



## Liverpool Law School

International Law and Human Rights Unit  
International Judge in Residence Series.

*Fear and Hope. The revolution of individual liability in international law between justice and politics. The case of international terrorism.*

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Rosario Salvatore Aitala (Italy) is judge of the Pre-Trial Division of the International Criminal Court and has been since March 2018

### Abstract

The idea that individuals, not only States, may be held liable for mass atrocities amounts to a subversive theory within traditional international law. Through this revolution, the legacy of immense suffering of the Second World War has eventually generated hope for humanity. However, the achievements of international criminal justice have not always met the expectations, due to structural factors, organisational inefficiencies as well as the complicated interactions between justice and politics. One of the next challenges ahead arguably lies in achieving universal punishment for international terrorism, a crime which throughout the centuries has relied on instrumentally exploiting human frailty with a view to achieving and retaining power.



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