2019 Annual Report
Through education, training, and technical assistance, the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG) supports states to develop or strengthen policies and practices for the prevention of genocide and other mass atrocities. AIPG also encourages and supports the cooperation of states through regional and international networks to advance prevention.
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More than seven decades after the Holocaust, genocide and other mass atrocities remain a constant threat to global peace and security. Today’s violence in Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Burma, and elsewhere around the world is a daily reminder of the staggering consequences of the international community’s failure to act. In response, the Auschwitz Institute has dedicated itself to the construction of a world that prevents genocide and other mass atrocities. Beginning in January of 2020, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation will adopt our new name and will begin operating as the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. While part of our name will be changing, none of our work will.

Under this new name, the Auschwitz Institute will remain committed to the same mission, vision, and programming in pursuit of a world that prevents genocide and other mass atrocities. In fact, we have embarked on this name change process so that our name will better reflect the nature and scope of our work.

The Auschwitz Institute’s visual identity will begin changing to accommodate the new name in January, however our contact information and other communications details will remain exactly the same. For example, our website and staff emails will continue to use the auschwitzinstitute.org domain and our social media handles will remain as they are currently.
On August 18-23, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) held the 2019 Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Promoting and Protecting Civil and Human Rights, offering a version of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar tailored specifically for members of the U.S. Government. The seminar featured the participation of 18 representatives of the U.S. Commission on Human Rights, multiple Congressional offices, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the State Department. They were joined by 6 teaching fellows-in-residence, 5 instructors, 1 observer, and 5 members of staff.

In similar fashion to other entries in AIPR’s Raphael Lemkin series, the week-long training seminar began with two days of instruction and experiences that focused on the “power of place” and historical context brought by the location at the former Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The third day of the seminar was devoted to the theme of Identity-Based Marginalization and Violence, with modules covering the prevention of these titular phenomena, the topic of identity in deeply divided societies, and perpetrator psychology. Participants also took part in a group activity oriented towards better understanding personal and social identities.

The seminar’s fourth day was dedicated to the continuum of upstream, midstream, and downstream atrocity prevention. In addition to modules that covered the fundamentals of effective prevention during each of the three phases of the continuum, case studies on the representation of Native American experiences in U.S. history, Black-White race relations, and recent federal-level hate crimes reporting were presented. The day finished with a module on the trauma and mental health legacies associated with identity-based marginalization and violence.

The final day opened with a new version of the seminar’s capstone simulation oriented toward the promotion and protection of human and civil rights in the United States. This was followed by a segment dedicated to reviewing the essential lessons learned during the week-long seminar and planning for next steps. The 2019 USG Raphael Lemkin Seminar was then brought to a close with a presentation containing information on opportunities for continued training and engagement with the Auschwitz Institute.
On September 18-20, 2019, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) partnered with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights (National Center) and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to hold the third edition of the National Seminar for Law Enforcement on Promoting and Protecting Civil and Human Rights. The event welcomed a new cohort of 23 police officers drawn from 12 different jurisdictions located across the United States for a two-day training seminar at the National Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

The National Seminar for Law Enforcement is built on the understanding that properly functioning police and domestic security forces are an essential component of a healthy democracy that is resilient to atrocities. The role of these actors in promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of the communities that they operate in is fundamental, especially in deeply divided societies. The seminar’s curriculum combines lessons learned from the field of mass atrocity prevention with AIPR’s experience with training security forces in other global regions and tailored knowledge from academics and other law enforcement experts to help build capacity among participants to detect risk factors for civil and human rights abuses, identify appropriate response tools to promote and protect those rights, and determine best practices for fostering resiliency in targeted communities.

The 2019 edition of the program opened with introductory remarks from representatives of AIPR, the National Center, and the FBI.

Interactive modules on the first day covered the role of law enforcement in promoting and protecting civil and human rights in deeply divided societies, lessons learned from the American Civil Rights Movement, promoting and protecting the rights of post-atrocity refugee and immigrant communities, a case study on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Operation Limelight USA, and implicit bias in policing. Additionally, participants were given a guided tour of the National Center’s exhibits on the American Civil Rights Movement and the Global Human Rights Movement by National Center staff.

