

AIPR Diplomat Workshop (November 13–20, 2011)
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Goals:

- (1) To familiarize participants with the concept of genocide, its relation to the broader category of mass atrocity, and the processes by which genocide occurs.
- (2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (knowledge and skills) necessary to develop the means to identify and deter the potential for genocide, limit genocide as it unfolds, and engage in programs of transitional justice that aim to prevent the future occurrence of mass atrocity in a post-conflict society.
- (3) To reinforce the international security and human rights norm of the responsibility to protect, with clear recognition of the idea that sovereignty is not a privilege, but a responsibility.
- (4) To create a worldwide communication network of genocide-sensitive policymakers, with a heightened degree of awareness and sensitivity to the role of non-governmental actors in supporting their work in zones of conflict.

Overview:

This seminar aims to provide a program for participants that, literally, could not be experienced anywhere else in the world. Buttressed by an international teaching team of scholars and activists, 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. Day 1 (Monday) of the seminar will set the history and context by utilizing the “power of place” to focus on the Holocaust and Auschwitz as an introduction to the concept of genocide and the mechanics of mass atrocities. Day 2 (Tuesday) will continue on-site at Auschwitz and examine issues of memory and responsibility. Day 3 (Wednesday) will focus on perpetrators, pre-conflict early warning and assessment, and working with humanitarian partners. Day 4 (Thursday) will feature programming by the UN Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide with a specific focus on preventing and responding to risks of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity. Day 5 (Friday) will examine issues related to transitional justice, with case studies drawn from Rwanda and Argentina. Day 6 (Saturday) will conclude the seminar by looking at the role of military and media partners in the responsibility to protect.

Each teaching module 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. Instructors may also distribute a one-page bibliography of additional recommended readings for future research. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to engage firsthand with the learning resources and presentation material. The workshop 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 13

Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00 Late Lunch at Dialogue Centre

20:00 Dinner at Dialogue Centre

Monday, November 14

History and Context

7:30 Breakfast and Participant Introductions

8:40 Meet in Dialogue Centre lobby for walk to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)

9:00-9:30 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention

9:30-9:45 Seminar Introduction:
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation; Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

9:45-10:45 Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide and Mass Atrocities
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Reading: UN Genocide Convention (1951)
Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 The Holocaust: Definitions and Antecedents
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Reading: “Historical Overview,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000), pp. 3–41.

12:00-13:00 Lunch, Olecki Hotel

13:15-14:00 The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939–45)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College

14:00-16:30 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz I (small groups)
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Reading: “Auschwitz,” from Walter Laqueur’s (ed.) *The Holocaust Encyclopedia* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2001), pp. 32–44.

- 16:30-16:45 Coffee Break
- 16:45-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up
- 18:15 Bus from Dialogue Centre to Stara Poczta Restaurant in Oswiecim
- 18:30 Official Opening Dinner
- 20:15 Bus returns to Dialogue Centre

Tuesday, November 15
Memory and Responsibility

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15 Bus to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 8:30-11:30 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz II-Birkenau (small 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.
- 11:30 Bus to Olecki Hotel
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch, Olecki Hotel
- 12:45 Meet in Olecki Hotel lobby for walk to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 13:00-14:30 Between Memory and Commemoration:
Educational Philosophy of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Alicja Bialecka, Educational Programs Director, International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust (ICEAH)
Reading: “Auschwitz Shifts from Memorializing to Teaching,” Michael Kimmelman, *New York Times* (Feb. 18, 2011) , and responses to article at <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/opinion/127auschwitz.html>
- 14:30-14:45 Coffee Break
- 14:45-15:15 Background Briefing: Allied Responses to Auschwitz
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 15:15-16:15 Case Study: Should the Allies Have Bombed Auschwitz?
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Reading: Pehle-McCloy Correspondence (November 8 & 18, 1944)
- 16:15-17:30 The Role of Government Officials in the Holocaust

Dr. Stefanie Fischer, Technical University of Berlin

18:00 Polish Dinner, Dialogue Centre

20:00 Post-Visit Debriefing (Optional)
Dr. Alex Hinton, Rutgers University, Newark

Wednesday, November 16
Perpetrators, Pre-Conflict Assessment, and Humanitarian Partners

7:30 Breakfast

8:15 Meet in Dialogue Centre lobby for walk to Oswiecim College

8:30-10:00 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Readings: (a) James Waller, "The Ordinariness 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* (2003), pp. 21–27, 36–40.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:30 Genocide Risk Assessment and Early Warning
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
Readings: (a) Gregory Stanton, "The Eight Stages of Genocide" (briefing paper)

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:30 Comparative Genocide: A Polish Journalist's Perspective
Konstanty Gebert, Director, Warsaw Office,
European Council on Foreign Relations

12:45-13:45 Lunch, Oswiecim College

14:00-15:00 Case Study: Early Warning Assessment of Current At-Risk Area
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
Reading: "The Pogroms in Kyrgyzstan," International Crisis Group, Asia Report No 193, 23 Aug 2010

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:45 Working with Humanitarian Partners

Erin Weir, Senior Advocate for Peacekeeping, Refugees International
Readings: (a) Hugo Slim’s “Idealism and Realism in Humanitarian Action,”
Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2005) and (b) “Guidelines for Relations
Between U.S. Armed Forces and Non-Governmental Humanitarian Organizations
in Hostile or Potentially Hostile Environments,” U.S. Institute of Peace (2005).

