

REGISTRATION & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Deadline for registration: **16 June 2014**

FEES AND ALLOWANCES

The conference is free of charge. Accommodation is not provided. Lodging or travel expenses cannot be covered.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

Conference language is English. Please indicate in your registration email whether translation into German or sign language is required.

ACCESSIBILITY

The conference venue is wheelchair accessible.

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CONFERENCE VENUE & DATE

Brot für die Welt
Caroline-Michaelis-Str. 1
10115 Berlin, Germany

Room: Amalie Sieveking
Date: 07 July 2014

DIRECTIONS

Closest public transport stops are: **Nordbahnhof** for bus no. 245, S-train S1, S2, S25, tram M10 and M8 and **Naturkundemuseum** for metro line U6.

From both stops proceed along **Invalidenstraße** until you reach **Caroline-Michaelis-Straße 1** (compare map); the entrance is next to three flags in front of the building.

Arriving at central station **Hauptbahnhof**: use exit **Europa-platz** and take bus no. 245 to **Nordbahnhof**.

Arriving by plane: from airport Schönefeld take train RE7 (dir. Dessau), RB14 (dir. Nauen) or RB19 (dir. Gesundbrunnen), from airport Tegel take bus no. TXL to the central station **Hauptbahnhof** and change to bus 245.



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THE ICJ'S WALL OPINION REVISITED: Towards its Effective Implementation



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THE ICJ'S WALL OPINION REVISITED: *Towards its Effective Implementation*

On 9 July 2004, the International Court of Justice rendered its advisory opinion on the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, as requested by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The World Court concluded that the construction of the wall in the occupied territory and its associated régime were contrary to international law, and that Israel was therefore under an obligation to cease and reverse the construction and make reparation for all damage caused by it.

All States were found to be under “an obligation not to recognize the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the wall and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by such construction”; in addition, all States parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 were to “ensure compliance by Israel with international humanitarian law as embodied in that Convention”. Finally, the UN was tasked with considering what further action was required “to bring to an end the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the wall and the associated régime”.

Despite the clear wording of the Court’s opinion, the construction of the wall or barrier continues until the present day.

Ten years later, this conference will address the impact of the wall and its associated régime on the human rights of the local population, as well as the reasons given to justify this continuing interference. The conference will also attempt to clarify the role of the United Nations and, in particular, the role of third parties in ensuring the implementation of the legal obligations described in the advisory opinion.

PROGRAMME 07 July 2014

10:00 Registration and coffee

10:30 *Welcome and introduction*

Welcome note | Reverend Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel, President Bread for the World, and Dorothee Klüppel, Head of Africa and Middle East Department, MISEREOR, Aachen

International humanitarian law, human rights law and development | Dr. Julia Duchrow, Head of Human Rights and Peace Desk, Bread for the World, Berlin

General international law issues – an overview
Dr. Andreas Zimmermann, Professor of Law, Director of the Human Rights Centre, University of Potsdam

PART I

TAKING STOCK TEN YEARS LATER: THE IMPACT OF THE WALL, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ISRAEL'S POSITION

11:00 *Impact of the wall, settlements and associated régime on the rights of the Palestinian people*
Current state of affairs regarding the wall, settlements and the impact on the right to self-determination
Shawan Jabarin, Director of Al-Haq, Ramallah

Impact on civil, economic, social, cultural and property rights | Hamdi Y. Shaqqura, Deputy Director, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Gaza

11:40 *Israel's position and the role of the Israeli Supreme Court*
Addressing reasons given to justify the construction of the wall on occupied land and its impact on the population under international law | Dr. Eliav Lieblich, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

(Non-)Application of international law by the Israeli Supreme Court | Advocate Manal Hazzan-Abu Sinni, Jerusalem

12:20 Discussion

13:00 Lunch buffet

PART II

TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVISORY OPINION

14:15 *Role of the United Nations*

What further action is required by the UN “to bring to an end the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the wall and the associated régime”?
Dr. Vera Gowlland-Debbas, Emeritus Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Investigative, special and criminal procedures
Dr. Chantal Meloni, Humboldt University Berlin and University of Milano

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 *Role of Third States and the European Union*
States’ and the EU’s duty of non-recognition and obligation not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by the construction of the wall; and the obligation of States parties to the Geneva Conventions to ensure compliance with IHL
Dr. Heike Krieger, Professor of Law, Free University Berlin

16:30 Discussion

17:00 *Expectations towards Germany and the European Union in implementing human rights and IHL*
Panel and general discussion

18:00 Concluding remarks

18:15 Reception