

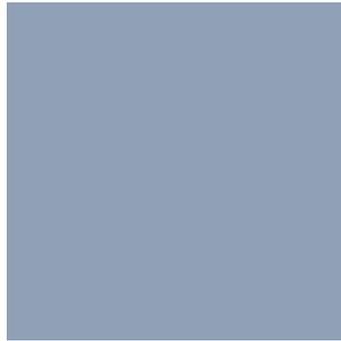
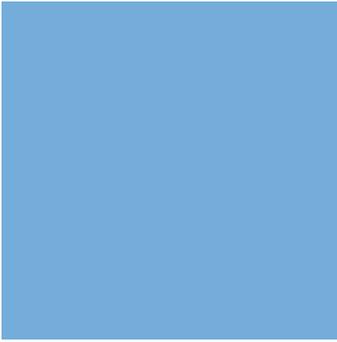
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Annual Report | 2013



We are Building a World that Prevents Genocide and other Mass Atrocities

Through education and technical assistance, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation supports states in developing and strengthening national mechanisms for the prevention of genocide and other mass atrocities. The Auschwitz Institute also encourages state cooperation for the prevention of genocide and other mass atrocities through regional and international efforts.



More than six decades after the Holocaust, genocide and other mass atrocities remain a threat to world peace and security. Effective genocide and mass atrocity prevention requires a multi-dimensional approach to **education**.

The Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention, Global Edition, is our main educational program. This weeklong seminar is grounded in the belief that preventing genocide and mass atrocities is an achievable goal. There are ways to recognize genocide's signs and symptoms, and viable options exist to prevent it. Seminars are offered to government officials and led by global leaders in the field of genocide prevention. It is held on the site of the former German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland, a location that amplifies the tragic lessons of history. The seminar brings a heightened degree of awareness to previous genocides and our past failures to prevent them, while at the same time, fosters an understanding of the responsibility of states to prevent genocide. In this way, we empower our participants with the tools to act. Following each seminar, participants and their institutions become part of our alumni community and we offer ongoing technical assistance for capacity building towards genocide prevention at the national and regional levels. To date, more than 200 government officials from over 60 countries have attended the Lemkin Seminar, and we've featured more than 50 instructors from around the globe, including prominent professors, government officials, and United Nations representatives.

Together, we are building a world that prevents genocide and other mass atrocities.

Latin American Programs: The Auschwitz Institute helps Latin American governments put mass atrocity prevention into practice



“We know that genocide and atrocity crimes are processes that develop over time. As such, we can prevent them

if there is political will to do so. Each historical experience is unique, and mechanisms for prevention of atrocity crimes need to be tailored to the specificities of each regional and national context. But there is also much to share, within the region and with the wider world. I can candidly assure you that the motivation and achievements of the **Latin American Network** are already resonating worldwide.”

- Adama Dieng, UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

The Auschwitz Institute serves as **Secretariat of the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention**. Launched in March 2012, the Network is the world’s leading initiative fostering capacity building and policy development in this field, with the participation of 18 states from the region: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The Network provides a space for the exchange of best practices for public officials. Among its goals, the Network aims to institutionalize a culture of genocide prevention throughout Latin America’s governments, which can serve as an example to be followed in other regions worldwide. As Secretariat, the Auschwitz Institute supports all participating institutions of member states of the Network by co-organizing training seminars and by assisting in the development of a unified national policy on genocide prevention. In August 2013, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the Latin American Network an effective “**partnership for prevention.**”

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Atrocidades Masivas**



African Programs: The Auschwitz Institute offers advice for policy development inspired by local conditions and practices across Africa



The Auschwitz Institute believes that decades of political instability and armed conflicts in Africa are best solved by investing in genocide and mass atrocity prevention mechanisms. In February 2013, AIPR and the African Union Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding towards building regional and sub-regional programs in genocide and mass atrocity prevention. Today, we are directly working with individual practitioners, regional organizations, and national mechanisms on genocide and mass atrocity prevention capacity building across Africa. In order to promote and widen the spectrum of timely interventions, effective humanitarian assistance, and increase monitoring of at-risk states within the AUC community — all with the goal of preventing genocide and mass atrocities — AIPR's African Programs operate on **three core principles**:

1. Practical and in-depth training on genocide and mass atrocity prevention for focal points and other actors within AUC Member States by experienced instructors.
2. Development of national action plans and infrastructural elements for prevention-specific policy formulation and implementation to meet self-identified needs for democracy, human rights, election management and governance, as necessary conditions for genocide and mass atrocity prevention.
3. Regular consultations with civil society, national, regional, and sub-regional actors to assess our programs' cooperative aspects and effectiveness, ensuring that individual states are the driving force under the supervision of the African Union Commission.



Auschwitz Institute Facilitates Dialogue in Tanzania on Mass Atrocity Prevention

On May 27 & 28, 2013, Lemkin Seminar alumni from 22 countries gathered in Arusha, Tanzania, for an AIPR-organized conference titled, "Best Practices and New Opportunities in Genocide Prevention: Governmental Action, Technology, and Regional Contexts." At this meeting, African civil society organizations discussed their work to prevent genocide and other mass atrocities in their home countries and regions and highlighted the opportunities for cooperation between government and civil society.

AIPR Events, Seminars and Conferences | 2013

January 15, 2013: AIPR Academic Programs Coordinator James Waller delivers lecture, “Religion and Genocide: From Participation to Reconciliation,” at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, in Naples, Florida.

February 26, 2013: AIPR hosts conference, “Deconstructing Prevention: The Theory, Policy, and Practice of Mass Atrocity Prevention,” in New York City and awards the Raphael Lemkin Prize to Barbara Harff, a pioneering genocide scholar and creator of the first genocide risk assessment systems.



