The Hague, 25 April 2021

MASTER CLASS

“Peace Without Justice: Mass Atrocities in Post-Human Rights Age”

DATE: 28 June to 10 July 2021 (with option to move to a Webinar depending on the Covid-19 developments and regulations for travel in Europe)

PLACE: Inter University Centre, Don Frana Bulića 4, 21000 Dubrovnik, Croatia

ORGANISERS: Geoffrey Nice Foundation, (The Hague, Netherlands); Inter University Centre, (Dubrovnik, Croatia).

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS: NK Watch, (Seoul, South Korea); China Tribunal (CT); Uyghur Tribunal, (UT); Women for Justice, (WJ); Helsinki Committee for Human Rights Serbia, (Belgrade, Serbia); University of Zagreb (Croatia); Inner Temple (UK).

TOPIC: The Master Class of 2021 will be held for the 8th time since 2014. This year’s topics will deal with the ongoing abuses of human rights in China, Iran, North Korea and Syria and the reluctance of the existing global, international and national legal mechanisms to address them. The presentations and workshops will address the emergence of alternative transitional justice mechanisms – such as people’s tribunals – initiated by societal groups in order to address the human rights abuses and commission of mass atrocities where international and national criminal courts fail to deal with the accountability of perpetrators. By addressing forms of harms, injustices and criminality from the perspective of suffering victims, people’s tribunals serve as a public stage for victims and encourage them to: seek the truth about their suffering; tell their truth without legal and procedural constraints of a criminal court, and; empower
victims to go through a transformation process from private suffering as victims to public recognition of their suffering.

**OBJECTIVES:** The interdisciplinary approach of the Master Class contributes to developing the skills needed for legal and non-legal professionals, who are interested in the working in the fields of human rights, international humanitarian law and global justice.

**FORMAT:** The Master Class is a combination of lectures provided by academics, practitioners of law, artists, politicians, and NGO activists, together with practicums where participants learn about the skills of how to investigate, analyse, advocate, prosecute and record mass atrocities and human rights abuses – past and present.

**FACULTY:**
**CONFIRMED:** Nevenka Tromp, (Netherlands); Donald Ferencz, (USA/UK); Sonja Biserko, (Serbia); Aidan Heir, (UK); Sir Geoffrey Nice, (UK); Sunčana Roksandić, (Croatia); Aarif Abraham, (UK); Hamid Sabi, (UK); Nicholas Vetch, (UK); Lord Iain Bonomy, (Glasgow, Scotland); Aldo Zammit Borda, (UK); Neil Sturman, (UK); Marilena Stegbauer, (Germany/UK); Leyla Ferman, (Germany); Tatjana Eatwell, (UK); Tea Tupajić, (Croatia); Hyein Nam, (South Korea); Baroness Helena Kennedy, (UK).

**TO BE INVITED:** Furtuna Sheremti, (Kosova); Lord David Alton, (UK); Ksenija Turković, (Zagreb, Croatia); Benedict Rogers, (UK); Emir Suljagić, (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Hasan Nuhanović, (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

**PARTICIPANTS:** by invitation only

**REINVITED LAST YEAR’s PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Smith, Adam (UK);
2. Knaus, Francesca (Germany/Netherlands);
3. Peacock, Ruby (UK);
4. Pavlović, Milica, (Serbia);
5. Tahir, Yassar (UK);
6. Armstrong, Holly (UK);
7. Sekiraqa, Lorena (Kosovo);
8. Novak, Tina (Croatia);
9. Fuller, Nathan (UK);
10. Siručić, Emina (Netherlands);
11. Alija, Amer (Kosovo);
12. Čolaković, Anesa (Kosovo);
13. Shala, Majlinda (Kosovo);
14. Sapan, Maini Thompson (UK);
15. Vitkova, Ana (Croatia);
16. Davis, Phoebe (UK);
17. Đžhić, Mustafa (Bosnia and Herzegovina);
18. Dragusha, Nita (Kosovo).

