Goals:

(1) To familiarize participants with the concept of genocide, its relation to the broader category of mass atrocity, and the processes by which genocide occurs.

(2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (knowledge and skills) necessary to develop the means to identify and deter the potential for genocide, limit genocide as it unfolds, and engage in programs of transitional justice that aim to prevent the future occurrence of mass atrocity in a post-conflict society.

(3) To reinforce the international security and human rights norm of the responsibility to protect, with clear recognition of the idea that sovereignty is not a privilege, but a responsibility.

(4) To create a worldwide communication network of genocide-sensitive policymakers, with a heightened degree of awareness and sensitivity to the role of non-governmental actors in supporting their work in zones of conflict.

Overview:

This seminar aims to provide a program for participants that, literally, could not be experienced anywhere else in the world. Buttressed by an international teaching team of scholars and activists, the seminar follows the “situated learning” model of education by being grounded in the “power of place” at Auschwitz, the most notorious of the Nazi extermination camps. Day 1 (Monday) of the seminar will set the history and context by utilizing the “power of place” to focus on the Holocaust and Auschwitz as an introduction to the concept of genocide and the mechanics of mass atrocities. Day 2 (Tuesday) will continue on-site at Auschwitz and examine issues of memory and responsibility. Day 3 (Wednesday) will focus on perpetrators, pre-conflict early warning and assessment, and working with humanitarian partners. Day 4 (Thursday) will feature programming by the UN Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide with a specific focus on preventing and responding to risks of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity. Day 5 (Friday) will examine issues related to transitional justice, with case studies drawn from Rwanda and Argentina. Day 6 (Saturday) will conclude the seminar by looking at the role of military and media partners in the responsibility to protect.

Each teaching module will include one central, essential article or book chapter (typically no longer than 30 pages) to be read by the participants prior to that particular module. Instructors may also distribute a one-page bibliography of additional recommended readings for future research. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to engage firsthand with the learning resources and presentation material. The workshop will follow the Chatham House Rule in which participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.


**Sunday, November 13**

Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00 Late Lunch at Dialogue Centre

20:00 Dinner at Dialogue Centre

**Monday, November 14**

*History and Context*

7:30 Breakfast and Participant Introductions

8:40 Meet in Dialogue Centre lobby for walk to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Conference Room (Block 12)

9:00-9:30 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention

9:30-9:45 Seminar Introduction:
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and
Reconciliation; Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

9:45-10:45 Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide and Mass Atrocities
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

Reading: UN Genocide Convention (1951)

Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 The Holocaust: Definitions and Antecedents
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

Reading: “Historical Overview,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia,


12:00-13:00 Lunch, Olecki Hotel

13:15-14:00 The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939–45)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

14:00-16:30 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz I (small groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Reading: “Auschwitz,” from Walter Laqueur’s (ed.) *The Holocaust

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up

18:15 Bus from Dialogue Centre to Stara Poczta Restaurant in Oswiecim
18:30 Official Opening Dinner
20:15 Bus returns to Dialogue Centre

**Tuesday, November 15**

*Memory and Responsibility*

7:30 Breakfast

8:15 Bus to Auschwitz II-Birkenau

8:30-11:30 **Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz II-Birkenau** (small groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: Selection from Primo Levi’s *If This Is a Man (Survival in Auschwitz)*, translated by Stuart Woolf (1959), pp. 19–27.

11:30 Bus to Olecki Hotel

11:45-12:45 Lunch, Olecki Hotel

12:45 Meet in Olecki Hotel lobby for walk to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)

13:00-14:30 **Between Memory and Commemoration:**
Educational Philosophy of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Alicja Bialecka, Educational Programs Director, International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust (ICEAH)

14:30-14:45 Coffee Break

14:45-15:15 **Background Briefing: Allied Responses to Auschwitz**
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

15:15-16:15 **Case Study: Should the Allies Have Bombed Auschwitz?**
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Reading: Pehle-McClory Correspondence (November 8 & 18, 1944)

16:15-17:30 **The Role of Government Officials in the Holocaust**
Dr. Stefanie Fischer, Technical University of Berlin

18:00 Polish Dinner, Dialogue Centre

20:00 Post-Visit Debriefing (Optional)
Dr. Alex Hinton, Rutgers University, Newark

