

AIPR Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Latin American Network Edition, June 16-20, 2014

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.

The follow-up seminar in Buenos Aires will build on these five goals with these four curricular foci:

- Review the history and context of mass atrocity in Latin America.
- Examine current issues and case studies related to transitional justice in Latin America.
- Critically examine the transitional processes of truth, justice, and memory.
- Familiarize participants with regional initiatives for genocide and mass atrocity prevention.

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. 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.

Monday, June 16 – Arrivals

Lodging:

Feir's Park Hotel: Esmerelda 1366, Capital Federal

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Meals:

13:00 Lunch at Feir's Park Hotel

20:00 Dinner at Feir's Park Hotel

Tuesday, June 17 – History and Context

- 7:00 Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
- 8:00 Depart Hotels for Espacia Memoria y Derechos Humanos (ex ESMA)
- 9:30-10:30 Official Opening of the Seminar and Introduction of Participants
- Federico Villegas, Director General of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Argentina)
- Tibi Galis, Executive Director of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
- Jennifer Smyser, Director of Policy Programming, Stanley Foundation
- Martin Gras, Secretariat of Human Rights (Argentina)
- Dr. James Waller, Academic Programs Director (AIPR)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:00 Guided Study Visit of ESMA (smaller groups)
- 13:30-14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:45 Transport to Parque de la Memoria on the Rio de la Plata
- 15:00-16:30 Guided Study Visit of Parque de la Memoria
- 16:30-18:00 Debriefing Session – PayS Hall
Facilitator: Mr. Ramiro Fernando Gerszenswit
Secretary of Embassy at the Directorate of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina
- 18:15 Bus Returns to Hotel
- 20:15 Meet in Lobby at Feir’s Park Hotel
- 21:00 Official Opening Dinner
La Brigada Restaurant

Wednesday, June 18 – Issues and Case Studies in Transitional Justice

- 7:30 Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
- 8:30 Depart Hotel for Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 9:00-10:30 Historical Context: Civil-Military Relations in Latin America
Dr. Rut Diamint, Professor of International Security, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)
Readings: (a) David Pion-Berlin's "El Manejo Político de las Fuerzas Armadas en Latinoamérica" (2005) and (b) Rut Diamint's "Conduccion Civil de las Politicas de Defensa," from Marcela Donadio's (compiladora) *La reconstruccion de la seguridad nacional* (2011).
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 Discrimination and Public Policy
Horacio Ravenna, Co-Chairman of the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights and joint writer of the National Plan Against Discrimination (Argentina)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break and Welcomes from Latin American Network
- Dr. James Waller, AIPR Academic Programs Director
 - Dr. Andrea Gualde, AIPR Senior Adviser for Latin America
 - Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR Director for Latin America
- 13:45-15:45 Case Study: Colombia
- Challenges of Transitional Justice in Colombia
Dr. Ivan Orozco, University of Los Andes (Colombia)
- Readings: (a) Acto Legislativo No. 01 del 31 de Julio de 2012, (b) Intervencion en el Proceso de Constitucionalidad (Orozco), (c) Intervencion Corte Constitucional (Orozco), and (d) Notas para intervencion ante la Corte Constitucional (Orozco).
- El Rol de la Sociedad Civil en la Promoción de Zonas de Paz y Experiencias de Resistencia Civil
Dr. Mauricio García-Durán, S.J. – Presidente del Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular (CINEP, Colombia)
- Readings: (a) Spanish – Esperanza Hernández Delgado (2004), *Resistencia Civil Artesana de Paz - Experiencias indígenas, afrodescendientes y campesinas*. Bogotá: Editorial PUJ, Capítulo 6: "Comunidad de Paz de San José de Apartadó", pp. 371-403 or (b) English – Christopher Mitchell and Catalina Rojas' "Against the Stream: Colombian Zones of Peace Under Democratic Security," from Mitchell and Hancock's *Local Peacebuilding and National Peace: Interaction Between Grassroots and Elite Processes* (2012), pp. 39-67.

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Brazil's "Comissao da Verdade:" The Role of Truth Commissions in Transitional Justice
Nadine Borges, State Truth Commission of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

17:30-18:00 General Discussion

18:15 Return to Hotel

PM Free Evening

Thursday, June 19 – Transitional Processes: Truth, Justice, and Memory

7:30 Breakfast Buffet at Hotel

8:30 Depart Hotel for Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:00-10:30 Truth and Justice in Post-Atrocity Transitions
Judge Juan Guzman (Chile)

Recommended Film: *El Juez y El General* (2008, 84 minutes). Cuando en 1998 el juez chileno Juan Guzmán fue designado para investigar la primera querrela criminal en Chile contra el ex-dictador General Augusto Pinochet, nadie esperaba mucho. Guzmán había apoyado el golpe de Pinochet en 1973 -- tildada como una cruzada anticomunista -- que dejó al presidente democráticamente electo Salvador Allende, y a miles de chilenos, muertos o “desaparecidos”. Los realizadores siguieron la huella del juez mientras descendía a lo que él llama “el abismo”, donde devela el pasado y confronta la verdad acerca de su propio rol en la tragedia. *El Juez y El General* es una historia de redención y transformación, y cuenta una historia conmovedora sobre las violaciones a los derechos humanos en nombre de una guerra basada en el terror. <http://westwindproductions.org/es>

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 Memory and Memorialization
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR (US)
Readings: (a) Elizabeth Jelin and Pablo Azcarate’s “Memoria y Política: Movimiento de Derechos Humanos y Construcción Democrática” (1991) and (b) Elizabeth Jelin’s “Historia y Memoria Social” (2002).

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break @ Juana M

14:30 Depart for Plaza de Mayo

15:30 Madres de Plaza de Mayo

16:30 Discussion with Línea Fundadora
<http://madresfundadoras.blogspot.com/>

18:15 Bus Returns to Hotel

PM Free Evening

Friday, June 20 – Regional Initiatives for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

- 7:30 Breakfast Buffet at Hotel
- 8:15 Meet in Conference Room at Feir’s Park Hotel
- 8:30-10:00 Introduction to Latin American Regional Institutions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
Federico Villegas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Argentina)
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-11:45 Case Studies of Latin American Regional Institutions for the Prevention, Investigation and Judgment of Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and Mass Atrocities
Rodolfo Mattarollo, former Under-Secretary for Human Rights in Argentina, former Ambassador of UNASUR in Haiti, and current counselor for the Secretary for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Argentina
Reading: Capítulos 9, 10, and 11 from Rodolfo Mattarollo’s *Noche y Niebla y otros ensayos sobre derechos humanos* (2010).
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:15-14:45 Technologies for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention in Latin America
Antoine Nouvet, The SecDev Foundation (Canada) and Igarape Institute (Brazil)
Readings: (a) English – Robert Muggah and Gustavo Diniz, “Digitally Enhanced Violence Prevention in the Americas,” *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development* (2013), pp. 1-23 or (b) Portuguese – Robert Muggah and Gustavo Diniz, “Prevenindo a violencia na America Latin por meio de novas tecnologias (2014), pp. 1-28.
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-16:30 Next Steps for the Latin American Network: Challenges and Opportunities
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR Director for Latin America
- 16:30-17:00 Seminar Wrap-Up, Certificate Distribution, and Group Photo
Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR and Eugenia Carbone, AIPR Director for Latin America
- 17:00-17:30 Seminar Evaluation Session – Paula Szenkman
- 18:15 Meet in Lobby at Feir’s Park Hotel
- 19:00 Closing Dinner
Sabores de Patagonia

Saturday, June 21 – Departures

AM Participants Check-Out of Hotels for Departure