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 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 to be read by the participants prior to that particular 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 7 – 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 8 – 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 9 – 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
- 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 10 – 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
- Crisis Spot: Burma
- Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
- Network Mapping Discussions

Friday, November 11—Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- Introduction to Transitional Justice
- Case Study: Transitional Justice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
- Case Study: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
- The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice

Saturday, November 12 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

- Capstone Simulation
- Arranged Tours in Krakow
- Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution
Sunday, November 6

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 7 – Introductions and Context

7:00 Breakfast

7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)

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)
- Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- Ms. Taryn Lesser, 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
Tuesday, November 8 – Process and Place

7:00 Breakfast

7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)

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. Marek Kucia, Associate Professor, Jagiellonian University (Poland), Institute of Sociology  

11:15-11:45 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau  
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

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 9 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

7:30  Breakfast – Dialogue Centre

8:30-8:45  Introduction to the Mission and Work of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer
Father Jan Nowak, Director

8:45-9:15  Introducing Upstream Prevention Strategies: Risk Factors for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR

9:15-10:45  Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “UN Office Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes” (English and Spanish, 2014).

10:45-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-11:45  Film and Discussion: *A Class Divided* (1985)

11:45-12:30  Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre

12:45-14:00  The Responsibility to Protect
Ms. Taryn Lesser, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect

14:00-15:30  Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide & Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz and Ms. Taryn Lesser, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect

15:30-15:45  Coffee Break
The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Samantha Capicotto, AIPR and Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, AIPR (Uganda)


Formative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator

Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for La Rossa Restaurant

Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant

Bus Departs for Return to Dialogue Centre
Thursday, November 10 – 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

13:30-15:00    Crisis Spot: Burma
   Debbie Stothard, Alternative Asean Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)
   Reading: “Why a UNGA Resolution Is Still Needed” (September 1, 2016).

15:00-15:15    Coffee Break

15:15-17:00    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

17:30    Dinner – Dialogue Centre

18:30    Network Mapping Discussions – Dialogue Centre 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Friday, November 11 – 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  

9:00-11:00  Introduction to Transitional Justice  
Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR  

11:00-11:15  Coffee Break

11:15-12:45  Case Study: Transitional Justice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)  
Dr. Christalla Yakinthou, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham (UK)  

12:45-13:30  Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre

13:45-15:15  Case Study: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina  
Dr. Andrea Gualde, Senior Advisor for Latin American Programs, AIPR  

15:15-15:30  Coffee Break

15:30-17:00  The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice  
Dr. Kerry Whigham, Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University  

17:15  Bus to Krakow
19:00  Check-In at Radisson Blu
Evening  Free Evening in Krakow
Saturday, November 12 – 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, and Group Photo
    Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR, and Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/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)
    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 13

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