Global
Raphael Lemkin Seminar
for Genocide Prevention

OŚWIĘCIM AND KRAKÓW, POLAND
MARCH 10-17, 2024

Overview, Agenda, and Attendee List
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Goals of the Seminar

1. To introduce participants to the concepts and legal definitions of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, and the processes by which those mass atrocities occur and how they can be prevented.

2. To empower participants with the practical competencies (foundational knowledge and skills) necessary to prevent mass atrocities from ever taking place, prevent further atrocities once they have begun, and prevent future atrocities once a society has begun to rebuild after mass violence.

3. To apply the practical competencies (foundational knowledge and skills) in an interactive capstone simulation focusing on effective atrocity prevention in a current at-risk area.

4. To develop a global network of State officials who will act to prevent genocide and mass atrocities.
Overview of the Seminar

This Seminar is grounded in the belief that preventing genocide and mass atrocities 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 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 mass atrocity 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 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, March 11 - Introductions and Context
- Official Opening of the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention
- Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Mass Atrocities, and Prevention
- The Holocaust: The Death of Democracy and the Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz I
- Unpacking the Day: Debriefing Auschwitz I

### Tuesday, March 12 - Process and Place
- Framing the Day: Understanding Genocide as Process
- The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
- Background Briefing: Auschwitz-II Birkenau
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- Survivor Art Exhibit: “The Labyrinth” by Marian Kołodziej
- Unpacking the Day: Debriefing Auschwitz II-Birkenau

### Wednesday, March 13 - Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Framing the Day: Risk Assessment for Genocide and Mass Atrocity
- Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Climate Change, Conflict, and Genocide
- Education and Atrocity Prevention
- The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Unpacking the Day: Network Regional Mapping Discussions
- Formative Evaluation Session
- Pub Dinner
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Thursday, March 14 – Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity
- Framing the Day: Accelerants, Triggers, and the Warning-Response Gap
- Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity
- Sexual Violence and Genocide
- Response Tools for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Case Study: The Kurdish Genocide
- Unpacking the Day: Frontline Challenges in Contemporary Bosnia and Herzegovina

Friday, March 15 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Framing the Day: Justice, Truth, and Memory
- Transitional Justice Policies from a Mass Atrocity Prevention Perspective
- Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation after Hate Violence
- The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Unpacking the Day and Closing Announcements

Saturday, March 16 – Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention in Action
- Capstone Simulation
- Seminar Wrap-Up and Way Forward in Partnership with the Auschwitz Institute
- Summative Evaluation Session
- Closing Dinner and Certificate Distribution
# Agenda

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<td>Mr. Andrzej Kacorzyk, Director of the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust (ICEAH), Deputy Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum</td>
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Monday, March 11 - Introductions and Context

08:45-10:15

Introduction to the Concepts of Genocide, Mass Atrocities and Prevention

- **Instructor:** Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- **Readings:** (a) James Waller, “Transcending Fratricide: The Politics of Naming,” from Srđa Pavlović and Marko Živković (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
- **Take Home Resource:** James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), Chapters 1-3

10:15-10:35

Coffee Break

10:35-12:15

The Holocaust: The Death of Democracy and the Rise of Nazism (1933-1939)

- **Instructor:** Dr. Kerry Whigham, Director of Research and Online Education, AIPG, and Assistant Professor of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University (NY-US)
- **Handout:** Nazi Party Platform (1920)

12:15-13:15

Lunch Break - ICEAH

13:15-15:45

Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz I (small groups)

- **Facilitators:** Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

16:00

Bus Departure from Auschwitz I to Hotel

16:30-17:00

Unpacking the Day: Debriefing Auschwitz I

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Gabriela Ghindea, AIPG

18:45

Walk from Hotel to Portobello Ristorante

19:00

Opening Dinner - Portobello Ristorante

- **Location:** Władysława Jagiełły St. 27, 32-600 Oświęcim
- **Website:** www.portobello-ristorante.pl/o-nas

21:00

Return to Hotel
## Tuesday, March 12 - Process and Place

**07:00**
- Breakfast - Hotel Hampton by Hilton

**08:00**
- Bus Departure to International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust (ICEAH) at Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