ADDITIONAL INVITEES:

19. Manon, Boomsma (Netherlands);
20. Frankie, Vetch (UK);
21. Nyirenda, Kondwani, (UK);
22. Breheny, Mark, (UK);
23. Nigam, Tanushree, (Netherlands);
24. Jahnel, Jacqueline, (UK);
25. Ahmed, Khadija (UK);
26. Wear, Anouk (Portugal, Netherlands);
27. Kamal, Alreem, (UK);
28. Bauwens, Soraya, (UK);
29. Davenas, Martin (UK);
30. Lewis, Lily (UK);
31. Mercuri, Alessia (Australia).

TERMS: (1) tuition fees, lodging and two meals per day will be covered by the organiser; (2) participants will need to take care of their own travel arrangements and expenses.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day I

Monday, 28 June
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
1. Introduction to the Course
2. Introductory lectures on Transitional Justice and International Criminal Trials
3. Historiography of War Violence in the 1990s on the territory of the former Yugoslavia
Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
   2. Film seminar: Billy Budd

Day II

Tuesday, 29 June
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
1. International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law: Retributive and Restorative Justice Models
2. UN and the International Criminal Justice Regime
3. Framing and Representing History at the International Criminal Trials: War Violence in the 1990s in the former Yugoslavia

Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
   4. Film seminar: Death in Sarajevo

**Day III**

**Wednesday, 30 June**

Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
   1. Perpetrators: is trying and convicting individuals enough?
   2. Victims: How much justice is enough?

Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
   3. Film seminar: Milošević on Trial

**Day IV**

**Thursday, 01 July**

Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
   2. Srebrenica Genocide: questions of historical, political, social and criminal justice

Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
   3. Film seminar: Quo Vadis, Aida?

**Day V**

**Friday, 02 July**

Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
   1. Victors’ Justice or Justice for All?: Kosovo Crimes in court
   2. Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC) and its impact on legal, political and historical narrative
   3. Transitional, post-transitional and strategic narratives about the violent past: an assessment of the impact of the ICTY for the conflict management, conflict resolution and conflict transformation in the post-Yugoslav states and societies

Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
   4. Film seminar: Cold November

**Day VI**

**Saturday, 03 July**

10:00-13:00 – Plenary session
Afternoon: free
Day VII  
Sunday, 04 July  
09:00-13:00 – Visit to the War Museum on Srđ, followed by a sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik  
Afternoon: free

Day VIII  
Monday, 05 July  
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00  
1. Introduction to the concept of People’s Tribunals  
2. The Sarajevo Women’s Tribunal  
Break: 13:00-16:30  
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00  
1. The Iran Tribunal  
2. Practicum/Film seminar

Day IX  
Tuesday, 06 July  
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00  
1. The China Tribunal I  
2. The China Tribunal II  
Break: 13:00-16:30  
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00  
3. Practicum  
4. Film seminar

Day X  
Wednesday, 07 July  
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00  
1. Introduction to the Uyghurs case study  
2. Civil society initiatives to deal with the atrocities against the Uyghurs  
Break: 13:00-16:30  
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00  
3. Practicum  
4. Film seminar

Day XI  
Thursday, 08 July  
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00  
4. Introduction to the North Korea case study  
5. Legal Possibilities to deal with the breaches of human rights by the government of North Korea  
Break: 13:00-16:30
Afternoon Sessions, 16:30-19:00
3. Practicum
4. Film seminar

Day XII
Friday, 09 July
Morning sessions, 09:00-13:00
1. Political, diplomatic and legal response to the on-going mass violations of individual and collective human rights
2. Transitional justice and civil society initiatives
3. Break: 13:00-14:30
Afternoon Sessions, 14:30-16:00
4. EVALUATION OF THE COURSE
16:00 – THE END

OPTIONAL
10-12 July – TRIP TO SREBRENICA
COMMEMORATION OF the 26th anniversary