

Special Adviser on War Crimes

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Prof. Kevin Jon Heller is currently Professor of International Law and Security at the University of Copenhagen's Centre for Military Studies, as well as Professor of Law at the Australian National University. His books include *The Nuremberg Military Tribunals and the Origins of International Criminal Law* (OUP, 2011) and four co-edited volumes: *The Handbook of Comparative Criminal Law* (Stanford University Press, 2010), *The Hidden Histories of War Crimes Trials* (OUP, 2013), *The Oxford Handbook of International Criminal Law* (OUP, 2018), and *Contingency in International Law: On the Possibility of Different Legal Histories* (OUP, 2021). He has been a member of *Opinio Juris*, the oldest blog dedicated to the scholarly discussion of international law, for more than 15 years.

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