Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention  

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**

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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
              Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes

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
              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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

17:00-17:30
Formative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator
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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

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

12:30-13:15 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre

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  

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  

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  

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