**08:15-08:45**
- Framing the Day: Understanding Genocide as Process
  - **Facilitator:** Dr. Gabriela Ghindea, AIPG

**08:45-10:30**
- The Holocaust: The Final Solution as Process (1939-1945)
  - **Instructor:** Dr. Gabriela Ghindea, AIPG

**10:30-10:50**
- Coffee Break

**10:50-11:30**
- Background Briefing: Auschwitz-II Birkenau
  - **Instructor:** Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
  - **Reading:** Piotr Setkiewicz, “The Extermination of Jews in KL Auschwitz”

**11:30-12:15**
- Lunch Break - ICEAH

**12:30**
- Bus Departure from ICEAH to Auschwitz II-Birkenau

**12:45-15:15**
- Guided Study Visit: Auschwitz II-Birkenau (small groups)
  - **Facilitators:** Guides from Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
  - **Reading:** Selection from Primo Levi, *If This Is a Man (Survival in Auschwitz)*, translated by Stuart Woolf (New York: Orion Press, 1959), pp. 19-27

**15:30**
- Bus Departure from Auschwitz II-Birkenau to St. Maximilian Kolbe Centre at the Franciscan Monastery in Harmez
  - **Survivor Art Exhibit:** “The Labyrinth” by Marian Kołodziej
    - [https://thelabyrinthdocumentary.com/index.html](https://thelabyrinthdocumentary.com/index.html)
  - **Guide:** Ms. Renata Koszyk

**16:15**
- Bus Departure from the Franciscan Monastery in Harmez to the Hotel

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Tuesday, March 12 - Process and Place

16:30-17:30

Unpacking the Day: Debriefing Auschwitz II-Birkenau

Hotel Hampton by Hilton, Conference Room Dębowa

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Gabriela Ghindea, AIPG
- **Survivor Voice:** Mr. Mevludin Rahmanović, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- **Reading:** Masha Gessen, “The Historians Under Attack for Exploring Poland’s Role in the Holocaust,” *The New Yorker* (March 26, 2021)

18:00

Dinner - Hotel Hampton by Hilton
Wednesday, March 13 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

Breakfast - Hotel Hampton by Hilton

Framing the Day: Risk Assessment for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Kerry Whigham, Director of Research and Online Education, AIPG, and Assistant Professor of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University (NY-US)
- **Take Home Resource:** James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), Chapter 4

Exercise: The Role of Identity in Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

- **Instructor:** Mr. Vahidin Omanović, Center for Peacebuilding (Sansi Most, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Coffee Break

Climate Change, Conflict, and Genocide

- **Instructor:** Dr. Alex Alvarez, Professor and Co-Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona University
- **Reading:** Alex Alvarez, *Unstable Ground: Climate Change, Conflict, and Genocide* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), Chapter 4

Lunch Break - Hotel Hampton by Hilton

Education and Atrocity Prevention

- **Instructor:** Dr. Clara Ramirez-Barat, Director of the Warren Educational Policies Program, AIPG
- **Reading:** Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education: Contributions of the Right to Education to the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes and Mass or Grave Violations of Human Rights, UN Doc. A/74/24*, 29 July 2019

Coffee Break

The Role of National Mechanisms in Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

- **Instructor:** Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, AIPG
Wednesday, March 13 – Upstream Prevention: Frameworks for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention

16:15-17:00
Unpacking the Day: Network Regional Mapping Discussions
- **Facilitator:** Dr. Tibi Galis, Dr. Ashad Sentongo, Dr. Kerry Whigham, AIPG
- **Reading:** James Waller, “‘Genocide is Worth It:’ Broadening the Logic of Atrocity Prevention for State Actors,” Genocide Studies and Prevention (2019), pp. 97-110

17:00 - 17:30
Formative Evaluation Session
- **Facilitator:** Ms. Dumitriţa Solomon, Senior Partner, Portant Public Affairs