The second day of the seminar built upon the concepts introduced during the previous day. Following a short introductory module, the event’s keynote address was delivered by Mr. Roberto Villaseñor, former Chief of the Tucson Police Department and member of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Following this, the seminar concluded with modules on how ordinary people can come to commit genocide and other mass atrocities as well as relevant federal-level color of law and hate crimes legislation.
From November 12-16, 2019, the Auschwitz Institute joined with the Stanley Center for Peace and Security and the George and Irina Schaeffer Center for the Study of Genocide, Human Rights and Conflict Prevention at the American University of Paris (AUP) to hold “Integrating Prevention and Building Resilience in a Challenging Political Environment,” which served as the 2019 Symposium for Alumni of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar series. Located in Paris, France, the event featured multiple days of interactive discussions, working group exercises, and a guided excursion featuring memorials throughout the city.

The event was premised on the significant decline in democratic values and institutions that societies across the world have experienced over the past decade. This has, in turn, created a challenging political environment for the prevention agenda at all levels – international to grassroots – with the majority of stakeholders now tasked with implementing preventive strategies in deeply divided societies. In response to this reality, the 2019 Symposium provided an opportunity for alumni of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar and other experts in the field to consider the ways in which atrocity prevention actors can meaningfully confront contemporary challenges and engage more strategically to put a revitalized prevention agenda into action.

“Integrating Prevention and Building Resilience in a Challenging Political Environment” was organized in accordance with four guiding focus areas. The Symposium worked to address:

1. Global, regional, national, and local approaches to preventing atrocities and building resilience;
2. State, civil society, and private sector processes for atrocity prevention;
3. A gender lens that brings the voices of women and different LGBTI groups to the forefront of the atrocity prevention process; and
4. Transitional justice opportunities into the array of tools for early prevention.

In addition to many of the time-tested modalities that appear throughout Auschwitz Institute curricula, the Symposium allowed for the debut of new methodologies that facilitated participant discussions. An immersive audio experience, entitled “The Gender Lens for Atrocity Prevention: A Gallery of Voices” was created for the event. The experience featured a collection of real stories from nine survivors of atrocities that have taken place in the recent past. Excerpts of their recorded testimonies were reenacted by professional actors to create the immersive gallery.

Attendees also participated in a guided study excursion through Paris, which was designed specifically for the event. The excursion included visits to memorials and other sites of memory concerning atrocity crimes located throughout the city that reinforced the “power of place” of Paris and complemented the program’s contents.
On May 9, more than 600 visitors gathered in Venice, Italy, for the opening of Artivism: The Atrocity Prevention Pavilion, an art exhibition organized by the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) to showcase the connections between art, human rights, and mass atrocity prevention. The launch of Artivism represented AIPR’s first public-facing event of this scale.

The exhibition, which ran alongside the 58th Venice Art Biennale, was housed in the beautiful Palazzo Dandolo and remained open for public viewing through November 24, at no cost. Its goal was not only to showcase to visitors the role that the arts have played in transforming post-atrocity societies, but also to give visitors the practical tools and information they need to play their own part in atrocity prevention at home and abroad.

Artivism: The Atrocity Prevention Pavilion highlights the work of six artists and art collectives who have used the arts as an instrument for responding to identity-based violence and its continuing effects across six different cases of genocide and other mass atrocities. Each of these works comes from a different post-atrocity context, each representing a different region of the world: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Indonesia, Iraqi Kurdistan, and South Africa. Each of these projects responds to the specific historical and political realities that shape these six very different cases.

Following the exhibition’s opening, AIPR welcomed the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Heiko Maas, along with the Ambassador of Germany to Italy and an official delegation of German Foreign Ministry personnel to the pavilion. AIPR organized a one-hour visit for Foreign Minister Maas, including a private tour by Dr. Kerry Whigham, one of the exhibition’s curators.

As a part of the programming for Artivism, Bosnian-American activist-artist Aida Šehović constructed her annual nomadic monument entitled ŠTO TE NEMA [lit. “Why are you not here?”] (stotenema.com) in Venice’s Serra dei Giardini. The project, which has commemorated the 8,373 Bosnian Muslims killed in Srebrenica in a new city around the world on July 11 for the past 13 years, features thousands of “fildžani” (traditional Bosnian coffee cups) that are assembled, filled with Bosnian coffee, and left undrunk by members of the public who pass by the site of the monument.

On June 12, designer, illustrator, and Auschwitz Institute International Advisory Board Member Mirko Ilić joined with AIPR to bring his international traveling Tolerance Poster Show (toleranceposters.blogspot.com) to the pavilion. Displayed in non-traditional venues - such as university campuses, shopping malls, and public parks, the thematic exhibition - the Tolerance Poster Show prioritizes public visibility. Following the grand opening, posters from the show were placed in public areas around Venice and remained on display until August 10.
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As Technical Secretariat for the Latin American Network for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, AIPR’s Latin America Programs (LAP) team continued to work with governments and civil society across the region to strengthen capacities for prevention and mitigate risks for mass atrocities. Many of the LAP’s atrocity prevention initiatives in 2019 focused on issues of identity-based violence (IBV) specific to migrants and LGBTQI persons.

