

The United Nations Genocide Convention: A 60th Anniversary Commemoration

Friday, April 4, 2008

Rutgers University School of Law ♦ Newark, New Jersey

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Introductory Remarks

Professor Alex Hinton, Rutgers University - Newark, and Director of the Rutgers Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights
Professor Saul Mendlovitz, Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, and Founder of Global Action to Prevent War

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. First Panel:

The United Nations Genocide Convention: Past, Present, and Future

This panel will discuss the ratification, history, and future direction of the Genocide Convention.

Moderator, Professor Karima Bennoune, Rutgers University School of Law -Newark and Member of the Board of Directors of Amnesty International - U.S.A.

Panelist, Professor Frank Chalk, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University

Panelist, Professor Jens Meierhenrich, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Panelist, Martin Mennecke, Department of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Danish Institute for International Studies

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Second Panel:

The United Nations Genocide Convention Applied: Case Studies

This panel will reflect on the numerous international tribunals that have been appointed since the ratification of the Genocide Convention, including the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Moderator, Professor Dennis Papazian, University of Michigan - Dearborn, and Director of the Armenian Research and Publication Center

Panelist, Professor Sheri Rosenberg, Director of the Program in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

Panelist, Dr. Joyce Apsel, New York University

Panelist, Professor Marcelo Raffin, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch and Artistic Presentation

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Third Panel:

The United Nations Genocide Convention and Prevention

This panel will examine the existence of a duty to prevent genocide under the language of the Convention.

Moderator, Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Beasley School of Law, Temple University

Panelist, Professor Roger Clark, Rutgers School of Law - Camden

Panelist, Professor Helen Fein, Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of Genocide, and Associate of the Belfer Center for International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Panelist, Professor Gregory Stanton, Mary Washington College; President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars; Founder and President of Genocide Watch; Founder and Director of the Cambodian Genocide Project; and Chair of the International Campaign to End Genocide

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Keynote Address

with an Introduction by Megha Jonnalagadda, Symposium Editor, *Rutgers Law Review*

Mr. Juan E. Méndez

Director of the International Center for Transitional Justice; Recipient of 2007 Doctorate *Honoris Causa* from the University of Quebec at Montreal; Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Justice and International Law, Global Rights, and the Open Society Justice Initiative; Member of the Board of Advisors of the Social Science Research Council's Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum; Member of the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights; Professor at Georgetown Law School, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and the Oxford Masters Program in International Human Rights Law in the United Kingdom

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception