The Darfur Investigation of the International Criminal Court

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The Prosecutor of the ICC has succeeded to complete the investigation of three cases against senior leaders in Darfur (Sudan), in spite of the huge and complex nature of the crime, lack of cooperation, security threats and open armed conflict. The lecture will focus on the methods and evidence utilized for this investigation and the prospects of justice for the victims of Darfur.

Xabier Agirre is Senior Analyst at the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC (International Criminal Court) since 2004, when he joined the first team that established the Office. For the last twelve years he has worked in the investigation of international crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide) as well as the training of prosecutors and judges around the world with the UN ICTY (United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia), ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), UN OHCHR (UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice) and several universities and NGOs.

He is the author of several publications, including his monograph *Yugoslavia y los Ejércitos: La Legitimidad Militar en Tiempos de Genocidio* (Yugoslavia and the Armies: Military Legitimacy in Times of Genocide) (Madrid, 1997), and a number of articles on sexual violence, prosecutorial discretion in international justice, and his forthcoming volume *Methodology for the Investigation of International Crimes* (Brill, 2010). Xabier Agirre will speak in his personal capacity and his views do not necessarily represent the official stand of the UN or the ICC.