KOVALENKO, Journalist, babel.ua, Kyiv

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m.

**Publicity. Agency of journalists, human rights activists, and broader public during the war**

Maciek HAMELA, Filmmaker, Warsaw

Oksana POKALCHUK, Co-Executive Director of Truth Hounds, Kyiv

Vesna TERŠELIČ, Director of Documenta - Center for Dealing with the Past, Zagreb

Chair: Nataliya GUMENYUK, Journalist, Public Interest Journalism Lab, Kyiv

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 p.m. Parallel Panels

**Big data against big wars**

Mira Anneli NAß, Research Associate, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences

Maksym ROKMANIKO, Center for Spatial Technologies, Berlin (online)

Raji ABDUL SALAM, Data Analyst, The Reckoning Project, Berlin

Chair: Franziska DAVIES, historian, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich

**Responding violence**

Olena APCHER, SEMA Ukraine

Stanislav ASEYEV, Writer, Kyiv

Carmit KLAR-CHALAMISH, Head of the Research Department, The Association of Rape Crisis Centre in Israel ARCCI, Jerusalem

Oleksandr MAKSYMENKO, Network of Ukrainian Men Who Survived Captivity and Torture, Ukraine

Chair: bpb

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Break**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Mariupol, Aleppo, Grozny. Russian attacks on maternity hospitals as a war strategy**

Documentary screening and discussion

Angelina KARIAKINA, film director, Kyiv (online)

Maynat KURBANOVA, Writer and Educator, Vienna

Chair: Kateryna MISHCHENKO, Federal Agency for Civic Education, bpb

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Redesigning global justice**

Sonja BISERKO, President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia (HCHRS)

Tetiana MAZUR, Human Rights Expert, Clooney Foundation, Kyiv

Tetyana PECHONCHYK, Head of the Board, Human Rights Center Zmina, Kyiv (online)

Chair: Andreas FØLLESDAL, Professor of Political Philosophy, University of Oslo

**8:30 p.m.**

**Epilogue**

Omri BOEHM, Philosopher, Chair of the Philosophy Department at the New School for Social Research, New York

Chair: Kateryna MISHCHENKO, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)

**9:15 p.m.**

**Get together**