

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Alumni-Conference:

Transnational Criminal Law in Africa: Legal and Institutional Frameworks and Challenges

Friday, 28 May 2021 (2 –5 p.m. CET) | Friday, 4 June 2021 (2 –5 p.m. CET)

*Save the Date: Friday, 22 October 2021 (2 –5 p.m. CET) | Friday, 29 October 2021
(2 –5 p.m. CET)*

via Zoom (online)

Please note: Due to the Covid-19 situation, the conference will take place online via zoom. Technical instructions will be provided in advance, stable internet connection is required for participation.

The African-German Research Network for Transnational Criminal Justice was established in 2019 to bring together the Alumnae and Alumni of the former South African-German Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice. The network now organizes its third annual research conference and invites abstracts on “Transnational Criminal Law in Africa: Legal and Institutional Frameworks and Challenges” from Alumnae and Alumni of the South-African German Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice.

Following the 2020 conference of the African-German Research Network, this year’s conference will further assess the extent to which African states have implemented transnational criminal law. After considering the indications of interest of the network members the conference will **focus on four transnational crimes**. These crimes are

- **Trafficking in Persons**
- **Illicit Exploitation of Natural Resources**
- **Corruption**
- **Money Laundering**

Therefore, the legal and institutional framework adopted to prosecute transnational crimes as well as the legal and practical challenges for effective implementation will be critically examined. The conference will seek to cover a broad range of topics relating to the implementation of transnational criminal law in Africa. The aim for this year is to thoroughly discuss the four above-mentioned crimes. We welcome, amongst others, case studies on specific countries and their domestic implementation of transnational criminal law. Analyses on specific legal issues focusing on one type of the above-mentioned transnational crimes or on proven methods of national implementation are appreciated, as well. All papers should have a clear focus on the topic of the conference and should address one of the four transnational crimes.

Possible topics could be, as suggested by some Alumnae and Alumni, e.g.:

- Human Trafficking in Tanzania
- Organ Trafficking
- Illicit Exploitation of Natural Resources in Kenya
- Wildlife Crimes and Trafficking of Endangered Animals or Animal Species
- Anti-Money Laundering Law in Ethiopia
- The Link Between Illicit Financial Flow and Transnational Crimes in Africa
- Addressing the Challenges of Corruption in the Era of Pandemics

Conference participants are expected to give a **25 minutes presentation**, including a short **power point presentation** and a **handout**. You are welcome to hand in a paper that could be envisaged for publication.

The **first two sessions** will be held on **28 May** and **4 June** and focus on **Trafficking in Persons** and **Illicit Exploitation of Natural Resources**, respectively.

In order to apply for a presentation at the first two sessions, please submit an abstract on your presentation topic pertaining to Trafficking in Persons or Illicit Exploitation of Natural Resources not exceeding 500 Words until **30 April 2021** to transcrim@rewi.hu-berlin.de. A separate application period follows for the October sessions, which will address Corruption and Money Laundering.

Abstracts should contain the proposed topic of the presentation, name of the applicant and applicant's affiliations. The jury consists of the directorship and members of the advisory board. Successful applicants will be notified through official communication in their application.

In view of the unclear development of the further Corona situation, we can only plan an online conference at this stage. Subject to approval by the funding body, payment of an honorarium is planned.

There will also be a limited opportunity to attend the conference without an own contribution. For further inquiries please contact transcrim@rewi.hu-berlin.de