

TORTURE AND THE LAW ON TORTURE

a comparative approach

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INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM TORTURE AND THE LAW ON TORTURE – A COMPARATIVE APPROACH

Santiago, 22, 23 and 24 October 2025

Universidad de Chile – Universität Hamburg

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

11:30 – 11:40: Registration

11:40 – 12:00: Opening and introduction (*Claudia Cárdenas*)

I. COUNTRY REPORTS AND EXPERIENCES

12:00 – 13:45 Panel

Chair: Gonzalo Medina

- Chile (*Rocío Lorca*)
- Brasil (*Antonio Martins*)
- Venezuela (*Juan Luis Modolell*)

Lunch break

15:30 – 16:45 Panel

Chair: Jaime Winter

- Indien (*Kalika Mehta*)
- Turkey (*Burcu Yaşar*)

Coffe break

17:15 – 19:00 Panel

Chair: Felipe Abbott

- Greece (*Georgia Stefanopoulou*)
- Germany (*Milan Kuhli*)
- United States (*Jorge Contesse*)

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THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

10:00 – 11:15 Panel

Chair: Felipe Abbott

- Short and long term-effects of torture (*Carolina Villagra*)
- Challenges regarding the litigation on torture (*Omar Palermo*)

Coffe break

II. CROSS CUTTING LEGAL ISSUES

11: 45 – 14:00 Panel: Torture in international and transnational criminal law

Chair: Milan Kuhli

- Torture as crime against humanity: theory and international judicial practice (*Julia Geneuss*)
- Torture as war crime, and its differentiation with outrages upon personal dignity as war crime: theory and international judicial practice (*Boris Burghardt*)
- Torture as human rights violation (*Pietro Sferraza*)

Lunch break

15:45 – 17:00 Torture as a crime in domestic legal systems

Chair: Claudia Cárdenas

- Challenges in the implementation of the crime (*Jaime Couso*)
- Relationship with other offences of mistreatment (*Javier Contesse*)

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FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

11:30 – 13:45 Panel: The wrongness of torture

Chair: María Inés Horvitz

- The ticking-bomb scenario or *Rettungsfolter* (Kai Cornelius)
- Torture as a relational crime (Juan Pablo Mañalich)
- What enjoys legal protection through the crime of torture? (Guillermo Silva)

Lunch break

15:30 – 17:45 Panel

Chair: Juan Pablo Mañalich

- Rape, sexual violence and torture (Inga Schuchmann)
- Law enforcement and torture (Hannah Offerdinger)
- Penalties and torture (Cristián Irrázaval)

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