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Short bio. | Judge Baroness Christine Van den Wyngaert



Judge Baroness Christine Van den Wyngaert was one of the pioneering academics in international criminal law. She earned a doctorate in the discipline as early as 1979. She is the author of many publications in the field. She taught the subject for over 25 years and earned five honorary doctorates, awarded by Uppsala University (2001), Brussels University (2009), Maastricht University (2013), Case Western Reserve University (2013), and Stellenbosch University (2019). In 2014, the King of Belgium

awarded her the title of Baroness.

She served as an *ad hoc* judge at the International Court of Justice in the Arrest Warrant Case (2002), she was a judge at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (2003 – 2009) and at the International Criminal Court (2009-2018). She is presently a judge in the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.

In 2019, at the XXth Congress of International Penal Law in Rome, the *Association Internationale de Droit Pénal* and the *Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Law* awarded the HH Jescheck prize for her lifetime contributions to international criminal justice. She also received the Vespasian V. Pella Medal, held by only four contemporary champions of international criminal justice (Messrs Benjamin Ferencz, Cherif Bassiouni and William Schabas).