



Geoffrey Nice Foundation on
Law, History, Politics, and Society
in the context of Mass Atrocities

PROGRAMME

for

11th Master Class by Geoffrey Nice Foundation

to be held in

DUBROVNIK, 30 June - 7 July

at the Inter-University Centre

on the topic

Genocide

**Citizen, state, victims, accountability
case studies**

**WWII; Pakistan-Bangladesh 1971; Rwanda; Western Balkans
1993-1999; Ukraine-Russia; Israel-Gaza'**

The 11th Master Class organised by the Geoffrey Nice Foundation (GNF)

ORGANISER: Geoffrey Nice Foundation on Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities (GNF)

SHORT HISTORY OF the GNF MASTER CLASSES:

2014: “On Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities”, held from 28 June to 11 July 2014 at the Inter University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2015: “Law and Politics of Genocide: 20 Years After Srebrenica”, held from 28 June to 09 July 2015 at the IUC Dubrovnik (Croatia) and from 10 to 12 July 2015 in Srebrenica.

2016: “Conflict Beyond the Reach of Law: Emerging World Order and the Search for Adequate Responses to Political Violence”, held from 03 to 14 July 2016 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2017: “Law and Politics of Terrorism: In Search of Adequate Political, Military and Legal Responses to the Threat of Terrorism in the Post-Cold War Era”, held from 03 to 14 July 2017 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2018: “Political Expediency behind International Criminal Courts”, held from 01 to 12 July 2018 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2019: “Mapping, Documenting and Prosecuting Mass Atrocities”, held from 01 to 12 July 2019 at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2020: “Transitional, Post-Transitional and Strategic Narratives of Genocide: commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide”, 29 June to 10 July 2020 by authority of the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia; online due to Covid lockdown.

2021: “Peace Without Justice: Mass Atrocities in the Post-Human Rights Age”, from 28 June to 11 July 2021 at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2022: “International Criminal Law and Genocide: an interdisciplinary approach”, Sarajevo University in cooperation with ELSA/SELS, 10-17 July 2022.

2023: “Accountability for War Crimes in Ukraine – What Will work”, 1 July to 8 June at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The Master Class project is an initiative of Geoffrey Nice Foundation on Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities in cooperation with:

1. The Law Faculty, University of Zagreb, Croatia,
2. Inter-University Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik, Croatia
 - Marija and Mirjan Damaška fund
 - Scholarships of the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education
3. Helsinki Committee for Human Right of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia
4. Honourable Society of Inner Temple, London, UK

COURSE DIRECTORS:

- **Sir Geoffrey Nice KC**

Lead Prosecutor Slobodan Milošević for the UN; Emeritus Gresham Professor of Law; Chair China Tribunal; Chair Uyghur Tribunal, (UK)

- **Sonja Biserko**

Helsinki Committee of Human Rights of Serbia (Belgrade, Serbia)

- **Associate Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c.Sunčana Roksandić**

Professor of Law, University of Zagreb (Croatia)

Sir Geoffrey Nice has practised as a barrister since 1971. He worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia – the ICTY – between 1998 and 2006 and led the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević, former President of Serbia. Work since has included cases before the permanent International Criminal Court – Sudan, Kenya, Libya – or pro bono for victims groups – Iran, Burma, North Korea – whose cases cannot get to any international court. He works for several related NGO's and lectures and commentates in the media in various countries on international war crimes issues. He was a part-time judge from 1984 to 2018, sitting at the Old Bailey . He also sat as judge in other jurisdictions, tribunals and inquiries. Between 2009 and 2012 he was Vice-Chair of the Bar Standards Board, the body that regulates barristers. He was Gresham Professor of Law from 2012 to 2016. He is the co-founder and Executive Director/Chair of the Geoffrey Nice Foundation on Law, History, Politics, and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities, which supports and provides cross-national educational opportunities for students, researchers, and academics in the field of International Criminal Justice. His publications include the book "Justice for All and How to Achieve It," (London, 2018). Sir Geoffrey has been Chair of two tribunals that investigated large-scale atrocities and human rights abuses in China: the China Tribunal (2018-2-2019); and the Uyghur Tribunal (2020-2021).

Sonja Biserko is the founder and president of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia. She has written extensively on the wars in the former Yugoslavia and war crimes including the Srebrenica genocide, the fall of Vukovar, and on the trials of Slobodan Milošević and Vojislav Šešelj. She was a founding member of a European movement in Yugoslavia and the Centre for Anti-War Action in the Belgrade Forum for International Relations as well as a senior fellow in the United States Institute of Peace. In 1994 she received the Human Rights Award of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in New York. In 2005 she was a part of the group 1,000 Women for Peace nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She was awarded the 2009 Human Rights Prize of the City of Weimar jointly with Jestina Mukoko and the Human Rights Award of the University of Oslo in 2010.

Associate Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c.Sunčana Rokсандić obtained her PhD in 2015 (Zagreb) and 2016 (Freiburg) as a doctorate scholarship holder and doctoral candidate of the Criminology Department at Max Planck Institute of Foreign and International Criminal Law (summa cum laude). Her book, based on her doctoral research under the title Prosecuting serious economic crimes as international crimes, a new mandate for the ICC? was published in 2017 by Duncker & Humblot.