19:00
Walk from Hotel to La Rossa Restaurant

19:30
Pub Dinner – La Rossa Restaurant

3 Stanisława Konarskiego
32-602 Oświęcim
Thursday, March 14 - Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

**Breakfast - Hotel Hampton by Hilton**

**Framing the Day: Accelerants, Triggers, and the Warning-Response Gap**

- **Facilitator:** Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)

**Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Atrocity**

- **Instructor:** Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- **Handout:** The Interrogation of Erna Petri (September 19, 1961)

**Sexual Violence and Genocide**

- **Instructor:** Ms. Sarah Kihika Kasande, Head of Office, International Center for Transitional Justice (Uganda) and Advocate of Courts of Judicature
- **Reading:** Global Justice Center, “Beyond Killing: Gender, Genocide, and Obligations Under International Law” (2018)

**Lunch Break - Hotel Hampton by Hilton**

**Response Tools for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention**

- **Instructor:** Ms. Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- **Readings:** (a) Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, “A Framework for Action for the Responsibility to Protect: A Resource for States” (2023); and (b) James Waller and Mariana Salazar Albornoz, “Crime and No Punishment? China’s Abuses Against the Uyghurs,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, pp. 100-111 (2021)

**Coffee Break**
Thursday, March 14 - Midstream Prevention: Responding to Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

15:10-16:40

Case Study: The Kurdish Genocide

- **Instructors**: Ms. Awring Shaways and Ms. Sylvia Ronnau, Kurdish Genocide Lobby Center
- **Readings**: (a) IAGS, “Resolution to Declare that Massacres and Persecutions of Iraqi Kurds were Crimes of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity,” (November 2, 2023); and (b) Sylvia Ronnau, “Recognition or Denial?: The Quest to Recognize the Kurdish Genocide,” *KG Lobby Center Report on the Kurdish Genocide* (2023)

16:40-17:30

Unpacking the Day: Frontline Challenges in Contemporary Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **Facilitator**: Dr. Gabriela Ghindea, Dr. Matei Demetrescu, AIPG
- **Discussion**: Mr. Vahidin Omanović and Mr. Mevludin Rahmanović, Center for Peacebuilding (Sanski Most, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- **Distribute**: Capstone Simulation Assignments and Capstone Simulation Guidelines (for Saturday morning)

19:00

Dinner - Hotel Hampton by Hilton
Speech by KRG and dinner sponsored by the Kurdistan Regional Government.
Friday, March 15 – Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Mass Atrocity Prevention

Hotel Hampton by Hilton, Conference Room Leśna

07:30
Breakfast - Hotel Hampton by Hilton

08:30-09:00
Framing the Day: Justice, Truth, and Memory

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Kerry Whigham, Director of Research and Online Education, AIPG, and Assistant Professor of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University (NY-US)
- **Take Home Resource:** James Waller, *Confronting Evil: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), Chapter 6 and Conclusion

09:00-10:30
Transitional Justice Policies from a Mass Atrocity Prevention Perspective

- **Instructor:** Dr. Tibi Galis, Executive Director, AIPG
- **Reading:** Clara Sandoval Villalba, “Transitional Justice, Key Concepts, Processes and Challenges,” Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (July 2011)

10:30-10:50
Coffee Break

10:50-12:20
Healing, Justice and Reconciliation after Hate Violence

- **Instructor:** Dr. Harsh Mander, Chairperson, Centre for Equity Studies (New Delhi, India)

12:20-13:20
Lunch Break - Hotel Hampton by Hilton

13:20-14:50
The Role of Memory and Memorialization in Mass Atrocity Prevention

- **Instructor:** Dr. Kerry Whigham, Director of Research and Online Education, AIPG, and Assistant Professor of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University (NY-US)

14:50-15:10
Coffee Break
Friday, March 15 - Downstream Prevention: Transitional Justice and Mass Atrocity Prevention

15:10-15:30
Unpacking the Day and Closing Announcements

15:30
Bus Departure to Kraków

17:00
Check-In at Radisson Blu Hotel

17 Straszewskiego
31-101 Kraków

EVENING
Free Evening in Kraków
# Saturday, March 16 - Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention in Action

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We are building a world that prevents genocide and other mass atrocities.