

A Universal Guideline on War/Core Crime Archives



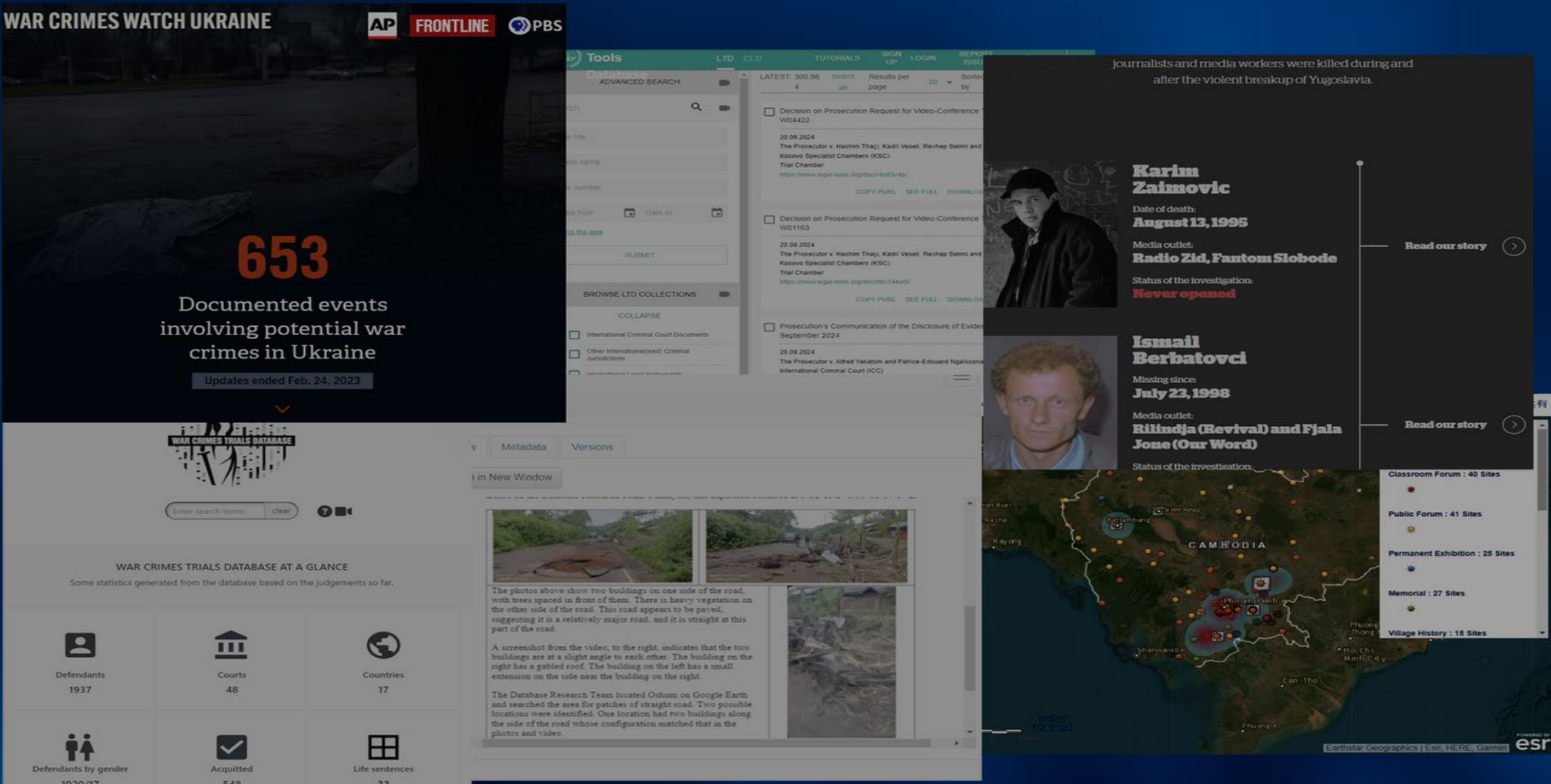
While the war/core-crime documentation are widely recognized as vital for investigations, reconciliation, and collective memory, key technical aspects of the IT infrastructure have not been sufficiently communicated to legal scholars. Only a few archive creators have detailed their processes and technologies, and there has been little analysis of the impact of database design. To ensure do-no-harm to the information providers, victims/survivors and the suspect/accused and maximize the effectiveness of the archives, we are proposing a universal guidelines for their operation.



