



Judge Christine van den Wyngaert Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Christine van den Wyngaert (Belgium) is a professor emeritus at the University of Antwerp and a judge at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. She has been serving as Judge with the International Criminal Court between 2009 and 2018, in the Trial Division (2009-2012), the Pre-trial Division (2012-2015) and in the Appeals Division (2015-2018). She previously served as Judge with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia between 2003 and 2009, and as ad hoc Judge at the International Court of Justice between 2000 and 2002 in the Arrest Warrant Case.

Prior to this, between 1991 and 1998, she was the vice chair of the Criminal Procedure Reform Commission in Belgium (Commission Franchimont). She further served as an expert for the European Union in various criminal law projects. Between 1985 and 2005, she held a chair as professor at the University of Antwerp. She was a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre (University of Cambridge) and, since 2001, an honorary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch. Judge van den Wyngaert holds a law degree from Brussels University (Belgium), and obtained her PhD in International Criminal Law from Brussels University.

She received five honorary doctorates - Uppsala University (2001), Brussels University (2009), Case Western Reserve University (2013), Maastricht University (2013) and the University of Stellenbosch (2019).

In 2014, the King of Belgium awarded her the title of Baroness. The Washington University of Saint Louis gave her the prestigious World Peace through Law award (2018). In 2019, the International Association of Penal Law awarded her the Jescheck Prize for her lifetime contributions to international criminal justice. She also received the Vespien V. Pella medal, which has been held by only three contemporary champions of international criminal justice (Benjamin Ferencz, Cherif Bassiouni and William Schabas) and which has to be passed to a new recipient at a 10 years interval.