Together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and the support of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Peoples of the Interamerican Commission on Human Rights, the Auschwitz Institute co-organized a seminar-workshop entitled “Strategies Against Discrimination from an Atrocity Prevention Perspective.” The activity, held on May 8-9, involved the participation of 26 representatives from the Ministries of Justice, Governance and Police, Public Security, and Foreign Affairs, as well as those from the Public Prosecutor’s Office, Judiciary, and Legislative Assembly.

The Latin American Network held its annual Focal Points Meeting on October 28-29 in Asunción, Paraguay. The meeting was co-organized by the Auschwitz Institute, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Ombudsperson of Paraguay, the Stanley Center for Peace and Security and the UN OSAPG. The event served as an opportunity to continue promoting collaborative efforts between member countries of the Network, reflecting on current challenges, introducing new themes and lines of work, as well as facilitating the continuation of significant projects running since the body’s inception.

In November, AIPR joined with the national Offices of the Ombudsperson of Colombia and Ecuador for a pair of seminar-workshop events entitled “The Prevention of Mass Atrocities in the Context of the Current Migration Crisis.” Both events were supported with German Federal Foreign Office funds by ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen), Funding Program zivik.

On June 24 and 25, the Latin American Program of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina – Focal Point of the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention – co-organized a seminar covering strategies for genocide and mass atrocity prevention. The seminar welcomed 25 public officials and featured an instructional team of national and international experts.
The Auschwitz Institute’s Africa Programs Office (APO) has continued to strengthen and expand the African Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. In 2019, this took the form of multiple training projects focusing on the themes of early warning and early response and identity-based violence (IBV).

On April 15-17, the Auschwitz Institute joined with the National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRCNC) to hold a Training Seminar on Early Warning and Early Response Mechanisms for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. The three-day event, which was supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung, was held at the Elais Hotel in Kinshasa and worked towards the development of core skills and competencies among Committee members, the provision of technical assistance for early warning, and the advancement of the Committee’s institutionalization process.

In the latter half of the year, the Auschwitz Institute’s APO was awarded a Jo Cox Memorial Grant, one of the most prestigious grants for work on atrocity prevention. This grant originates from UK Aid Direct, one of the UK Department for International Development (DFID) funding mechanisms for supporting the efforts of civil society organizations in achieving sustained poverty reduction.

Through this project, funded with UK aid from the British people, the Auschwitz Institute will deliver vital training and technical assistance to civil society leaders and government officials through the end of 2022. The primary geographic focus of the project will be the Central Africa Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

The first of these training efforts was an inaugural three-day training seminar and National Committee launch event entitled “The Prevention of Identify-Based Violence” on September 26-28, 2019 in Bangui, Central Africa Republic. The seminar was organized in collaboration with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and the Central African Republic (CAR) National Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and all Forms of Discrimination. The seminar’s participants were drawn from a diverse cross-section of civil society, academia, religious groups, and government, with the Central African Republic’s Ministries of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Territorial Administration, Public Security Defense, Education, Social Affairs, and National Reconciliation among those represented at the event.
2019 was a vitally important year for the Educational Policies Program (EPP), allowing for a consolidation of the work that the program has been implementing since its creation in 2016. This year saw significant results through the expansion and continued development of the “Education for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities” initiative in El Salvador and Brazil.

In February of 2019, the EPP officially published “Citizenship, Memory, and a Culture of Peace in El Salvador: A Toolkit for Teachers and Educators,” an educational material designed to facilitate work on democratic citizenship, memory, and a culture of peace in schools and other educational spaces for children and adolescents in El Salvador. The Toolkit, which has been made available to the public, was created in collaboration with the National Office of the Ombudsperson and the Ministry of Education of El Salvador.

The Toolkit’s release was followed by two training workshops on July 9 and 10 in San Salvador, organized in collaboration with the National Institute for Teacher Training (INFOD) and the national Office of the Ombudsperson (PDDH). These events trained teachers and specialists in human rights to work with the resource’s contents and proposed methodology.

In Brazil, the EPP announced the opening of the second phase of its project entitled “Citizenship and Democracy in School.” In 2018, the initiative’s successful pilot phase was rolled out in seven of the country’s public schools – two in the Federal District of Brasilia and five in Sao Paulo – in collaboration with the Secretaries of Education from each state. In total, the project involved the participation of 15 teachers and approximately 650 students.

The continuation of the project was complemented by an array of events, organized by EPP staff to facilitate continued progress. On March 13-16, AIPR organized a training event for 30 teachers and pedagogical coordinators from 10 different schools within the First Regional Directorate of Education in Sao Paulo. Three weeks later, two trainings were held in Brasilia for 30 participants belonging to more than 15 different schools in the Federal District.
The Auschwitz Institute’s Mediterranean Basin Program (MBN) firmly established itself in the region in 2019, operating significant programming for the first time. Dr. Gabriela Ghindea joined the Auschwitz Institute as director of the nascent program and has driven rapid progress through partnership with two key governmental partners in Romania: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Public Ministry.

On September 9-13, 2019, the Auschwitz Institute organized two training seminars for prosecutors, judges, academics, forensic specialists, police officers, military experts on disasters, as well as other public officials in cooperation with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Public Ministry of Romania. The pair of seminars, held in Iasi and Cluj-Napoca, built core preventive capacities and held a thematic focus on the investigation of mass graves - a strategic priority for Romania since the launch of its National Expert Network on Genocide Prevention and Multidisciplinary Research of Mass Graves in 2018.

Next, with the support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), AIPR organized a four-day regional training seminar entitled “Countering Distortion through Governmental Action: Building the Capacity of Government Actors for Promoting and Protecting the Civil and Human Rights of Roma.” The event was held in Bucharest on October 15-18, 2019.

For the first time in this format, the seminar welcomed government officials, representatives of NGOs, and academics with expertise on topics related to the Roma community from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.

Following this successful seminar, on October 21-23, 2019, the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Auschwitz Institute, and the Stanley Center for Peace and Security welcomed representatives of Southeast European States to Bucharest to discuss the launch of the Mediterranean Basin Network for Atrocity Crimes Prevention.

* This designation is made without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
The Auschwitz Institute’s Online Education Initiative is a program that began in December of 2016 with the aim of providing additional educational and training opportunities to AIPR partners in two focus regions: Latin America and the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

The Auschwitz Institute is dedicated to developing online courses with a high degree of interactivity and collaborative exercises. AIPR also strives to engage with an array of learning styles by providing written, audiovisual, and creative learning exercises with a focus on direct participant engagement and the development of practical skills.

Over the course of 2019, the Auschwitz Institute offered 10 distinct courses. 146 individual certificates of completion were earned and distributed by Online Education Initiative staff to participants coming from 18 countries around the world.

In May, AIPR debuted its newest virtual course offering: The Rights of LGBTQI Persons from a Prevention Perspective. The four-week course was designed by Mauricio Cotiño, a lawyer and founder of the Colectivo Ovejas Negras (Black Sheep Collective), Uruguay’s principle organization for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, trans and intersex persons. The first iteration of the course filled quickly, with more applicants than AIPG’s working capacity allows.

The second semester of 2019 also brought with it an elevated level of interest in Online Education Initiative courses. Autumn 2019 saw the highest number of applications for the Foundations in Mass Atrocity Prevention course, with more than 170 applications coming from the Initiative’s two focus regions.

The Auschwitz Institute will continue improving and expanding its course offerings in 2020. For African participants, the Online Education Initiative will hold sessions of the Foundations in Mass Atrocity Prevention, Early Warning and Mass Atrocity Prevention and The Role of Non-State Actors in Mass Atrocity Prevention, while Latin American participants will also take part in the Foundations course, as well as offerings on Migration and Mass Atrocity Prevention and Transitional Justice from an Atrocity Prevention Perspective.

In addition to this, AIPR is developing new courses for implementation by the end of 2020. In collaboration with the Republic of Ireland, the Auschwitz Institute will offer an online course on the prevention of Conflict-Related Atrocity Crimes. The Auschwitz Institute is also responding to sharply increased demand for coursework from French-speaking African countries by beginning work on its first courses for francophone participants. These and other planned measures will mark a significant geographic expansion of the Online Education Initiative’s scope.
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February 19-20: The Africa Programs Office (APO) staff held a series of strategic planning meetings in Kinshasa, DRC, ahead of future programming.


March 13-16: AIPR’s EPP, in collaboration with the Regional Directory South 1, organized a training seminar in São Paulo featuring the participation of 33 teachers belonging to 10 schools involved in implementing the EPP project in 2019.