1. FOCUS

The proliferation of Online War Crimes Archives

Many online war-crime archives have become publicly accessible
Importance of war-crime documentation
Need for comprehensive study of war-crime archives

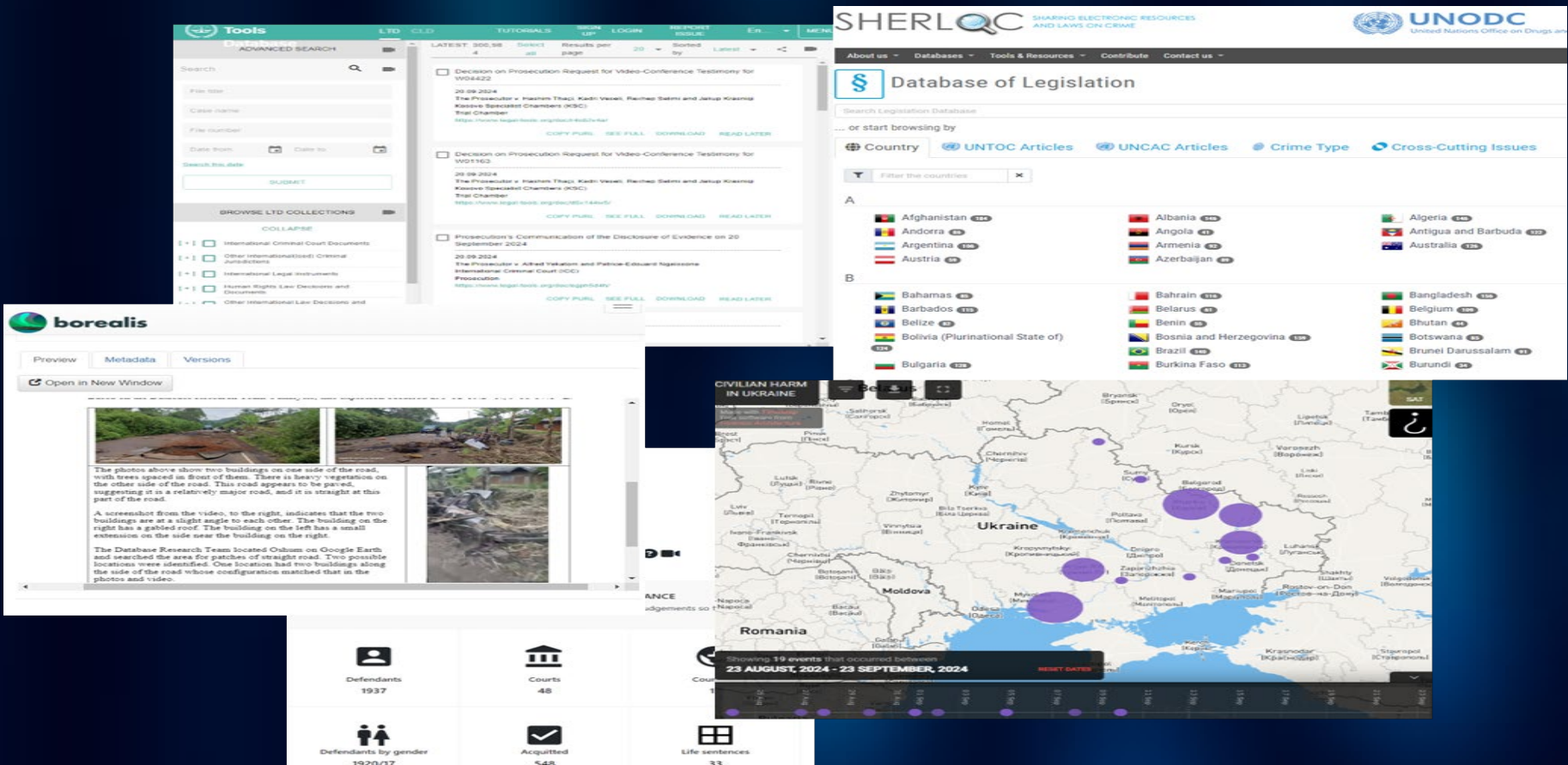


2. DEFINITION

Online war-crimes archives (or archives)

