

Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity

Short Bio. | Prof. Valerie Oosterveld



Valerie Oosterveld is a full Professor at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law (Western Law) in Canada. She is also Acting Director of the university's Centre for Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction. Her research and writing focus on international criminal law.

She has published extensively on the interpretation of sexual and gender-based crimes against humanity by international criminal courts and tribunals. Her co-edited volume (with Indira Rosenthal and Susana SáCouto), *Gender in International Criminal Law* (Oxford University Press, 2022), was awarded the 2023 American Society of International Law Women in International Law Interest Group Scholarship Prize for Best Book.

She is a member of the Canadian Partnership for International Justice, which was funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and was awarded the 2023 Governor-General's Innovation Award and the 2022 SSHRC Impact Partnership Award.

Professor Oosterveld was awarded the 2023 Canadian Association of Law Teachers Academic Excellence Award and the 2022 Royal Society of Canada Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies. Previously, she was a member of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists from 2014-2021 and was awarded Western University's Faculty

Scholar designation from 2017-2019. She served as an Associate Dean at Western Law from 2014-2018.

In 2010, she served as an academic member of the Canadian delegation to the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Kampala, Uganda.

Before joining the Faculty of Law in 2005, Professor Oosterveld served in the Legal Affairs Bureau of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In this role, she provided legal advice on international criminal accountability for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes and served on the Canadian delegation to various ICC-related negotiations, including the Assembly of States Parties. In 1998, she was a member of the Canadian delegation to the UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an ICC.

