

AIPR Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention  
Latin American Network Edition, June 2013

Goals of the Seminar:

- (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 the best practices of post-conflict peacebuilding that aim to prevent the future occurrence of mass atrocity in a post-conflict society.
- (3) To critically examine the emerging 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 foster intercultural dialogue in an open and respectful exchange between individuals with different cultural backgrounds or worldviews 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 strengthen the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention by creating a communication network of genocide-sensitive policymakers, shapers of political will, who will become agents of genocide and mass atrocity 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 mass atrocity is an achievable goal. That is, there are ways to recognize its signs and symptoms, and viable options to prevent it at every turn if we are committed and prepared. 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. This seminar is meant to educate officials (just beginning or having recently begun their appointment) of the human rights organisms of Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Defense, National Mechanisms for Mass Atrocity and Genocide Prevention and all civil servants of the National and Inter-ministerial commissions for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, on mass atrocity and genocide prevention policy, thus developing these organisms’ capacity to effectively prevent the horrors caused by these crimes. Reading materials, 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, June 23*

All Day      Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00      Late Lunch at Galicja Hotel

20:00      Dinner at Galicja Hotel

*Monday, June 24 – History and Context*

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-9:00 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Christopher Kousouros, Coordinator of the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
  - Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
  - Adama Dieng, Special Advisor, UN Office of the Special Advisor on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
  - Dr. Daniel Feierstein, Director of the Centre for Genocide Studies at the National University of Tres de Febrero (Argentina) and Investigador CONICET
  - Dr. James Waller, Janet and Richard Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College and Academic Programs Director of AIPR
- 9:00-10:15 Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide and Mass Atrocities  
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR  
Reading: Convencion para la Prevencion y la Sancion del Delito de Genocidio (1951)  
Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30-11:45 Introduction to the Logic of the Concentration Camps  
Dr. Daniel Feierstein, National University of Tres de Febrero  
Reading: Daniel Feierstein's "La Logica Concentracionaria"
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-14:30 Introduction to Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention  
Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR  
Reading: Gregory Stanton's "The 8 Stages of Genocide" (1998)
- 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: *El Testimonio de Rudolf Hoess*

17:15 Bus returns to Galicja Hotel

19:00 Official Opening Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Oswiecim

Keynote Address: Adama Dieng, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

Comments: Ambassador Olendzki- Director of Africa and Middle East Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

Piotr Setkiewicz- Director of Education in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

*Tuesday, June 25 – Process and Memory*

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:30-10:00 The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process  
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)
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:30 Between Memory and Commemoration: Educational Philosophy of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum  
Alicja Bialecka, Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45-12:15 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau  
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:45 Bus to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 14:00-17:00 Guided Study Visit of Auschwitz II-Birkenau (smaller groups)  
Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum  
Reading: Primo Levi’s *En el Fondo*
- 17:15 Bus from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum to Dialogue Centre
- 18:00 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience

*Wednesday, June 26 – Perpetrators and Regional Frameworks for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention*

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Oswiecim College (Room 108)
- 8:30-10:00 Genocidal Societies  
Dr. Daniel Feierstein, National University of Tres de Febrero  
Reading: Daniel Feierstein's "Las Contradicciones de la Modernidad y su Resolucion: Igualda, Soberania, Autonomia y Practicas Sociales Genocidas"
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-12:15 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity  
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR  
Readings: (a) James E. 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.
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Oswiecim College
- 13:45-15:15 Regional Frameworks: ECOWARN (ECOWAS Warning and Response Network)  
Ms. Onyinye Onwuka, Early Warning Directorate, ECOWAS Commission
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Latin American Regional Institutions  
Federico Villegas, Director of Human Rights of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Reading: Federico Villegas Beltran's, "Los Derechos Humanos, Las Relaciones Internacionales y La Politica Exterior"
- 17:15 Bus from Oswiecim College to Auschwitz Jewish Center
- 17:30 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Centre (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 18:00 Review of Goals for Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention and Formative Evaluation Session
- 19:00 Dinner – Galicja Hotel

*Thursday, June 27 – Legal Frameworks and Policy Options for Preventing and Responding to Risks of Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity*

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 9:00-10:30 Legal Frameworks for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention  
Mariana Salazar, Director for International Humanitarian Law, Legal Advisory,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico  
Reading: Estatuto de Roma de la Corte Penal Internacional (Articulos 5-8)
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 Creating Early-Warning and Prevention Opportunities Using the UN Framework  
of Analysis Guidelines  
Mario Buil-Merce – UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to  
Protect  
Reading: OSAPG Marco de Análisis
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Responsibility to Protect (R2P)  
Mario Buil-Merce – UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to  
Protect  
Readings: UN Secretary-General’s annual reports on the responsibility to protect;  
(a) Hacer efectiva la responsabilidad de proteger (2009), (b) Alerta temprana y  
evaluación y la responsabilidad de proteger (2010), (c) La función de los  
mecanismos regionales y subregionales para hacer efectiva la responsabilidad de  
proteger (2011) and (d) La responsabilidad de proteger: respuesta oportuna  
y decisiva (2012).
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 R2P: Latin American Perspective and Critique  
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Feierstein, National University of Tres de Febrero
- 17:00-17:15 Coffee Break
- 17:15-18:30 Networking Discussions – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Dinner – Highway Pub

*Friday, June 28 – 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  
Clara Ramirez-Barat (Senior Research Associate) and Dr. Pablo de Greiff (Director of Research), International Center for Transitional Justice  
Reading: “El Estado de derecho y la justicia de transición en las sociedades que sufren o han sufrido conflictos,” UNDOC S/2004/616, August 2004.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:45 The Role of Identity in Transitional Justice  
Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:15-15:30 Roundtable: Dealing with the Past  
Participants: Andrea Gualde, Ministry of Justice (Argentina); Liliana Uribe Tirado, Judicial Freedom Corporation (Colombia); Fernando Auturo Lopez Antillon, President of the Instituto de Estudios Comparado en Ciencias Penales de Guatemala  
Moderator: Christopher Kousouros, Program Coordinator for the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, AIPR  
Readings: (a) Selections from Eduardo Luis Duhalde’s “The Terrorist Argentine State: After Fifteen Years” (1999) and (b) Marc Drouin, “Acabar hasta con la semilla”. *Comprendiendo el genocidio guatemalteco de 1982*, Guatemala, F&G Editores, 2011.
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45-17:00 Response Tools for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention  
Preparation for Capstone Simulation  
Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
- 17:15 Bus to Krakow
- 18:00 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

*Saturday, June 29 – Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention in Action*

- 7:30 Breakfast – Radisson Blu
- 8:30-10:45 Capstone Simulation: Early Warning Assessment of Current At-Risk Area  
Facilitators: Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR, Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, and Dr. Daniel Feierstein, National University of Tres de Febrero  
Reading: Rwanda Background Briefing
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 Seminar Wrap-Up, Planning for Second Week, Certificate Distribution, and Group Photo  
Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR, Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, and Dr. Daniel Feierstein, National University of Tres de Febrero
- 11:30-Noon Summative Evaluation Session
- Noon-13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Arranged Tours in Krakow:  
  
Schindler Factory Museum (Podgorze District)  
Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz District)  
Galicia Jewish Museum (Kazimierz District)  
Krakow City Tour
- 18:45 Meet in Lobby of Radisson Blu
- 19:00 Closing Dinner – White Rose Restaurant, Krakow

*Sunday, June 30*

- 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