

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention

Global Government Edition, November 2017

Goals of the Seminar

- (1) To introduce participants to the concepts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, and the processes by which genocide occurs.
- (2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (foundational knowledge and skills) necessary to prevent genocide from ever taking place, prevent further atrocities once genocide has begun, and prevent future atrocities once a society has begun to rebuild after genocide.
- (3) To examine critically and reinforce the emergent norm of the Responsibility to Protect, recognizing that sovereignty is not a privilege, but a responsibility.
- (4) To develop a worldwide network of state officials who will act to prevent genocide and other atrocity crimes.

Overview of the Seminar

This seminar is grounded in the belief that preventing genocide and other atrocity crimes is an achievable goal. That is, there are ways to recognize their signs and symptoms, and viable options to prevent them at every turn if we are committed and prepared. Buttressed by an international teaching team of scholars and activists, this seminar aims to provide a program for participants that, literally, could not be experienced anywhere else in the world. On Days 1-2, 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. Days 3-5 are structured around three stages in a continuum of prevention strategies – primary, secondary, and tertiary. Primary prevention is upstream prevention; the “before” analysis of the longer-term governance, historical, economic, and societal factors that leave a country at risk for genocide and other mass atrocities and the inoculation avenues open to mitigating those risk factors. Secondary prevention is midstream prevention; the immediate, real-time relief efforts “during” the crisis – political, economic, legal, and military – that are direct crisis management tactics to slow, limit, or halt the mass violence. Finally, tertiary prevention is downstream prevention; the “after” efforts to foster resiliency by dealing with the acute long-term consequences of mass violence through pursuits of justice, truth, and memory to help stabilize, heal, and rehabilitate a post-genocide society. Day 6 of the seminar concludes by putting genocide and atrocity crimes prevention in action with a capstone simulation experience allowing participants to apply the practical competencies (knowledge and skills) acquired over the course of the seminar.

Most teaching modules will include one central, essential article or book chapter to be read by the participants prior to that module. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to enhance their literacy in the field by engaging first-hand with the learning resources and presentation material. The seminar 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.

Summary of the Program

Monday, November 13 – Introductions and Context

- Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Atrocity Crimes, and Prevention
- The Holocaust: The Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz I

Tuesday, November 14 – Process and Place

- The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
- Between Memory, Commemoration, and the Authentic Site: Auschwitz as a Reference Point for Contemporary Societies
- Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience

Wednesday, November 15 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
- Film and Discussion: A Class Divided (1985)
- The Responsibility to Protect: Recent Developments and Emerging Trends
- Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
- The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

Thursday, November 16 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity
- Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing
- Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
- Crisis Spot: Burma
- Network Mapping Discussions

Friday, November 17 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- Introduction to Transitional Justice from an Atrocity Prevention Perspective
- Case Study: Colombia: Transitional Justice in a Protracted War
- Women as Partners in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
- The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice

Saturday, November 18 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

- Capstone Simulation
- Arranged Tours in Krakow
- Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution

Sunday, November 12

- All Day** Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon
- 15:00** Late Lunch at Dialogue Centre
1. M. Kolbego St. 32-602 Oświęcim
<http://www.cdim.pl/en>
- 20:00** Dinner and Meet-and-Greet at Dialogue Centre

Monday, November 13 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00** Breakfast
- 7:45** Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 23)
- 8:15-8:45** Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
 - Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - Ms. Maria Westergren, Political Affairs Officer, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
 - Dr. James Waller, Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College and Director of Academic Programs, AIPR
- 8:45-10:15** Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Atrocity Crimes, and Prevention Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) James Waller, "Transcending Fratricide: The Politics of Naming," from Srda Pavlovic and Marko Zivkovic (eds.), *Transcending Fratricide: Political Mythologies, Reconciliations, and the Uncertain Future in the Former Yugoslavia* (Germany: Nomos, 2013), pp. 31-49 and (b) UN Genocide Convention (1951).
Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapters 1-3.
- 10:15-10:30** Coffee Break
- 10:30-12:00** The Holocaust: The Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: "Historical Overview," from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000), pp. 3-9.
Handout: Nazi Party Platform (1920)
- 12:15-13:00** Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-16:15** Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz I (smaller groups) Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: "Auschwitz," from Adrian Weale's *Army of Evil: A History of the SS* (New York: Penguin, 2010), pp. 366-397.
- 16:30** Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre
- 18:30** Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Stara Poczta Restaurant
- 19:00** Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Galicja Hotel
- 21:00** Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre

Tuesday, November 14 – Process and Place

- 7:00** Breakfast
- 7:45** Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 23)
- 8:15-9:45** The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: “Historical Overview,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2000) The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust, pp. 9-41.
- 9:45-10:00** Coffee Break
- 10:00-11:15** Between Memory, Commemoration and the Authentic Site: Auschwitz as a Reference Point for Contemporary Societies
Dr. Alicja Bialecka, Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Readings: Selections from The Holocaust: Voices of Scholars, edited by Jolanta Ambrosewic-Jacobs (Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, 2009).
- 11:15-11:45** Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 11:45** Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre
- 12:00-12:45** Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 12:45** Bus Departs from Dialogue Centre to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 13:00-16:15** Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau (smaller groups)
Reading: Selection from Primo Levi’s If This Is a Man (Survival in Auschwitz), translated by Stuart Woolf (1959), pp. 19-27.
- 16:30** Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre
- 18:00** Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00** Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience Dialogue Centre – 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Mr. Mevludin Rahmanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)

