

Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
Global Government Edition, November 2016 (Final Draft)

Goals of the Seminar:

- (1) To introduce participants to the concepts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, and the processes by which genocide occurs.
- (2) To empower participants with the practical competencies (foundational knowledge and skills) necessary to prevent genocide from ever taking place, prevent further atrocities once genocide has begun, and prevent future atrocities once a society has begun to rebuild after genocide.
- (3) To examine critically and reinforce the emergent norm of the Responsibility to Protect, recognizing that sovereignty is not a privilege but a responsibility.
- (4) To develop a worldwide network of state officials who will take action to prevent genocide and other atrocity crimes.

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. Buttressed by an international teaching team of scholars and activists, this seminar aims to provide a program for participants that, literally, could not be experienced anywhere else in the world. On Days 1-2, 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. Days 3-5 are structured around three stages in a continuum of prevention strategies – primary, secondary, and tertiary. Primary prevention is **upstream prevention**; the “before” analysis of the longer-term governance, historical, economic, and societal factors that leave a country at risk for genocide and other mass atrocities and the inoculation avenues open to mitigating those risk factors. Secondary prevention is **midstream prevention**; the immediate, real-time relief efforts “during” the crisis – political, economic, legal, and military – that are direct crisis management tactics to slow, limit, or halt the mass violence. Finally, tertiary prevention is **downstream prevention**; the “after” efforts to foster resiliency by dealing with the acute long-term consequences of mass violence through pursuits of justice, truth, and memory to help stabilize, heal, and rehabilitate a post-genocide society. Day 6 of the seminar concludes 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 to be read by the participants prior to that particular module. Case studies and other active learning assignments will allow participants to enhance their literacy in the field by engaging first-hand 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.

Summary of the Program

Monday, November 7 – Introductions and Context

- Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Atrocity Crimes, and Prevention
- The Holocaust: The Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz I

Tuesday, November 8 – Process and Place

- The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
- Between Memory, Commemoration, and the Authentic Site: Auschwitz as a Reference Point for Contemporary Societies
- Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience

Wednesday, November 9 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
- Film and Discussion: *A Class Divided* (1985)
- The Responsibility to Protect
- Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
- The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

Thursday, November 10 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity
- Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing
- Crisis Spot: Burma
- Response Tools for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
- Network Mapping Discussions

Friday, November 11—Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- Introduction to Transitional Justice
- Case Study: Transitional Justice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
- Case Study: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
- The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice

Saturday, November 12 – Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention in Action

- Capstone Simulation
- Arranged Tours in Krakow
- Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution

Sunday, November 6

All Day Krakow Airport Pick-Ups – Morning and Afternoon

15:00 Late Lunch at Dialogue Centre
1. M. Kolbego St.
32-602 Oświęcim
<http://www.cdim.pl/en>

20:00 Dinner and Meet-and-Greet at Dialogue Centre

Monday, November 7 – Introductions and Context

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:15-8:45 Official Opening of Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
 - Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Deputy Director for Education, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
 - Ms. Taryn Lesser, Political Affairs Officer, 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
- 8:45-10:15 Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Atrocity Crimes, and Prevention
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 and (b) UN Genocide Convention (1951).
Handout: Definitions of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapters 1-3.
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30-12:00 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)
- 12:15-13:00 Lunch Break – Olecki Hotel
- 13:15-16:15 Guided Study Visit: 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.
- 16:30 Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre

18:30 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Stara Poczta Restaurant

19:00 Dinner at Stara Poczta Restaurant in Galicja Hotel

Tuesday, November 8 – Process and Place

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Conference Room (Block 12)
- 8:15-9:45 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, NY: Columbia University Press, 2000) *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust*, pp. 9-41.
- 9:45-10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:00-11:15 Between Memory, Commemoration and the Authentic Site: Auschwitz as a Reference Point for Contemporary Societies
Dr. Marek Kucia, Associate Professor, Jagiellonian University (Poland), Institute of Sociology
Readings: Jonathan Webber (1992), "The future of Auschwitz: Some personal reflections." *Religion, State and Society*, 20 (1): 81-100
- 11:15-11:45 Background Briefing: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 12:45 Bus Departs from Dialogue Centre to Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 13:00-16:15 Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau (smaller groups)
Reading: Selection from Primo Levi’s *If This Is a Man (Survival in Auschwitz)*, translated by Stuart Woolf (1959), pp. 19-27.
- 16:30 Bus Returns to Dialogue Centre
- 18:00 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 19:00 Informal Group Debriefing of Auschwitz Experience
Dialogue Centre – 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Facilitators: Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR and Mr. Mevludin Rahmanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)

Wednesday, November 9 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention

