

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Global Government Edition, November 2015

Goals of the Seminar:

- (1) To familiarize participants with the concept of genocide and other atrocity crimes, and examine the processes by which genocide occurs.
- (2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (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 (typically no longer than 30 pages) to be read by the participants prior to that particular module. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to engage firsthand 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.

Sunday, November 8

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 9 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 23)
- 8:30-9:00 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 Kacorzyc, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - Mr. Patrick Travers, Representative from 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
- 9:00-10:15 Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Atrocity Crimes, and Prevention
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) James Waller, “Transcending Fratricide: The Politics of Naming,” from Srda Pavlovic and Marko Zivkovic (eds.), *Transcending Fratricide: Political Mythologies, Reconciliations, and the Uncertain Future in the Former Yugoslavia* (Germany: Nomos, 2013), pp. 31-49.
(b) UN Genocide Convention (1951).
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
Reading: “Historical Overview,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000), pp. 3-9.
Handout: Nazi Party Platform (1920)
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-16:00 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz I (smaller groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: “Auschwitz,” from Adrian Weale’s *Army of Evil: A History of the SS* (New York: Penguin, 2010), pp. 366-397.
- 16:15 Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Stara Poczta Restaurant
- 19:00 Official Opening Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Galicja Hotel

Tuesday, November 10 – Process and Place

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 23)
- 8:30-9:45 The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: “Historical Overview,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000) *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust*, pp. 9-41.
- 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
Alicja Bialecka, Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Readings: Selections from *The Holocaust: Voices of Scholars*, edited by Jolanta Ambrosewic-Jacobs (Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, 2009).
- 11:15-11:45 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 12:45 Bus Departs from Dialogue Centre to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 13:00-16:00 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz II-Birkenau (smaller groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: Selection from Primo Levi’s *If This Is a Man (Survival in Auschwitz)*, translated by Stuart Woolf (1959), pp. 19-27.
- 16:15 Bus Departs from Auschwitz II-Birkenau to Auschwitz Jewish Center
- 16:30 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Center (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 17:15 Bus Departs for Dialogue Centre
- 18:00 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Informal Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre 4th Floor
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Mr. Mevludin Rahmanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)

Wednesday, November 11 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- 7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00 Introduction to the Mission and Work of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer
Father Jan Nowak, Director
- 9:00-10:30 Legal Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, AIPR
- 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
Readings: (a) James Waller, “The Ordinarity of Extraordinary Evil: The Making of Perpetrators of Genocide and Mass Killing,” from Olaf Jensen and Claus-Christian W. Szejnmann (eds.), *Ordinary People as Mass Murderers: Perpetrators in Comparative Perspective* (UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), pp. 145-164 and (b) excerpt from Jean Hatzfeld’s *Machete Season: The Killers in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003), pp. 21-27, 36-40.
Handout: The Interrogation of Erna Petri (19 September, 1961)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Exercise: The Role of Identity in Upstream Prevention
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Moving from Upstream to Midstream: 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
- 17:00-17:30 Formative Evaluation Session
- 19:00 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for La Rossa Restaurant
- 19:30 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant
- 23:00 Bus Departs for Dialogue Centre

Thursday, November 12 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30-10:00 Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Claudia Diaz, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “UN Office Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes” (2014).
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:00 Film and Discussion: *A Class Divided* (1985)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:30 The Responsibility to Protect
Patrick Travers, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “A Vital and Enduring Commitment: Implementing the Responsibility to Protect,” UN Doc A/69/981-S/2015/500 (13 July, 2015).
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide & Other Atrocity Crimes
Claudia Diaz and Patrick Travers, UN
Reading: “Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention,” UN Doc A/67/929-S/2013/399 (9 July, 2013).
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Rwanda Case Study: When to Write your Own Rules – When Institutions Fail to Respond
Ms. Laura Lane, President, Global Public Affairs, UPS (formerly economic and political-military affairs officer at American Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda 1993-94)
Reading: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/ghosts/interviews/>
Resource: Rwanda Bibliography
- 17:30 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Network Mapping Discussions – Dialogue Centre 4th Floor

Friday, November 13 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00 Introductory Exercise: Justice, Truth, and Memory
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
- 9:00-10:30 Introduction to Transitional Justice
Mr. Habib Nassar, Human Rights Program, Hunter College (NY)
Readings: (a) Clara Sandoval Villalba, "Transitional Justice, Key Concepts, Processes and Challenges, Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (July, 2011) and (b) "The Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies," UNSC S/2011/634 (12 October, 2011).
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 Institutional Reform through Transitional Justice and Mass Atrocity Prevention
Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:30-15:15 The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: Dan Stone, "Genocide and Memory," from Donald Bloxham and A. Dirk Moses *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 102-119.
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Crisis Spot: Burma
Debbie Stothard, Alternative Asean Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)
Reading: "Post 2014 UNGA Resolution Developments in Burma," (October 4, 2015), ALTSEAN. Only read pages 1-3, 6-7, 11-15, and 20-29.
- 17:15 Bus to Krakow
- 19:00 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, November 14 – 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
Readings: (a) “Rwanda Historical Background” and (b) “Rwanda Simulation Briefing.”
Location: Radisson Blu – 1st Floor Conference Centre
- 10:30-11:00 Simulation Debriefing
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-11:45 Seminar Wrap-Up, Introduction to Alumni Network, and Group Photo
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/AIPR
- 11:45-12:30 Summative Evaluation Session
- 12:30-13:15 Lunch – Radisson Blu
- 13:30 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 15

- 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