Wednesday, November 15 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- 7:30** Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00** Introducing Upstream Prevention Strategies: Risk Factors for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 4.
- 9:00-10:30** Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “UN Office Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes” (English, French, and Spanish, 2014).
- 10:30-10:45** Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:30** Film and Discussion: A Class Divided (1985)
- 11:30-11:35** Brief Break
- 11:35-12:50** The Responsibility to Protect: Recent Developments and Emerging Trends
Ms. Maria Westergren, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: 2017 Report of the Secretary General – Implementing the Responsibility to Protect: Accountability for Prevention, A/71/1016-S/2017/556.
- 12:50-13:30** Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15** Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz and Ms. Maria Westergren, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: 2013 Report of the Secretary General – Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention, UN Doc A/67/929-S/2013/399.
- 15:15-15:30** Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00** The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Samantha Capicotto, AIPR and Ms. Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku, Secretary, National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (Uganda)
Readings: (a) National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Genocide and other Atrocity Crimes: Effective and Sustainable Prevention Begins at Home (AIPR, 2015), pp. 2-3, 5-11 and (b) National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Genocide and other Atrocity Crimes: Pursuing Institutionalization of the Prevention Agenda (AIPR, 2017), pp. 6-26.
- 17:00-17:30** Formative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator

19:00 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for La Rossa Restaurant

19:30 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant

21:00 Early Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre

23:00 Late and Final Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre

Thursday, November 16 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:30** Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00** Introducing Midstream Prevention Strategies: Accelerants, Triggers, and the Early Warning-Early Response Gap
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 5.
- 9:00-10:30** Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 10:30-10:45** Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:30** Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) James Waller, “The Ordinarity of Extraordinary Evil: The Making of Perpetrators of Genocide and Mass Killing,” from Olaf Jensen and Claus-Christian W. Szejnmann (eds.), *Ordinary People as Mass Murderers: Perpetrators in Comparative Perspective* (UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), pp. 145-164 and (b) excerpt from Jean Hatzfeld’s *Machete Season: The Killers in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003), pp. 21-27, 36-40.
Handout: The Interrogation of Erna Petri (19 September 1961).
- 12:30-13:15** Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:30-15:15** Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Capstone Simulation Assignments (for Saturday morning)
Handout: Capstone Simulation (for Saturday morning)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/AIPR
- 15:15-15:30** Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00** Crisis Spot: Burma
Debbie Stothard, Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)
Readings: (a) Burma Situation Overview and (b) NLD Military Operations Overview, 2016-2017.
- 18:00** Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00** Network Mapping Discussions – Dialogue Centre (Main Conference Room)
Facilitator: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Discussion Leaders: Dr. Tibi Galis, Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Dr. Ashley Greene, and Dr. Kerry Whigham (AIPR)

Friday, November 17 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:30** Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00** Introducing Downstream Prevention Strategies: Justice, Truth, and Memory
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 6 and Conclusion.
- 9:00-10:30** Introduction to Transitional Justice from an Atrocity Prevention Perspective
Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
Readings: (a) Clara Sandoval Villalba, "Transitional Justice, Key Concepts, Processes and Challenges, Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (July 2011) and (b) "The Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in Conflict and Post- Conflict Societies," UNSC S/2011/634 (12 October, 2011).
- 10:30-10:45** Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15** Case Study: Colombia: Transitional Justice in a Protracted War
Ms. Irene Cabrera, Professor, Universidad Externado de Colombia
Reading: Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes and Nelson Camilo Sánchez "Transitional Justice in Conflict: Reflections on the Colombian Experience" from Roger Duthie and Paul Seils (eds.), *Justice Mosaics: How Context Shapes Transitional Justice in Fractured Societies* (2017).
- 12:15-13:00** Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:15-14:45** Women as Partners in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Lina Zedriga Waru Abuku, Secretary, National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (Uganda)
- 14:45-15:00** Coffee Break
- 15:00-16:30** The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice
Dr. Kerry Whigham, Academic Programs Officer, Online Education, AIPR
Reading: Louis Bickford, "Memoryworks/Memory Works," from Clara Ramierz-Barat (ed.), *Transitional Justice, Culture, and Society: Beyond Outreach* (2014).
- 16:30-16:45** Closing Announcements
- 17:00** Bus to Krakow
- 18:30** Check-In at Radisson Blu Evening
Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, November 18 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

- 7:30** Breakfast – Radisson Blu (Ground Floor)
- 8:30-10:30** Capstone Simulation: Early Warning Assessment of Current At-Risk Area
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
Reading: “Rwanda Simulation Briefing.”
Location: Radisson Blu – 1st Floor Conference Centre
- 10:30-11:00** Simulation Debriefing
- 11:00-11:15** Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:00** Seminar Wrap-Up, Introduction to Alumni Network, Fellowship Program, Online Education, and Group Photo
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR, Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/AIPR, and Dr. Kerry Whigham, Academic Programs Officer, Online Education, AIPR
- 12:00-12:45** Summative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator
- 12:45-13:30** Lunch – Radisson Blu
- 13:45** Arranged Tours in Krakow:
Schindler Factory Museum (Podgorze District) – or – Krakow City Tour (including Kazimierz District)
- 18:45** Meet in Lobby of Radisson Blu
- 19:00** Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution
White Rose Restaurant, Krakow

Sunday, November 19

AM Participants check out of hotel (by noon) and leave for return home.

“In order to defend ourselves in the future against other totalitarian regimes, we have to understand how they worked in the past, like a vaccine.”

Lukasz Kaminski, President of Poland’s Institute of National Remembrance