- 7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-8:45 Introduction to the Mission and Work of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer
Father Jan Nowak, Director
- 8:45-9:15 Introducing Upstream Prevention Strategies: Risk Factors for Genocide and Atrocity Crimes
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 4.
- 9:15-10:45 Early-Warning and Opportunities for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “UN Office Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes” (English and Spanish, 2014).
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:45 Film and Discussion: *A Class Divided* (1985)
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 12:45-14:00 The Responsibility to Protect
Ms. Taryn Lesser, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “A Vital and Enduring Commitment: Implementing the Responsibility to Protect,” UN Doc A/69/981-S/2015/500 (13 July, 2015).
- 14:00-15:30 Exercise: Policy Options for the Prevention of Genocide & Other Atrocity Crimes
Ms. Claudia Diaz and Ms. Taryn Lesser, UN Office on Genocide Prevention & the Responsibility to Protect
Reading: “Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention,” UN Doc A/67/929-S/2013/399 (9 July, 2013).
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

- 15:45-17:15 The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Atrocity Crimes Prevention
Ms. Samantha Capicotto, AIPR and Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, AIPR (Uganda)
Readings: (a) *National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Genocide and other Atrocity Crimes: Effective and Sustainable Prevention Begins at Home* (AIPR, 2015), pp. 2-3, 5-11, 14 -15 & 17-18 and (b) *National Mechanisms for the Prevention of Genocide and other Atrocity Crimes: Durable Solutions to Challenges in Effective Prevention* (AIPR, 2016), pp. 6-9, 11-19 & 22-26.
- 17:15-17:45 Formative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator
- 19:00 Bus Departs Dialogue Centre for La Rossa Restaurant
- 19:30 Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant
- 23:00 Bus Departs for Return to Dialogue Centre

Thursday, November 10 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, Ethnic Cleansing, and Crimes Against Humanity

- 7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00 Introducing Midstream Prevention Strategies: Accelerants, Triggers, and the Early Warning-Early Response Gap
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 5.
- 9:00-10:30 Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity
Mr. Vahidin Omanovic, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, BiH)
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:30 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.
Handout: The Interrogation of Erna Petri (19 September, 1961).
- 12:30-13:15 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:30-15:00 Crisis Spot: Burma
Debbie Stothard, Alternative Asean Network on Burma (ALTSEAN)
Reading: “Why a UNGA Resolution Is Still Needed” (September 1, 2016).
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15-17:00 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
- 17:30 Dinner – Dialogue Centre
- 18:30 Network Mapping Discussions – Dialogue Centre 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Friday, November 11 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past

- 7:30 Breakfast – Dialogue Centre
- 8:30-9:00 Introducing Downstream Prevention Strategies: Justice, Truth, and Memory
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR
Take Home Resource: James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (2016), Chapter 6 and Conclusion.
- 9:00-11:00 Introduction to Transitional Justice
Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director of AIPR
Readings: (a) Clara Sandoval Villalba, "Transitional Justice, Key Concepts, Processes and Challenges, Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (July, 2011) and (b) "The Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies," UNSC S/2011/634 (12 October, 2011).
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:45 Case Study: Transitional Justice in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
Dr. Christalla Yakinthou, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham (UK)
Readings: Hugo van der Merwe, "Transitions in the Middle East and North Africa: New Trajectories and Challenges for Transitional Justice?," in Fisher and Stewart, *Transitional Justice and the Arab Spring* (Routledge, 2014), pp.226-239.
- 12:45-13:30 Lunch Break – Dialogue Centre
- 13:45-15:15 Case Study: Truth, Justice, Reparation and Memory in Argentina
Dr. Andrea Gualde, Senior Advisor for Latin American Programs, AIPR
Reading: "Reparations for Crimes Against Humanity as Public Policy: Argentina's Relationship with the Past," AIPR's Policy Papers in Prevention Series (2015), pp. 25-58.
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Transitional Justice
Dr. Kerry Whigham, Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University
Reading: Louis Bickford, "Memoryworks/Memory Works," from Clara Ramierz-Barat (ed.), *Transitional Justice, Culture, and Society: Beyond Outreach* (2014).
- 17:15 Bus to Krakow
- 19:00 Check-In at Radisson Blu
- Evening Free Evening in Krakow

Saturday, November 12 – 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 Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR
Reading: “Rwanda Simulation Briefing.”
Location: Radisson Blu – 1st Floor Conference Centre
- 10:30-11:00 Simulation Debriefing
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:00 Seminar Wrap-Up, Introduction to Alumni Network, and Group Photo
Dr. James Waller, Keene State College/AIPR, Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPR, and Ms. Samantha Capicotto, Director of Policy and Planning/AIPR
- 12:00-12:45 Summative Evaluation Session
Dr. Caitlin Mahoney, Independent Evaluator
- 12:45-13:30 Lunch – Radisson Blu
- 13:45 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 13

- AM Participants check out of hotel (by noon) 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