

**ABSTRACT**

**GUILTY PLEA UNDER INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW: TRACES  
OF TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE**

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The ultimate object of the attaining the purpose of reformation and rehabilitation of the delinquent is interlinking of criminology, criminal law and penology. Understanding the causative factors of the crime through criminology and apply the criminal law through the judicial process to determine the guilt or innocence. The imposition of penal sanction has to be the consideration of the criminology and criminal law. The object of punishment is to reform the wrong doer and to convert him as recidivists. The contemporary development in the concept of penology and Victimology has enhanced the space for reconciliation and reformation. The principles *inter alia* plea bargaining, pleading guilty, victim's participation in the trail procedure serve the purpose. In this paper the author analysed the concept of guilty plea with specific reference to international criminal justice system. The contributions of various international criminal tribunals for the contemporary development of criminal justice system internationally through the interpretation of crimes and criminal law are the subject matter of this paper. The author limited his study with the decisions passed by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (herein after referred to as the 'ICTR').

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