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Wolfgang Kaleck, criminal and human rights lawyer, is co-founder and General Secretary of the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights e.V. (ECCHR) in Berlin. In 1998, he participated in the foundation of and has worked since then as a lawyer and spokesman in the “Coalition Against Impunity,” a network with the goal of suing former Argentinean military officers in German courts. Furthermore, he is the lawyer in several universal jurisdiction and “war on terror” related cases—including the German cases against the then-U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, John Yoo and others for torture—in Germany, Austria, and France representing victims from, for example, Uzbekistan, China, Mexico and Chechnya.

“The call for strategic litigation to strengthen the application of universal jurisdiction through careful and thorough selection of cases is underpinned by a theoretical construction that looks beyond individual interests in punishing a perpetrator in a particular case. (...) Legal successes might not be achieved, but a professionally conducted, transnational, and interdisciplinary universal jurisdiction case might be an important element in the struggle to end impunity and protect human rights.” *Wolfgang Kaleck*