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# Redress and International Criminal Justice in Asia & Europe

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Justice and redress for crime victims are basic principles recognized around the world since time immemorial. The precept that whoever commits an offence must be punished and the victims of the offence deserve some form of compensation, is a theme that runs through ancient tribal customary law, the main religious traditions, Roman Law, Medieval Law and the world's main legal systems of today.

However, over the last century both Asia and Europe have been the scene of severe human rights and humanitarian law violations involving large numbers of victims, mostly committed during armed conflict or serious civil unrest. Often, unstable political situations and weak human rights protection have contributed to a climate of impunity towards such violations, with the consequence that suffering and unaddressed social trauma tend to feed into a cycle of resentment, violence and conflict. Even decades after the atrocities, perpetrators remain mostly at large, while victims see neither justice nor compensation.

With the help of case studies and current examples from both Asia and Europe, this lecture will outline how lack of basic justice and redress for victims of serious human rights violations ultimately undermines the rule of law, human security and the full enjoyment of human rights. The lecture will discuss prospects and challenges for the better application of international standards in respect of criminal justice and redress for victims of serious human rights and humanitarian law violations, with a particular focus on the potential role of the International Criminal Court.

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