

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Latin American Network Edition, February 2016 (Final Draft)

Goals of the Seminar:

- (1) To familiarize participants with the concept of genocide and other atrocity crimes, and examine the processes by which genocide occurs.
- (2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (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 foster intercultural dialogue in an open and respectful exchange between individuals with different cultural backgrounds or worldviews with the aim of developing a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives and practices, with a particular focus on the role played by discrimination and “otherness” in fostering inequality.
- (5) To develop a regional network of state officials who will take action 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 (typically no longer than 30 pages) to be read by the participants prior to that particular module. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to engage firsthand 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.

Sunday, February 14

All Day Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00 Late Lunch at Galicja Hotel
19 Dabrowskiego Str.
Oswiecim, Poland
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20:00 Dinner and Meet-and-Greet at Galicja Hotel



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Monday, February 15 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Bus Departs Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-9:00 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Ms. Eugenia Carbone, Director of Latin American Programs, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
 - Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
 - Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - Jai-Ayla Sutherland, Representative from Stanley Foundation
 - Dr. James Waller, Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College and Director of Academic Programs, AIPR
- 9:00-10:30 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) “Convencion para la Prevencion y la Sancion del Delito de Genocidio” (1951).
Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 The Holocaust: The Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: “Panorama Historico,” 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)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:45-16:30 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz I (smaller groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: “El testimonio de Rudolf Hoess,” pp. 13-45.
- 16:45 Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel
- 18:45 Official Opening Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Galicja Hotel
Remarks: Introduction to the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR



Tuesday, February 16 – Process and Place

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Bus Departs Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-10:00 The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: “Panorama Historico,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000), pp. 9-41.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:30 Between Memory, Commemoration and the Authentic Site: Auschwitz as a Reference Point for Contemporary Societies
Alicja Bialecka, Representative for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: *Auschwitz-Birkenau: Historia y Presente*.
- 11:30-12:00 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 1:15 Bus Departs from Olecki Hotel to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 13:30-16:30 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz II-Birkenau (smaller groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: Primo Levi’s *En el Fondo*.
- 16:45 Bus Departs from Auschwitz II-Birkenau to Auschwitz Jewish Center
- 17:00 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Center (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 17:45 Bus Departs for Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:30 Informal Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
- 20:00 Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel



Wednesday, February 17 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-8:45 Introduction to the Mission and Work of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer
Father Jan Nowak, Director
- 8:45-10:15 Legal Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Mariana Salazar, Directora de Derecho Internacional Humanitario, Consultoría Jurídica, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de México
Lectura: Estatuto de Roma de la Corte Penal Internacional (Artículos 5-8).
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30-12:00 The Role of the Inter-American Human Rights System in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Tatiana Gos, International Law Consultant (Panama)
Lectura: Felipe González Morales, *El proceso de reformas recientes al Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos*, Revista IIDH Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos N° 59, Enero-Junio 2014, pp. 119-149.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:15-14:45 Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Mr. Mario Buil-Merce, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Lectura: OSAPG “Marco de Análisis” (2014).
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-16:30 The Responsibility to Protect
Mr. Mario Buil-Merce, UN
Readings: UN Secretary-General’s annual reports on the responsibility to protect; (a) “Hacer efectiva la responsabilidad de proteger” (2009) and (b) “Un compromiso vital y perdurable: hacer efectiva la responsabilidad de proteger” (2015).
- 16:30-17:00 Formative Evaluation Session
- 17:15 Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel
- 19:00 Bus Departs Galicja Hotel for La Rossa Restaurant

19:30 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant
21:00 Early Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel
23:00 Late Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel



Thursday, February 18 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 9:00-10:45 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) James E. Waller, “Lo Ordinario del mal Extraordinario: La Genesis de los Perpetradores de Genocidios y Exterminios,” 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 *La Temporada del Machete: Hablan los Asesinos en Ruanda* (2003), pp. 21-27, 36-40.
Handout: The Interrogation of Erna Petri (19 September, 1961)
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Responding to Sexual Violence during Armed Conflict: Búsqueda de justicia en el ámbito nacional
Ms. Gabriela Rivera, Independent Consultant/Human Rights Lawyer (Guatemala)
Readings: (a) “Sepur Zarco: La violencia sexual será juzgada” (2014) and (b) *El Quetzal* (2015).
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Exercise: Why Identity Matters
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Capstone Simulation Assignments (for Saturday morning)
Handouts: (a) Table 5.1 (Waller, 2016) and (b) Capstone Simulation (for Saturday morning).
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
- 17:15 Reception and Policy Paper Launch
Dr. Andrea Gualde, Senior Advisor for Latin American Programs, AIPR
“Las Reparaciones por Crímenes de lesa Humanidad como Política Pública,” AIPR’s Policy Papers in Prevention Series (2015).
- 18:00 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel

Friday, February 19 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:00 Breakfast and Checkout of Galicja Hotel
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre (bring suitcase with you on bus)
- 8:30-9:15 Introductory Exercise: Justice, Truth, and Memory
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
- 9:15-10:45 Introduction to Transitional Justice
Dr. Clara Ramirez-Barat, Educational Policies Director, AIPR
Reading: "Informe del Relator Especial sobre la promoción de la verdad, la justicia, la reparación y las garantías de no repetición, Pablo de Greiff, 9 de agosto de 2012."
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Reforms Carried out by State Institutions through Transitional Justice as Tools for Mass Atrocity Prevention
Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:45-15:15 The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice
Dr. Kerry Whigham, New York University
Readings: (a) Gabi Dolff Bonekämper selection from “Topografías del Recuerdo Colectivos de Memoria” and (b) Marie Eugenia Ulfe and Cynthia E. Milton’s “¿Y, después de la verdad? El espacio público y las luchas por la memoria en la post CVR, Peru,” from *Emisferica*, also accessible at:
<http://hemisphericinstitute.org/hemi/en/e-misferica-72/miltonulfe>.
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Case Study: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
Dr. Andrea Gualde, Senior Advisor for Latin American Programs, AIPR
Reading: “Las Reparaciones por Crímenes de lesa Humanidad como Política Pública,” AIPR’s Policy Papers in Prevention Series (2015).
- 17:15 Bus to Krakow
- 19:00 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, February 20 – 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, AIPR
Readings: (a) “Rwanda Historical Background” and (b) “Rwanda Simulation Briefing.”
Location: Radisson Blu – 1st Floor Conference Centre
- 10:30-11:00 Simulation Debriefing
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-11:30 Seminar Wrap-Up and Introduction to Alumni Network
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, Dr. Tibi Galis, AIPR and Ms. Stephanie Alvarez, AIPR
- 11:30-11:45 Review of Goals for Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
- 11:45-12:30 Summative Evaluation Session
- 12:30-13:15 Lunch – Radisson Blu
- 13:30 Arranged Tours in Krakow:
Schindler Factory Museum (Podgorze District)
Krakow City Tour (including Kazimierz District)
- 18:45 Meet in Lobby of Radisson Blu
- 19:00 Closing Dinner
White Rose Restaurant, Krakow

Sunday, February 21

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

“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