Any online website or service that collects, stores, process, and present information relevant to incidents of war crimes, including evidence, legal materials, or memories

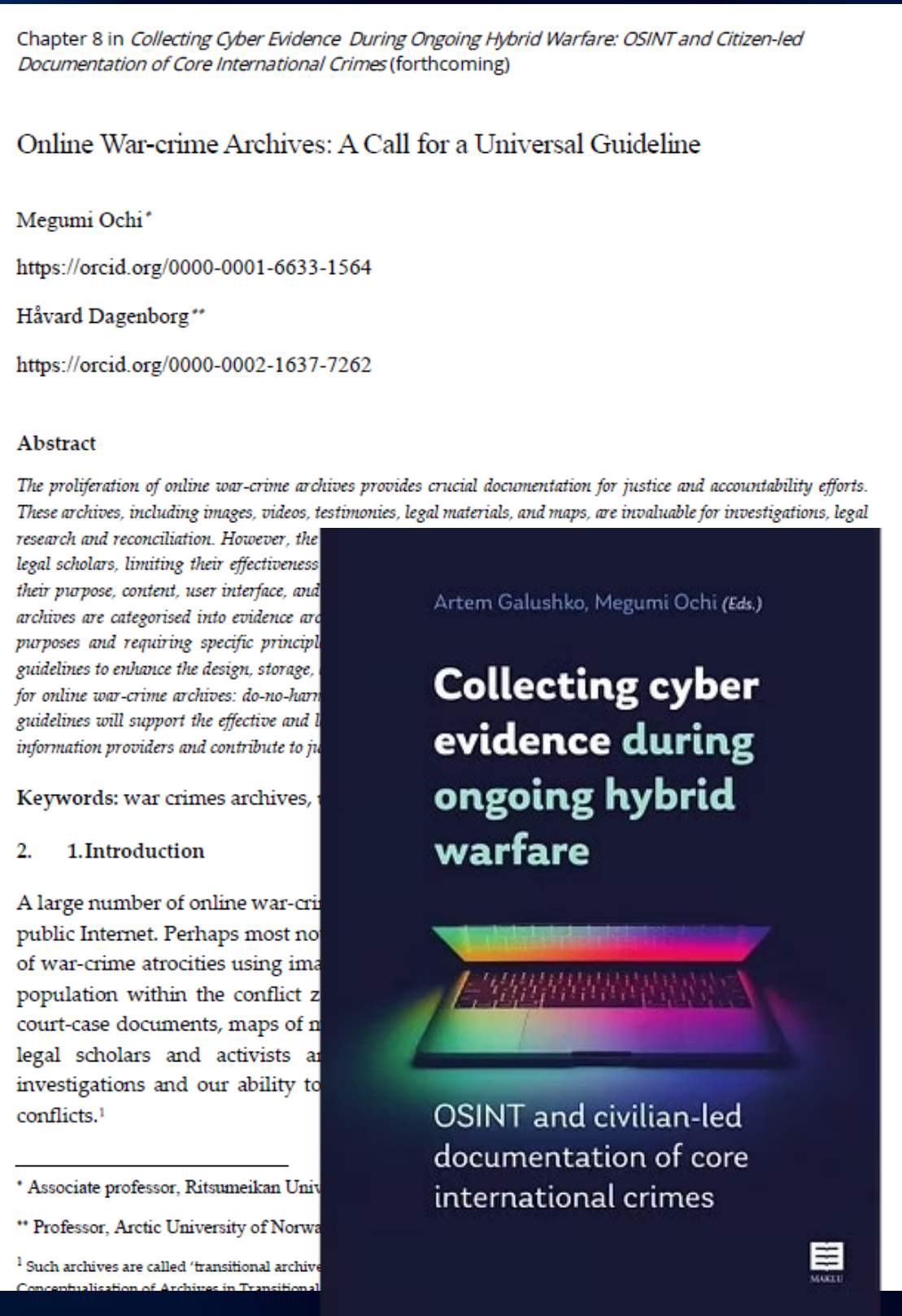
Existing Archives: Data from underlying databases. Via web browsers, Platforms like WordPress or Drupal (mix of various data)



