



# **RIGHTS UNDER SIEGE - GAZA AND THE CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW**

The School of Law, Western Sydney University, is pleased to invite you to a seminar presented by Professor Kevin Heller, Special Adviser on War Crimes to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Professor Heller will discuss the role of the ICC in relation to the current conflict in Gaza.



## **Date**

**Friday 18th July 2024  
Talk @ 4pm-5pm**



## **Venue**

**PTA-EO.G.44 Landerer Moot Court  
Parramatta South Campus**



## **Please register here**

### **About the Event**

In March 2021, the ICC Prosecutor announced an investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine. In November 2023, following the Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's subsequent assault on Gaza, the Prosecutor confirmed that the investigation would extend to the escalation of hostilities. On 20 May 2024, the Prosecutor filed applications for arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Defence Yoav Galant, and three Hamas leaders. This is the first time that a head of state supported by the West has faced possible prosecution under international criminal law. The seminar will discuss the significance of the proceedings for the future development of international criminal law.

### **About the Speaker**

Kevin Jon Heller is Professor of International Law and Security at the University of Copenhagen's Centre for Military Studies and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires. He is an Academic Member of Doughty Street Chambers in London and currently serves as Special Advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on War Crimes.

### **About the Palestine Project**

In 2023, the School of Law at WSU established the Palestine Project, as an academic space to discuss matters that profoundly affect our students and their sense of security and well being. One of these matters is the Israeli state's bombardment of Gaza and the violence carried out against the 2.3 million Palestinian people there. Our aim is to enable our students, and the broader university community, to gain deeper understanding of the political, historical, and legal context surrounding the Gaza crisis - and other local and global crises, now and into the future, that impact the vulnerable and the voiceless.

**For more information about the event and the Palestine Project, please contact Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean, School of Law, Western Sydney University at [Dean.law@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:Dean.law@westernsydney.edu.au)**