February 28, 2013: Following a meeting with the Genocide Prevention Parliamentary Group, AIPR Executive Director Tibi Galis is a panelist at an event organized by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity in Ottawa, Canada.

April 2, 2013: James Waller delivers lecture titled, “Becoming Evil,” as part of the 30th Annual Sonoma State University 2013 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series in Rohnert Park, California.

April 13, 2013: James Waller delivers lecture at conference titled, “Genocide and Conflict in Argentina,” held at the William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

April 16, 2013: Tibi Galis delivers remarks at an event at the NYU School of Law in New York City marking the 19th anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.



April 18, 2013: James Waller chairs panel discussion titled, “Preventing Mass Atrocities through Development Policies: A Roundtable on Economic, Social and Legal Aspects,” at the World Bank in Washington DC.

May 1, 2013: James Waller delivers keynote at 38th Annual Symposium on the Holocaust at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

May 27 – 28, 2013: Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar Series Alumni Meeting, titled “Best Practices and New Opportunities in Genocide Prevention: Governmental Action, Technology, and Regional Contexts,” held in Arusha, Tanzania.

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June 11 – 12, 2013: AIPR participates in the Third Meeting of the Global Network of R2P Focal Points titled “Preventing Atrocities: Capacity Building, Networks, and Regional Organizations,” in Accra, Ghana

June 12, 2013 2013: Tibi Galis discusses the question, “What Does It Mean to Prevent Genocide?” at an event at the Carnegie Council in Washington DC.

June 23 – 30, 2013: AIPR hosts Latin American Edition of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention in Oswiecim, Poland.

August 8, 2013: Tibi Galis delivers keynote address for Carabiniers of Chile Human Rights Training Program titled, “Human Rights, Policing Function and Use of Force,” in Santiago, Chile.

August 19, 2013: Tibi Galis delivers lecture at Diplomatic Academy of Peru titled, “The Process of Genocide Prevention,” in Lima, Peru.

September 9, 2013: Tibi Galis chairs panel discussion, “Country Cases of Prevention in Practice,” as part of event titled, Civil Society Perspectives: Building State Capacity to Prevent Atrocity Crimes, in New York City.

September 26, 2013: Scholars and practitioners, including AIPR staff, gather in New York to discuss their contributions to the book, *Reconstructing Atrocity Prevention*, to be published in 2015 by Cambridge University Press.

September 26, 2013: James Waller delivers lecture to cadets titled, “The Psychology of Perpetration,” in West Point, New York.

October 15, 2013: Tibi Galis chairs panel titled, Mass Atrocity Prevention as a Development Imperative in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries, at the World Bank in Washington DC.

October 19, 2013: AIPR’s Director for Latin America Eugenia Carbone participated in the Augusto Ramirez Ocampo Course in International Humanitarian Law at the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bogata, Colombia.

November 21, 2013: James Waller delivers lecture to conclude the University of Texas - San Antonio (UTSA) Honors College’s 2013 Holocaust and Genocide Remembrance Week.

December 2 – 8, 2013: AIPR hosts Global Government Edition of the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention, in Oswiecim, Poland.

Profiles in Prevention: Leaders on the front lines of genocide and mass atrocity prevention—trained by the Auschwitz Institute



“The ‘power of the place’ experience in Auschwitz is unique, although tough, but once you have passed through it, it is impossible not to feel you have to do something towards genocide and mass atrocities prevention. After the seminar, you will feel a personal responsibility to prevention that will stay with you your whole life, not only as a public officer, but as a human being.” - **Cecilia Meirovich, Secretary of Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina**

“Being a Human Rights Officer working for a national human rights institution that is tasked with the responsibility of promoting and protecting human rights in the whole of South Sudan, I feel that it is vital to develop and build my skills in the field of genocide prevention. I am really grateful you have made it possible for me to participate in the Lemkin Seminar.” - **Luate Charles Wani, Human Rights Officer, South Sudanese Human Rights Commission**



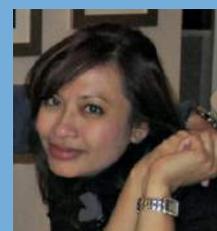
“Through the ‘power of place,’ the Raphael Lemkin Seminar in Poland was a meaningful experience that helped me to better understand a terrible reality, one that can be repeated everywhere and whenever, no matter how developed we believe we are. However, it also gave me the hope that it is possible to prevent genocide, thanks to knowledge and actions as powerful tools.” - **Analucia Jacome Quelal, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the UN in Geneva**

“My participation in the Lemkin Seminar in November 2012 made me realize that the issues of mass atrocity prevention and the protection of civilians in conflict are very closely related... Prevention is the key word.” - **Masni Eriza, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN in New York**

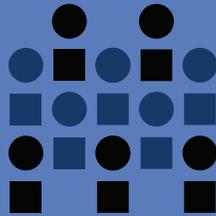


“I do feel that it is everybody's responsibility to see to it the world is a safe place to live for everyone. It starts with an individual, including me. Knowing that my work in prevention will make a difference, however small, and the fact that I am not alone in this, gives me the drive to push on.” - **Felistas Mushi, Chairperson, National Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, Tanzania**

“To prevent history from repeating itself, it is important to share best practices and to learn from the experiences of other regions and about the diverse ways of handling the tensions arising from conflicting ethnic or religious identities, and in turn, apply these lessons to each country's unique characteristics.” - **Grata Endah Werdaningtyas, Deputy Director for the Rights of Vulnerable Groups, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia**



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