

Programme:

- 15:00 *Welcome* by Morten Bergsmo¹ (Senior Researcher, PRIO).
- 15:05 *Introductory remarks* by Elin Skaar² (Research Director, CMI).
- 15:20 *The rise and fall of Punto final in Argentina*, by Mirna Goransky³ (Prosecutor of the National General Prosecution Office appointed to the Special Unit to Investigate Human Rights Crimes during the 1976-83 Dictatorship).
- 16:00 *International law and amnesty for atrocities*, by Claudia Angermaier⁴ (Candidate Judge, formerly Assistant Legal Adviser, ICC).
- 16:15 *Comments* by Christopher K. Hall⁵ (Senior Legal Adviser, International Justice Project, Amnesty International).
- 16:20 *Discussion*.

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