March 21-24: In coordination with the Secretary of Education of Brasilia, the School of Education Professionals Training, and the Ombudsman’s Office, AIPR’s EPP held a week-long training in Brasilia for a total of 25 teachers from more than 10 schools.

March 20: AIPR’s Latin American Program (LAP), the National Public Ministry, the National University of Mar del Plata and the German Embassy hosted an activity entitled “Justice in the Face of Crimes Against Humanity” and a screening of the documentary A Man Can Make a Difference in Argentina.

March 25: AIPR’s LAP staff attended a panel discussion event in Washington, D.C., entitled “The Responsibility to Protect in the Americas,” which was organized by The Stanley Center for Peace and Security, in partnership with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

April 5-6: Dr. Ramírez Barat participated in the “Frontiers of Prevention II”, a conference organized by Binghamton’s University for Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention (IGMAP), where she presented a paper on “Education for Mass Atrocity Prevention: The Educational Policies Program of AIPR experience in Brazil and El Salvador.”

April 5-12: Dr. Ramírez Barat spent a week as a Practitioner-in-Residence at Binghamton University’s IGMAP. On April 11, she delivered a public lecture entitled “Education as Upstream or Primary Atrocity Prevention.”

April 15-17: AIPR’s Africa Programs staff joined with the DRC National Committee for a National Seminar on Early Warning and Early Response, which welcomed 20 participants.

April 24-26: AIPR’s LAP coordinated the participation of Argentina’s Focal Point to the Latin American Network as an observer in the workshop “Regional Responses to the Crisis in Venezuela” in Colombia.

April 29: Dr. Ramírez Barat was invited to participate in an event entitled
“Democratic Dialogues,” organized in Brasilia by the Graduate School of the Public Ministry of the Union of Brazil.

**May 2:** Dr. Ramírez Barat delivered an online lecture on Comparative Education at Keene State College.

**May 6-7:** Eugenia Carbone delivered two lectures with members of the National Secretariat of Human Rights and the Armed Forces during an institutional visit to Honduras.

**May 7-8:** Dr. Ramírez Barat was invited to participate in a closed-doors expert meeting entitled “Prevention and reparation for atrocity crimes and the right to education,” which was organized in New York by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education from the Office of High Commissioner of Human Rights.

**May 8-9:** AIPR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica co-organized the workshop-seminar “Strategies against discrimination from a mass atrocity prevention approach: LGTBI persons,” which welcomed 26 participants from national institutions.

**May 9:** AIPR held the official grand opening of “Artivism: The Atrocity Prevention Pavilion” in Venice, Italy.

**May 14:** Jack Mayerhofer spoke at a screening of “The Silence of Others”, which was co-organized by AIPR. The film, a documentary, examines the struggle for transitional justice following the Franco dictatorship in Spain.

**May 14:** Dr. Ramírez Barat, together with the Brazilian Office of the Ombudsman, participated in an event organized by the European Union Delegation in Brasilia to present the EPP’s educational project to representatives from European embassies in Brazil.

**May 15:** Dr. Gabriela Ghindea was invited to participate in a European civil society meeting in Brussels regarding the responsibility of civil society in preventing identity-based violence and mass atrocities.

**May-August:** AIPR’s LAP staff and the Public Ministry of the City of Buenos Aires’ program for Anti-Discrimination Policies launched a 3-lecture series for members of the Federal Police of Argentina.

**July 5:** Dr. Clara Ramírez-Barat presented the EPP’s Brazilian project at the annual Intensive Course of Education and Human rights Memory and Citizenship organized by the Memorial da Resistencia de São Paulo.

**July 11:** AIPG organized the performance of Bosnian-American Artivist Aida Šehović’s ŠTO TE NEMA as a part of Artivism in Venice, Italy.

**July 7-14:** The EPP organized two trainings on the Educational Toolkit in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Ombudsperson’s Office in El Salvador.
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**July 12:** AIPR’s Artivism team organizes Mirko Ilić’s Tolerance Poster show in Venice.

**July 14-19:** Several AIPR staff members participated in and presented at the 14th Biennale Conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

**July 23:** Dr. Tibi Galis, Dr. Kerry Whigham, and Ms. Susan Braden participated and presented at the 3rd Thai National Dialogue on Atrocities Prevention, entitled “Prevention of Atrocities through Teaching History and Keeping Memories” in Bangkok, Thailand.

