



the auschwitz institute  
for the prevention of genocide  
and mass atrocities

# Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention

Online Edition

February 28 - April 10, 2022

## Goals

- 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 mass atrocities from ever taking place, prevent further atrocities once they have begun, and prevent future atrocities once a society has begun to rebuild after mass violence.
- 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 an open and respectful exchange between individuals 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 worldwide network of state officials who will act to prevent genocide and mass atrocities.

## Overview

The Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG) has implemented the second **Online Edition** of the **Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention**. With the support of the Auschwitz- Birkenau State Museum, AIPG has created an interactive six-week online program. The asynchronous online format allows participants to engage in a virtual dialogue with the course instructors and their colleagues on Canvas, AIPG’s teaching platform.

This online program 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 stakeholders are committed and prepared. The program begins with a case study of the Holocaust, focusing on the Holocaust as a process. The second week is dedicated to an overview of the concepts of genocide, mass atrocities, and prevention. The remaining four weeks of the program 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.

## Agenda

### Week One | The Holocaust as Process

**Dates:** February 28 – March 6, 2022

**Synopsis:** Case Study of the Holocaust as a Social and Political Process. Virtual Tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

### Week Two | Concepts in Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

**Dates:** March 7 – March 13, 2022

**Synopsis:** The Road to the Genocide Convention (from Raphael Lemkin to the UN). Concepts of Mass Atrocity and Prevention

### Week Three | Upstream Prevention: Early Warning and R2P

**Dates:** March 14 – March 20, 2022

**Synopsis:** The Genocide as Social and Political Process. Risk Factors for Atrocity (Governance, Conflict History, Economic Conditions, Social Fragmentation). Introduction to the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

### Week Four | Midstream Prevention: Becoming Evil and Response Tools

**Dates:** March 21 – March 27, 2022

**Synopsis:** Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Mass Killing. Accelerants and Triggers in Provoking Mass Killing. Cooperative and Coercive Response Tools (Political, Economic, Legal, and Military)

### Week Five | Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice

**Dates:** March 28 – April 3, 2022

**Synopsis:** Introduction to Transitional Justice. Processes of Truth, Justice, Reparations, and Reform

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### Week Six | Downstream Prevention: The Role of Memory and Memorialization

Dates: April 4 – April 10, 2022

Synopsis: Concepts of Public/Collective Memory. Memorials and Sites of Memory

“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.” – Václav Havel

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