3. OUR SURVEY

Survey of 52 online archives; Argument for universal guidelines
1st step toward academic examination of online war-crime archive practice

Existing War Crimes Archives					
All Database	URL	Situation	Collecti...	User int...	Public u...
Amnesty International	https://www.amnesty.org/en/	General	Evidence	Search engine	Public
Archive of Testimonies	https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/rhr/	Ukraine	Memories	List	Public
Bitter Land	https://massgravemap.balkan/	Yugoslavia (Ser)	Memories	Map	Public
Case Law Database	https://cid.lmct.org/notions/s/	General	Legal materials	List	Public
Case Law Database - unodic sherloc	https://sherloc.unodic.org/cid/	General	Legal materials	Search engine	Public
Cifras de la Comisión de la Verdad/Truth Ct	https://web.comisiondelaverdad.org/	Other	Evidence	List	Public
Civilian Harm in Ukraine	https://ukraine.bellingcat.com/	Ukraine	Evidence	Map	Public
Core International Crimes Evidence Databa	https://www.eurjust.europa.eu/	Ukraine	Evidence	Unknown	Non-public
Crimes in Ukraine Committed by the Russia	https://newdirectiononline.org/	Ukraine	Evidence	Li	Public
Database of Legislation	https://sherloc.unodic.org/cid/	General	Legal materials	Search engine	Public
Documenting the Past of Croatia/Establish	https://www.rhnc.nl/finished-prj	Yugoslavia (Ser)	Memories	Si	Public
El Salvador War Crimes	https://www.fiscalia.gob.sv/rfg/	Other	Legal materials	U	Public
Genocide Education Map	https://www.dccam.org/home/	Other	Memories	M	Public
Guatemalan War Crimes	https://www.agenciaocote.com/	Other	Memories	O	Public



4. TAXONOMY

Archives of evidence

Collections of testimonies, images and other meta data.
Meant to be used for prosecution or litigation

Archives of legal materials

Collections of statutes, rules, decisions, and judgements from various courts to be used for legal research by lawyers and legal scholars

Archives of memories

Has educational and policy purposes including reconciliation and prevention of historical revisionism



5. PURPOSES OF WAR-CRIMES ARCHIVES

Empowerment

Legal empowerment

Research

Legal and interdisciplinary research on war crimes

Collective memory

Enhances effective participation in reconciliation
Peace museums

6. EXISTING GUIDELINES

There are many relevant guidelines on war/core crimes documentation and cybersecurity
But not universal guideline on war/core crimes archiving



Relevant Guidelines			
Guideline	Year	Author	Scope
Amnesty International	2011	Amnesty International	General
Archive of Testimonies	2011	Archive of Testimonies	Ukraine
Bitter Land	2011	Bitter Land	Yugoslavia (Ser)
Case Law Database	2011	Case Law Database	General
Case Law Database - unodic sherloc	2011	Case Law Database - unodic sherloc	General
Cifras de la Comisión de la Verdad/Truth Ct	2011	Cifras de la Comisión de la Verdad/Truth Ct	Other
Civilian Harm in Ukraine	2011	Civilian Harm in Ukraine	Ukraine
Core International Crimes Evidence Databa	2011	Core International Crimes Evidence Databa	Ukraine
Crimes in Ukraine Committed by the Russia	2011	Crimes in Ukraine Committed by the Russia	Ukraine
Database of Legislation	2011	Database of Legislation	General
Documenting the Past of Croatia/Establish	2011	Documenting the Past of Croatia/Establish	Yugoslavia (Ser)
El Salvador War Crimes	2011	El Salvador War Crimes	Other
Genocide Education Map	2011	Genocide Education Map	Other
Guatemalan War Crimes	2011	Guatemalan War Crimes	Other