**August 13:** In Argentina, the LAP participated in an activity for law and social sciences students of the University of Palermo related to genocide prevention and Latin American perspectives.

**August 14-16:** Dr. Gabriela Ghinea participated as a moderator and contributor to a three-day online consultation initiated by Protection Approaches on Europe’s prevention crisis and solutions identified by European civil society to address it.

**August 22:** Dr. Clara Ramírez-Barat participated as an invited speaker in a seminar on AIPG’s Education Policies Program in Latin America, organized by the Spanish Embassy in Brasilia.

**September 5:** The LAP contributed to a new edition of Testimonies of Holocaust Survivors that took place with more than 70 students from the Political Science Department of Torcuato Di Tella University and featured Helene Gutowski’s testimony.

**September 9-13:** The Auschwitz Institute organized two national training seminars in Iasi and Cluj in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Public Ministry from Romania.

**September 10:** Ms. Amanda Petraglia traveled to Brasilia to participate in a civil society consultation organized and funded by the EU Delegation in Brasilia.

**September 26-28:** AIPG’s APO conducted a three-day training seminar on the “Prevention of Identify-Based Violence” in Bangui, Central African Republic.

**October 3-4:** Dr. James Waller, Dr. Tibi Galis, and Mr. Jack Mayerhofer held consultation meetings with military, academic, and government experts in Dublin, Ireland for the Conflict-Related Atrocity Crimes Prevention program.

**October 1:** The Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education on “the right to education and the prevention of atrocity crimes,” was presented at the General Assembly of the UN. As a result of Dr. Ramírez-Barat’s participation in the elaboration of this report, both her work and Dr. Waller’s are referenced in the document.

**October 15-18:** AIPG’s MBN Program organized a four-day regional training
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seminar on “Countering Distortion through Governmental Action: Building the Capacity of Government Actors for Promoting and Protecting the Civil and Human Rights of Roma” in Bucharest with the support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

October 21-23: The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Auschwitz Institute, and the Stanley Center for Peace and Security organized consultations in Bucharest with representatives of Southeast European States regarding the launch of the Mediterranean Basin Network for Atrocity Crimes Prevention.

October 28-29: With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Ombudsperson of Paraguay, the Stanley Center for Peace and Security and the UN OSAPG, the LAP hosted the X Annual Focal Points Meeting of the Latin American Network for Genocide Prevention.

October 30-November 1: The LAP developed activities for public officials from a variety of Paraguayan government agencies and the National Diplomatic Academy and discussed with them the importance of working in the field of prevention.

October 31-November 1: The EPP organized two seminars on Education and Prevention in Paraguay in collaboration with the General Directorate of Truth, Justice and Repair of the Public Defender (DGVJR-DP) and the Directorate of Human Rights of the Ministry of Education.


November 12: The EPP held a closing ceremony at the Procuraduría General de República for its project in collaboration with the Secretary of Education of Brasilia, the PFDC and the Embassies of Sweden and Finland.

November 21-22: With support from the German Federal Foreign office’s ifa Funding Program zivik, the LAP and the Office of the Ombudsperson of Colombia organized a training seminar to equip public officials and community leaders with the skills needed to identify risk factors for genocide and other mass atrocities throughout the migration process, specifically in relation to the Venezuelan crisis.

November 24: Artivism concluded its run at the 2019 Venice Biennale.

November 26-27: With support from the German Federal Foreign office’s ifa Funding Program zivik, the LAP co-organized a two-day seminar for members of the Office
of the Ombudsperson of Ecuador and its regional delegations on applying an atrocity prevention lens to the migration crisis.

December: Dr. Ramírez-Barat’s commissioned review essay on “The Path to Social Reconstruction: Between Culture and Transitional Justice” was published in the International Journal of Transitional Justice.


December 2: AIPR co-organized a panel discussion “Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: The Case for Greater Collaboration between the Development and Atrocity Prevention Agendas” with the German Permanent Mission to the UN.

December 4–5: Dr. Kerry Whigham organized an experts meeting for AIPG’s Truth Commissions research project at White & Case in New York.

December 7: The EPP organized a final meeting with teachers in Sao Paulo to discuss their experiences with the “Citizenship and Democracy in School” project.

December 10: AIPG and the Esma Museum and Site of Memory held an event to present the results of the joint project for accessibility of the contents of the museum to the Argentinean community and local tourism industry.

December 10-12: Ms. Mariana Salazar traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa to instruct in the US State Department’s Regional Atrocity Prevention Training Seminar.
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