- 16:45-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up
- 18:00 Bus to Old Town for Walking Tour of Oswiecim Historical Quarter
- 19:00 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Centre (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 20:00 Dinner, High Way Pub

Thursday, November 17
Preventing and Responding to Risks of Genocide, War Crimes,
Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes against Humanity

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30-10:00 Foreseeing, Preventing, and Responding to Genocide: The Legal Framework
Prof. Sheri Rosenberg, Director, Program in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York City
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:00 Foreseeing, Preventing, and Responding to Genocide: The Legal Framework
(continued)
- 11:00-12:00 Policy, Legal and Operational Framework of the United Nations Office of the
Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect
Norul Rashid and Simona Cruciani, Office of the Special Advisers
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch, Dialogue Centre
- 13:00 -14:00 Policy, Legal and Operational Framework of the United Nations Office of the
Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect
(continued)
Norul Rashid and Simona Cruciani, Office of the Special Advisers
- 14:00-15:00 Working Group Discussion Part I: Interpreting and Designing Pillars I and II
Preventive and Response Measures and Applying to a Hypothetical Case Study
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

- 15:15-16:45 Working Group Discussion Part II: Creating Early-Warning and Prevention Opportunities Using the Framework of Analysis Guidelines
- 16:45-17:00 Presentation to Panel (Sheri Rosenberg, Norul Rashid, Tibi Galis, Simona Cruciani), Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up
- 18:00 Dinner, Dialogue Centre

Background Readings for the Day:

- (a) OSAPG Framework of Analysis for States
 (b) 2009 UN Secretary-General's Report on Implementing the Responsibility to Protect
 (c) 2010 UN Secretary-General's Report on Early Warning, Assessment and the Responsibility to Protect

*Friday, November 18
 Transitional Justice*

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30-10:00 Introduction to Transitional Justice
 Clara Ramirez-Barat, Senior Research Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice
Reading: "The Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies," UNDOC S/2004/616, August 2004.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:45 Principles of Conflict Economics and Transitional Justice
 Dr. Charles Anderton, College of the Holy Cross
Reading: Excerpts from Charles Anderton and John Carter's *Principles of Conflict Economics* (2009, pp. 1–14, 107–120).
- Noon-13:00 Lunch, Dialogue Centre
- 13:15-14:45 Reforging Rwanda's Identity: The Case of the Rwandan Government's Ingando Camps
 James Kearney, United Nations Association for the UK
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-16:30 Argentina: Dealing With the Past: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory
 Fabian Oddone, Chief of Section, Foreign Policy, Defense, Security, Argentinian Embassy to Brazil, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina

Readings: (a) Daniel Feierstein’s “Political Violence in Argentina and its Genocide Characteristics,” *Journal of Genocide Research* (2006), pp. 149–168 and (b) Maria Soledad Catoggio’s “The Last Military Dictatorship in Argentina (1976–1983): The Mechanism of State Terrorism,” *Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence* (2010).

16:30-17:00 Closing Discussion and Daily Wrap-Up

18:00 Dinner, Dialogue Centre

Saturday, November 19
Partners in the Responsibility to Protect

7:00 Coffee and Pastry, Dialogue Centre

7:30 Bus to Krakow

9:00 Breakfast, Radisson Hotel (Krakow)

9:45-11:15 Working With Military Partners

Dr. Taylor Seybolt, University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Readings: (a) “Employing Military Options,” from Madeleine K. Albright and William S. Cohen’s *Preventing Genocide: A Blueprint for U.S. Policymakers* (2008) and (b) Simulation Background: “Military Response Decisions During a Civilian Protection Crisis”

11:30-13:00 Working With Media Partners

Andrew Stroehlein, Communications Director
International Crisis Group (Brussels)

13:00-13:30 Seminar Wrap-Up

Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Tibi Galis, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
Fabian Oddone, Chief of Section, Foreign Policy, Defense, and Security,
Argentinian Embassy to Brazil, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:30-14:15 Lunch, Radisson Hotel

Afternoon Arranged Tours in Krakow:

Schindler Factory Museum (Podgorze District)
Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz District)
Galicia Jewish Museum (Kazimierz District)
Krakow City Tour

19:00 Closing Dinner

Sunday, November 20

Morning Participants check out of hotel and return home.