

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Latin American Network Edition, October 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 atrocity crimes 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 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 atrocity crimes 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 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 genocide and atrocity crimes 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, October 12

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, October 13 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00 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
- 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
 - Mr. Davide Zaru, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect
 - Ms. Angela Bruce-Raeburn, Program Officer, Stanley Foundation
 - Ms. Eugenia Carbone, Director of Latin American Programs, AIPR
 - 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) “Convencion para la Prevencion y la Sancion del Delito de Genocidio” (1951) and (b) “Definitions of Genocide and Atrocity Crimes.”
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30-11:45 Introduction to Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Mr. Tibi Galis, AIPR
Reading: Gregory Stanton’s “Las 8 Etapas del Genocidio” (1998)
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-13:45 Introduction to the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
- 13:45-14:45 The Holocaust: Failure of a Political System (1933-1939)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College
Reading: “Nazi Party Platform” (1920).
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break and Study Visit Group Assignments
- 15:00-17:00 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 Galicja Hotel

Tuesday, October 14 – Process and Memory

- 7:00 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 (1939-1945)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Reading: “Panorama Historico,” from Donald Niewyk and Francis Nicosia, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000).
- 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
- 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 Departs from Olecki Hotel 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 Departs from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum to Dialogue Centre
- 18:00 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Informal Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre – 4th Floor Library
Facilitated by AIPR Staff

Wednesday, October 15 – Civil-Military Relations, Perpetrators, and Human Rights

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-10:00 Historical Context: Civil-Military Relations in Latin America
Dr. Rut Diamint, Professor of International Security, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)
Readings: (a) “Predica lo que practicas: La separacion de roles entre militares y policias en las Americas,” (2010), pp. 9-31 and (b) Rut Diamint’s “Conduccion Civil de las Politicas de Defensa,” from Marcela Donadio’s (compiladora) *La reconstruccion de la seguridad nacional: Defensa, democracia y cuestion militar en America Latina* (2011), pp. 223-233.
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:15-12:15 Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Atrocity Crimes
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) James E. Waller, “Lo Ordinario del mal Extraordinario: La Genesis de los Perpetradores de Genocidios y Exterminios,” 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 *La Temporada del Machete: Hablan los Asesinos en Ruanda* (2003), pp. 21-27, 36-40.
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Latin American Human Rights Systems and Prevention of Atrocities
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,” pp. 129-171.
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Capstone Simulation Assignments (for Saturday morning)
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
- 17:30 Bus from Dialogue Centre to Auschwitz Jewish Centre
- 17:45 Tour of Auschwitz Jewish Centre (<http://ajcf.org>)
- 18:15 Formative Evaluation Session
- 19:00 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant
- 22:30 Bus Departs for Galicja Hotel

Thursday, October 16 – Legal Frameworks and Policy Options for Preventing and Responding to Risks of Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre
- 9:00-10:30 Legal Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, Director of Latin American Programs, AIPR
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
Mr. Mario Buil-Merce and Mr. Davide Zaru – 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)
Mr. Mario Buil-Merce and Mr. Davide Zaru – 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 Latin America’s Approach to the Responsibility to Protect
Mr. Andrei Serbin Pont, Coordinador de Investigaciones, CRIES Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales
Reading: Ricardo Arredondo, Gilbert M.A. Rodriguez, and Andres Serbin, “Responsabilidad de proteger y prevencion en America Latina y el Caribe: El rol de la sociedad civil” (2011). Also accessible at <http://www.cries.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/D16.pdf>.
- 17:15 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Networking Discussions – Dialogue Centre
Facilitated by AIPR & UN Staff

Friday, October 17 – Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:00 Breakfast and Checkout of Galicja Hotel
- 8:30 Depart Galicja Hotel for Dialogue Centre (bring suitcase with you on bus)
- 9:00-10:30 Introduction to Transitional Justice
Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez, Director of the Truth and Memory Program, International Center for Transitional Justice
Readings: (a) “El Estado de derecho y la justicia de transición en las sociedades que sufren o han sufrido conflictos,” UNDOC S/2004/616, August 2004 and (b) "Promoviendo la justicia transicional en sociedades post conflicto", Paul Van Zyl. En "Justicia Transicional. Manual para America Latina," p. 47-72.
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 Dealing with the Past: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
Mr. Fabian Oddone, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Argentina in Bogota, Colombia
Reading: Valeria Barbuto’s “Argentina”, from *Las victimas y la justicia transicional* (2010), pp. 35-62.
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Exercise: The Role of Identity in Transitional Justice
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Readings: (a) Elizabeth Jelin and Pablo Azcarate’s “Memoria y Politica: Movimiento de Derechos Humanos y Construccion Democratica” (1991) and (b) Elizabeth Jelin’s “Historia y Memoria Social” (2002).
- 17:15 Bus to Krakow
- 18:30 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, October 18 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

- 7:30 Breakfast – Radisson Blu
- 8:30-10:30 Capstone Simulation: Early Warning Assessment of Current At-Risk Area
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
Reading: Rwanda Background Briefing
- 10:30-11:00 Simulation Debriefing
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-11:30 Seminar Wrap-Up, Introduction to Alumni Network, and Group Photo
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Ms. Eugenia Carbone, AIPR
Director for Latin America
- 11:30-11:45 Review of Goals for Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Prevention
Ms. Eugenia Carbone, 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
White Rose Restaurant, Krakow

Sunday, October 19

- 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