Wednesday, November 16
Perpetrators, Pre-Conflict Assessment, and Humanitarian Partners

7:30 Breakfast

8:15 Meet in Dialogue Centre lobby for walk to Oswiecim College

8:30-10:00 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:30 Genocide Risk Assessment and Early Warning
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
Readings: (a) Gregory Stanton, "The Eight Stages of Genocide" (briefing paper)

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:30 Comparative Genocide: A Polish Journalist's Perspective
Konstanty Gebert, Director, Warsaw Office, European Council on Foreign Relations

12:45-13:45 Lunch, Oswiecim College

14:00-15:00 Case Study: Early Warning Assessment of Current At-Risk Area
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:45 Working with Humanitarian Partners
Erin Weir, Senior Advocate for Peacekeeping, Refugees International


16:45-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up

18:00 Bus to Old Town for Walking Tour of Oswiecim Historical Quarter

19:00 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Centre (http://ajcf.org)

20:00 Dinner, High Way Pub

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Thursday, November 17

Preventing and Responding to Risks of Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes against Humanity

7:30 Breakfast

8:30-10:00 Foreseeing, Preventing, and Responding to Genocide: The Legal Framework
Prof. Sheri Rosenberg, Director, Program in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York City

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:00 Foreseeing, Preventing, and Responding to Genocide: The Legal Framework (continued)

11:00-12:00 Policy, Legal and Operational Framework of the United Nations Office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect
Norul Rashid and Simona Cruciani, Office of the Special Advisers

12:00-13:00 Lunch, Dialogue Centre

13:00 -14:00 Policy, Legal and Operational Framework of the United Nations Office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect (continued)
Norul Rashid and Simona Cruciani, Office of the Special Advisers

14:00-15:00 Working Group Discussion Part I: Interpreting and Designing Pillars I and II Preventive and Response Measures and Applying to a Hypothetical Case Study

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break
15:15-16:45  Working Group Discussion Part II: Creating Early-Warning and Prevention Opportunities Using the Framework of Analysis Guidelines

16:45-17:00  Presentation to Panel (Sheri Rosenberg, Norul Rashid, Tibi Galis, Simona Cruciani), Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up

18:00  Dinner, Dialogue Centre

*Background Readings for the Day:*

(a) OSAPG Framework of Analysis for States
(b) 2009 UN Secretary-General’s Report on Implementing the Responsibility to Protect
(c) 2010 UN Secretary-General’s Report on Early Warning, Assessment and the Responsibility to Protect

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**Friday, November 18**

*Transitional Justice*

7:30  Breakfast

8:30-10:00  **Introduction to Transitional Justice**
Clara Ramirez-Barat, Senior Research Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice

10:00-10:15  Coffee Break

10:15-11:45  **Principles of Conflict Economics and Transitional Justice**
Dr. Charles Anderton, College of the Holy Cross

Noon-13:00  Lunch, Dialogue Centre

13:15-14:45  **Reforging Rwanda’s Identity: The Case of the Rwandan Government’s Ingando Camps**
James Kearney, United Nations Association for the UK

14:45-15:00  Coffee Break

15:00-16:30  **Argentina: Dealing With the Past: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory**
Fabian Oddone, Chief of Section, Foreign Policy, Defense, Security, Argentinian Embassy to Brazil, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina

16:30-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up

18:00 Dinner, Dialogue Centre

**Saturday, November 19**

*Partners in the Responsibility to Protect*

7:00 Coffee and Pastry, Dialogue Centre

7:30 Bus to Krakow

9:00 Breakfast, Radisson Hotel (Krakow)

9:45-11:15 Working With Military Partners
Dr. Taylor Seybolt, University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs


11:30-13:00 Working With Media Partners
Andrew Stroehlein, Communications Director
International Crisis Group (Brussels)

13:00-13:30 Seminar Wrap-Up
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
Fabian Oddone, Chief of Section, Foreign Policy, Defense, and Security, Argentinian Embassy to Brazil, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:30-14:15 Lunch, Radisson Hotel

Afternoon

**Arranged Tours in Krakow:**
Schindler Factory Museum (Podgorze District)
Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz District)
Galicia Jewish Museum (Kazimierz District)
Krakow City Tour
19:00 Closing Dinner

*Sunday, November 20*

Morning Participants check out of hotel and return home.