Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Global Government Edition, November 2018

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 12 – 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 13 – 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
- Survivor Art Exhibit: "The Labyrinth" by Marian Kolodziej
- Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience

Wednesday, November 14 – 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 15 – 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 Atrocity
- Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
- Challenges in Contemporary Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Crisis Spot: Burma
- Network Mapping Discussions

Friday, November 16 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past
- Introduction to Transitional Justice from an Atrocity Prevention Perspective
- The Role of Retributive Justice in Atrocity Prevention
- Trauma and Mental Health Legacies of Conflict
- The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice

Saturday, November 17 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action
- Capstone Simulation
- Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution
Sunday, November 11

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 12 – 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)
- Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director, International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- Ms. Juliette Lehner, 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 Departs from Auschwitz I for 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 13 – 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 Departs Auschwitz II-Birkenau for St. Maximilian Kolbe Centre at the Franciscan Monastery in Harmez
Survivor Art Exhibit: “The Labyrinth” by Marian Kolodziej

17:15      Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre

18:00      Dinner – Dialogue Centre

19:00      Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre – 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Facilitator: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Wednesday, November 14 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre

8:30-9:00 Framing the Day: 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
Dr. Noel Morada, Director, Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, APR2P (Australia)

12:50-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre

Ms. Claudia Diaz, 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 Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, AIPR

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

19:00 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for La Rossa Restaurant
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Thursday, November 15 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

7:30  Breakfast – Dialogue Centre

8:30-9:00  Framing the Day: 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 (Sansi Most, BiH)

10:30-10:45  Coffee Break

10:45-12:15  Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity  
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR  

12:15-13:00  Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre

13:15-14:45  Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention  
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning, AIPR

14:45-15:15  Challenges in Contemporary Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Facilitators: Mr. Vahidin Omanovic and Mr. Mevludin Rahmanoic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sansi Most, BiH)  
Distribute: Capstone Simulation Assignments and Capstone Simulation Guidelines (for Saturday morning)

15:15-15:30  Coffee Break

15:30-17:00  Crisis Spot: Burma  
Debbie Stothard, Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)  
Readings: (a) ALTSEAN Burma Bulletin (July 2018) and (b) ALTSEAN Burma, “Dodging Accountability and Whitewashing Crimes: Time for Burma/Myanmar International Investigation Mechanism” (August 23, 2018).

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. Ashad Sentongo, and Dr. Kerry Whigham (AIPR)
**Friday, November 16 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past**

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| 8:30-9:00 | Framing the Day: 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, AIPR  
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee Break                                                                                   |
| 10:45-12:15 | The Role of Retributive Justice in Atrocity Prevention  
Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico City, Mexico)  
| 12:15-13:00 | Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre                                                                   |
| 13:15-14:45 | Trauma and Mental Health Legacies of Conflict  
Prof. Peter McBride, Group Chief Executive, Inspire (Northern Ireland)  
[https://www.inspirewellbeing.org/](https://www.inspirewellbeing.org/)  
**Reading:** "The Scale of Conflict-Related Trauma in Northern Ireland" (2018). |
| 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 and Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow, Binghamton University (NY-US)  
| 16:30-16:45 | Closing Announcements                                                                         |
| 17:00   | Bus to Krakow                                                                                  |
| 18:30   | Check-In at Radisson Blu Evening                                                                |
| **Evening** | Free Evening in Krakow                                                                 |
### Saturday, November 17 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

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<td><strong>Reading</strong>: “Bosnia-Herzegovina Simulation Briefing.”</td>
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### Sunday, November 18

**Morning**

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

“Human rights are universal and indivisible. Human freedom is also indivisible; if it is denied to anyone in the world, it is therefore denied, indirectly, to all people. This is why we cannot remain silent in the face of evil or violence; silence merely encourages them.”

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Vaclav Havel