

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Global Government Edition, November 2014

Goals of the Seminar:

- (1) To familiarize participants with the concept of genocide, its relation to the broader category of atrocity crimes, 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 the best practices of post-conflict peacebuilding 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 strengthen capacity-building by creating a worldwide communication network of genocide-sensitive policymakers, shapers of political will, who will become agents of genocide and atrocity crimes prevention with a heightened degree of awareness and sensitivity to the role of non-governmental actors in supporting their work in zones of conflict.

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. 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 **introductions and context** by utilizing the power of place to focus on the Holocaust and Auschwitz as an introduction to the concept of genocide prevention and the mechanics of atrocity crimes. Day 2 (Tuesday) will continue on-site at Auschwitz and examine issues of **process and memory**. Day 3 (Wednesday) will focus on **perpetrators, frameworks for genocide and atrocity crimes prevention, and response tools**. Day 4 (Thursday) will explore **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 and dealing with the past**. Day 6 (Saturday) will conclude the seminar 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 16

All Day Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00 Late Lunch at Galicja Hotel

20:00 Dinner and Meet-and-Greet at Galicja Hotel

Monday, November 17 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Bus Departs Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-9:00 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Mr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
 - Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - Ms. Sarah Jacquier, 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 and Atrocity Crimes
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
- 10:30-11:45 Introduction to Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Mr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
Reading: Gregory Stanton’s briefing paper, “The 8 Stages of Genocide” (1998).
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-14:30 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)
- 14:30-14:45 Coffee Break and Study Visit Group Assignments

- 14:45-17:00 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.
- 17:15 Bus Returns to Galicja Hotel
- 19:00 Official Opening Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Galicja Hotel

Tuesday, November 18 – Process and Memory

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Bus Departs Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-10:00 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.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:30 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).
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45-12:15 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 12:30-13:15 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:30 Bus Departs from Olecki Hotel to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 13:45-16:45 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.
- 17:00 Bus Departs from Auschwitz II-Birkenau to Dialogue Centre
- 17:30 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Informal Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre 4th Floor
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Mr. Tom White, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, Keene State College
- 19:30 Bus Departs for Galicja Hotel

Wednesday, November 19 – Perpetrators, Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention, and Response Tools

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-10:30 Legal Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Prof. Sheri Rosenberg, Director, Program in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University (NY, NY)
Reading: Sheri Rosenberg and Everita Silina, “Genocide by Attrition: Silent and Efficient,” (US: Routledge, 2013).
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:45 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
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* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003), pp. 21-27, 36-40.
- 13:00-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:45 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
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 Crisis Spot: Burma
Debbie Stothard, Alternative Asean Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)
Reading: “Developments after the 2013 UNGA Resolution,” (September 19, 2014), ALTSEAN.
- 17:45 Bus to Auschwitz Jewish Center
- 18:00 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Center (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 18:30 Formative Evaluation Session
- 19:30 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant
- 23:00 Bus Departs for Galicja Hotel

Thursday, November 20 – Preventing and Responding to Risks of Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 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, 46 minutes)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:30 Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide & Other Atrocity Crimes
Claudia Diaz and Sarah Jacquier, UN
Reading: Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention (2013).
- 12:45-13:45 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 14:00-15:30 Responsibility to Protect (RtoP)
Claudia Diaz, UN
Readings: (a) Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention (2013) and (b) Fulfilling Our Collective Responsibility: International Assistance and the Responsibility to Protect (2014).
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45-17:00 Case Study: Developing a National Mechanism for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Mr. Lucas Kusima, Tanzania’s National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and All Forms of Discrimination
- 17:00-17:15 Coffee Break
- 17:15-18:45 Exercise: The Role of Identity in Transitional Justice
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 19:00 Dinner and Networking Mapping Discussions – Dialogue Centre
- 20:30 Bus Departs for Galicja Hotel

Friday, November 21 – Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:00 Breakfast and Checkout of Galicja Hotel
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre (bring suitcase with you on bus)
- 8:30-10:00 Introduction to Transitional Justice
Dr. Clara Ramirez-Barat (Senior Research Associate), International Center for Transitional Justice
Reading: Pablo de Greiff, “Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence,” UNDOC A/HRC/21/46, August 2012.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:45 Dealing with the Past: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
Ms. Andrea Gualde, Senior Adviser for Latin American Programs, AIPR
Reading: Andrea Gualde, “Reparations for Crimes against Humanity as Public Policy – The Relationship with the Past as a Tool of Prevention: From the Individual to the Collective.”
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 12:45-14:15 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.
- 14:15-14:30 Coffee Break
- 14:30-16:00 Technologies for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
Antoine Nouvet, The SecDev Foundation (Canada) and Igarape Institute (Brazil)
Reading: Robert Muggah and Gustavo Diniz, “Digitally Enhanced Violence Prevention in the Americas,” *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development* (2013), pp. 1-23.
- 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15-17:00 INTERPOL’s Role in Transitional Justice
Alexandre Feilhez, War Crimes & Genocide Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL
- 17:30 Bus to Krakow
- 19:00 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, November 22 – 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 Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/AIPR
Reading: Rwanda Background 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 23

- AM Participants check out of hotel 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