



THE ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION AND THE GOETHE-INSTITUT SINGAPORE ARE PLEASED TO JOINTLY PRESENT A LECTURE ON:

"From Nuremberg to The Hague: The Road to the International Criminal Court"

Programme, 19th April 2007

- 6:00pm** **Registration**
- 6:30pm** **Welcome Remarks**
Ambassador Won-il Cho
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation
- 6:35pm** **Chair: Brief Introduction on the speaker and discussant**
Dr. Ulrich Nowak
Director, Goethe-Institut Singapore
- Lecture: "From Nuremberg to The Hague: The Road to the International Criminal Court"**
- Speaker:**
Prof. Dr. Jutta Limbach
President of the Goethe-Institut and former President of the Federal Constitutional Court, Germany.
- 6:40pm**
- 7:10pm** **Remarks by discussant**
Dr. Kevin Tan
Chairman, Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA)
- 7:20pm** **Question & Answer Session**
- 7:45pm** **Wine & Cheese Reception**

Abstract

The stony path from The Nuremberg Trial 60 years ago, when those primarily responsible for the war and war crimes in Germany had to answer for their actions, to finally establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC) is highlighted in Prof. Dr. Limbach's lecture.

The International Criminal Court represents one of the better options for countries to break the cycle of impunity, restore justice and provide victims with reparations. It is an independent, permanent court that tries persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The ICC is based on a treaty, joined by 104 countries and is a court of last resort and the jurisdiction and functioning of the ICC are governed by the Rome Statute.

Asia - especially South-East Asia - lags behind the world in terms of joining the ICC. So far many of the very large and populous Asian countries have not yet ratified including Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, among others.

Profile of Speaker



Jutta Limbach is the current President of the Goethe-Institut and former President of the Federal Constitutional Court, Germany.

Her career has spanned both academia and the legal system within Germany. From 1963 she was a Lecturer/Professor at the Faculty of Law at the Free University of Berlin. During this time she achieved a Doctorate on the Theory and Reality of the Limited Liability Company, and in 1971 she was awarded a Habilitation on the subject of Social Action, Thought and Knowledge in Judges' Verdicts. In 1987 she was a Board member for the Gesellschaft fuer Gesetzgebung (Society for Legislation) and a member of the Academic Advisory Board for Family Issues in the Federal Ministry of Youth, Families, Women and Health. Between the years 1989-94 she was Senator for Justice of the State of Berlin, and for two of these years (1992-93) she was an influential member of the Joint Constitutional Commission of the Bundesrat (Federal Council) and the Bundestag (Federal Assembly), where she obtained the sensitive role of reforming the German Constitution on a range of important matters. From 1994 she was a prominent figure in the Federal Constitutional Court where she served as Vice-President and Chair of the Senate before becoming the first woman to take up the position of President of which she served for six years. In 2002 she was elected President of the Goethe Institute.

Profile of Discussant



Kevin Tan, Chairman, Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA) and Director of Equilibrium Consulting, obtained his LLB (Hons) from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and subsequently an LLM and JSD from Yale Law School. From 1986 to 2000, he taught at the Faculty of Law, NUS, specializing in constitutional law, administrative law, international human rights, the Singapore legal system, law and government, and legal history. He has published widely in these areas. Since 2000, he has been running Equilibrium Consulting Private limited, offering consultancy services for

legal, historical and publication matters.

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One important goal of the Goethe-Institut Singapore is to promote international cultural cooperation by organizing a broad variety of events to present German culture.

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