



**Ratification of the Statute of the International Criminal Court by the Republic of Armenia. Problems and Process**  
Conference - Yerevan, April 6, 2013



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**6 APRIL 2013**

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

09.30 - 10.00      **Registration**

10.00 - 10.15      **Welcome and Introductions**

**Speakers:** Dr Arman Sarvarian (University of Surrey) and Dr Yeghishe Kirakosyan (American University of Armenia)

10.15 - 11.35      **RATIFICATION OF THE ROME STATUTE: COMPARATIVE EXPERIENCES**

**Chair:** Dr Arman Sarvarian (University of Surrey)

**Panellists:** Mr Armen Baibourtian (UN Armenia), Ms Kirsten Meerschaert Duchens (Coalition for the International Criminal Court), Ms Tamar Tomashvili (Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS))

**Themes:** History of the Rome Conference; Signature of the Republic of Armenia and subsequent decision of the Constitutional Court; comparison with the ratification experiences of other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States; potential process of ratification

11.35 - 12.00      **Coffee Break**

12.00 - 13.20      **INTEGRATION OF STATES PARTIES AND THE ROME STATUTE**

**Chair:** Dr Arman Sarvarian (University of Surrey)

**Panellists:** Professor William Schabas (Middlesex University, United Kingdom), Judge Howard Morrison (International Criminal Court), Registrar Silvana Arbia (International Criminal Court)

**Themes:** Key ICC Systemic Concepts (e.g. – complementarity, Assembly of States Parties, Office of the Prosecutor, judiciary, prosecutorial discretion, jurisdiction, admissibility)



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13.20 - 14.20      **Lunch Break**

14.20 - 15.40      **THE ROME STATUTE AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF ARMENIA**

**Chair:** Dr Yegishe Kirakosyan (American University of Armenia)

**Panellists:** Dr Vladimir Vardanyan (Yerevan State University), Dr Artur Ghambaryan (Republic of Armenia General Prosecutor's Office), Dr Taron Simonyan (International and Comparative Law Centre of Armenia)

**Themes:** Impact of ratification on domestic politics, crimes against humanity, war crimes, legal professions of Armenia, surrender of persons and other forms of cooperation with the ICC

15.40 - 16.00      **Coffee Break**

16.00 - 17.20      **RATIFICATION OF THE ROME STATUTE: BENEFITS AND RISKS**

**Chair:** Dr Yegishe Kirakosyan (American University of Armenia)

**Panellists:** Mr Nicholas Koumjian (Geragos & Geragos Law Firm), Dr Armen Harutyunyan (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Regional Representative, Central Asia), Dr Arman Sarvarian (University of Surrey)

17.20 - 17.30      **CLOSING**

The organisers request that conference participants return promptly to their seats for the start of each session to allow the conference to proceed in a timely fashion. Please note that each presentation is strictly limited to twenty minutes followed by a general discussion under the supervision of the chair of the panel. To assist the interpreters, in asking questions from the floor please speak slowly and clearly, employing short sentences and avoiding use of idioms.

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