7. PROPOSED PRINCIPLES FOR ARCHIVES



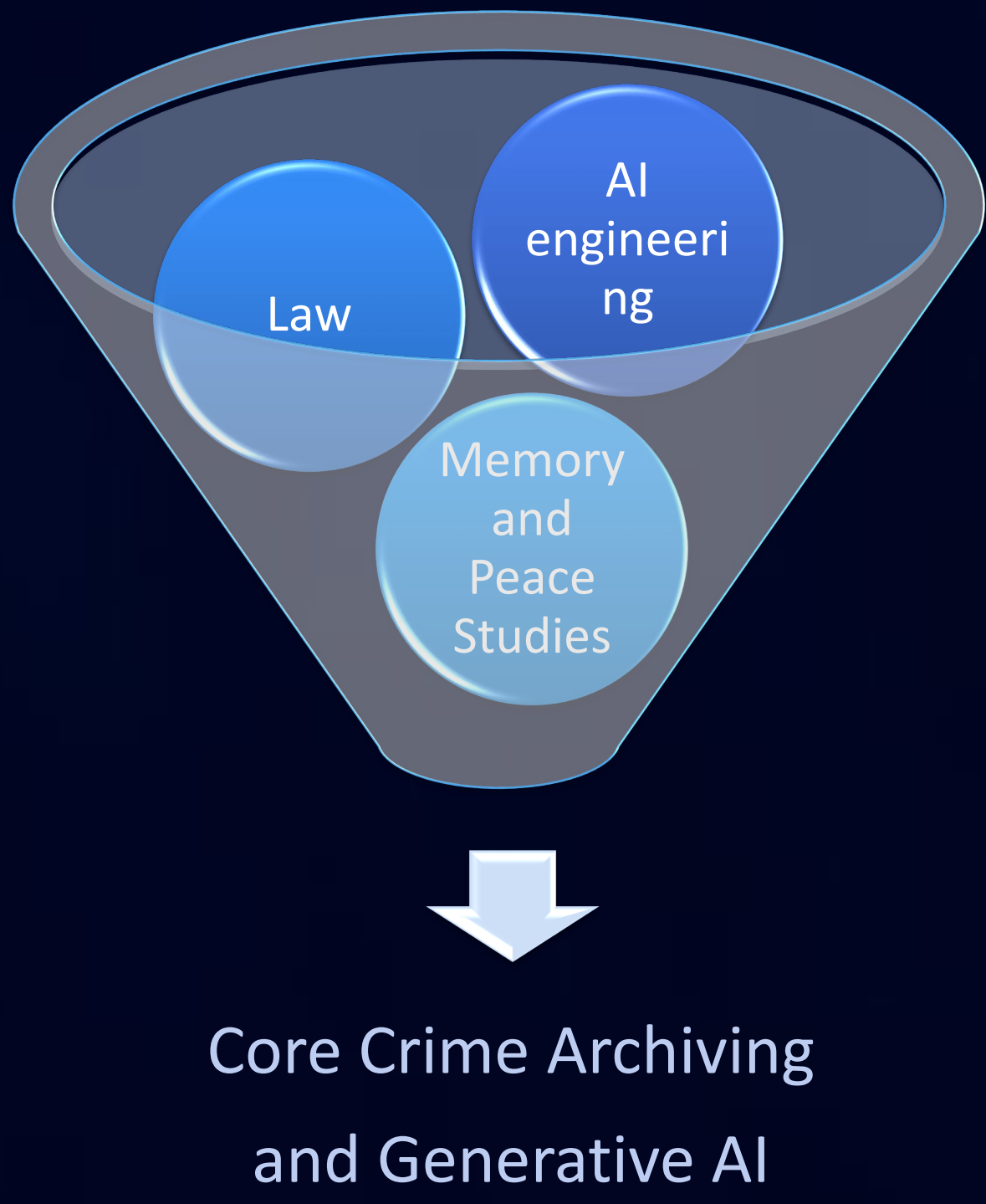
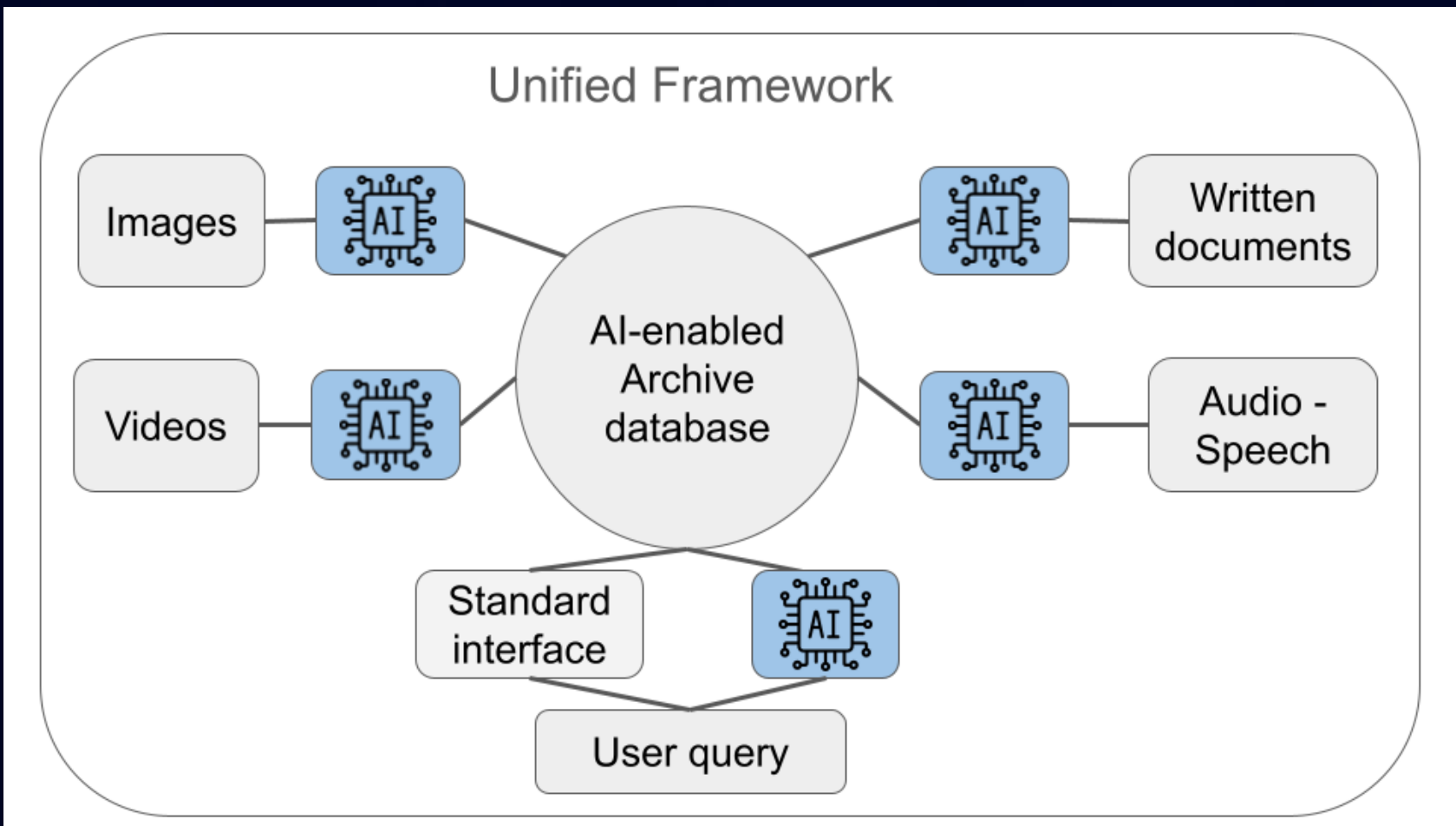
Protection of individuals providing information
Prioritize security, Well-being and privacy

Design to maximize the realization of the purpose

8. AI4Justice & NEXT STEPS

Project Design - AI4Justice

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AI-driven core crime archiving - Potential Difficulties: contextual nuances and subjective elements such as emotions, intonation, and facial expressions.