She received an honorary doctorate (doctor honoris causa) in 2019 at East European University, Tbilisi, Georgia for her work and activity related to "the responsibility of transnational corporations and other business enterprises for breaches of human rights." She is a scholarship holder of the Foundation Marija i Mirjan Damaška for her postdoctoral research (2019/2020).

Born in Zagreb where she finished elementary school and attended Gymnasium (Gymnasium for classical languages). She graduated in the USA. She obtained her Master of Science Degree in Company and Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb (2011) and graduated at the same Faculty of Law (2000), all in top 3%. After graduation, she worked seven years in legal practice, first as the legal trainee in the law firm Bogdanovic, Dolicki & Partneri later as legal adviser to Croatian Medical Chamber. For her work in the Croatian Medical Chamber she has received a special recognition - an award for the contribution to the development of the Croatian Medical Chamber (2005). She passed the Croatian bar exam. Since 2021, she serves as an external member of the Legislative Committee of the Croatian Parliament. In January 2023, she was appointed a member of the Council for the Implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Highest State Officials. She is also a member of the Council of GONG. Sunčana teaches criminal law, economic criminal law, transitional justice, EU substantive criminal law and the protection of victims (Jean Monnet Module co-Leader) and bioethics and human rights (UNESCO Model Course) at Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. She also teaches medical ethics at the Medical School, University of Zagreb.

LECTURERS/SPEAKERS:

Barua, Prashanta* - Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Baul, Tapas K.* - Prosecutor, International Crimes Tribunals, Bangladesh

Belousov, Yuriy* - Head of the War Crimes Department in Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Biserko, Sonja - Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Belgrade, Serbia

Bonomy, Lord Iain* judge of 'Mechanism' for ICTR (Rwanda) case - former judge of the ICTY former judge of Scotland's appeal courts (High Court of Justiciary and the Inner House of the Court of Session)

Borden, Anthony* - Executive director of Institute for War & Peace Reporting

Choudhury, Nadia* - NGO Officer

Dixon, Rodney, KC* - Barrister, Temple Garden Chambers, specialising in international criminal law, humanitarian law, and public international law.

Dr. Grant, Thomas - Senior Research Fellow (Wolfson College) University of Cambridge; Fellow (Lauterpacht Centre for International Law)

Dr. Muharremi, Robert - Assistant Professor and Director of the RIT Kosovo Center for Peace & Conflict Studies

Dr. Zammit-Borda, Aldo - Reader in Law at City University, London

Jordash, Wayne, KC* - International human rights and criminal law expert on Ukraine at Global Rights Compliance

Jaspers, Huub - VPRO journalist and filmmaker, The Netherlands

Korynevych, Anton* - Ukrainian politician, specialist in International humanitarian law and international criminal law, Kyiv, Ukraine

Martos, Alberto* - Director and writer

Nice, Sir Geoffrey, KC - Emeritus Gresham Professor Law; Chair China and Uyghur Tribunals

Parker, General Sir Nicholas Ralph, KCB, CBE* - former British Army officer who served as Commander Land Forces (formerly Commander-in-Chief, Land Forces) until December 2012 UK's advisor on reform to the Ukrainian Minister of Defence 2016-2019

Prof. Dr. Roksanđić, Sunčana - Law Faculty, Zagreb, Croatia

Prof. Fulbrook, Mary* - Professor of German History, University College London

Sabi, Hamid - International lawyer and Human Rights activist, London, UK

Scheindlin, Dahlia* - Political analyst, public opinion researcher, and campaign strategist who has worked in Israel, Palestine and in 15 other countries

Schiemann, Sir Konrad* - Former judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (2004-2012) and of the England and Wales Court of Appeal (1995-2004)

Shlaim, Avi* - Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of the British Academy

Prof. Dr. Turković, Ksenija - Croatian jurist and formerly judge at the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), Zagreb, Croatia

*Present online

FILM MATERIAL (subject to time being available):

Documentaries: (1) “Shoah” (extract); (2) “Nuremberg Tribunal”; (3) “Conspiracy” (BBC ‘Docudrama’); (4) “Why did Srebrenica have to fall?”; (5) “Milošević on Trial”, (6) “Living Without a Country, the Rohingya Exile”, (7) “The Death of Yugoslavia”

Featured films: (1) “Quo Vadis, Aida?”, (2) “Billy Budd”

DAY TO DAY PROGRAM:

Sunday, 30 June

Arrival

Monday, 1 July morning

09:00-9:30 - General introduction by Sir Geoffrey Nice

TOPIC: “GENOCIDE; WWII; FIRST WAR CRIMES TRIALS; ACCOUNTABILITY OF CITIZENS”

Moderators: Dr Robert Muharremi and Sir Geoffrey Nice

09:30-10:30 - General Introduction “WWII, origins of genocide as a crime” by Dr Robert Muharremi

10:30-11:00 - Coffee break and group members to start getting to know each other

11:00-13:00 - Lecture I (ZOOM) “The conditions fostering complicity and perpetration and the responses of individuals and the law in seeking to prevent or deal with the aftermath of mass slaughter” by Prof. Mary Fulbrook and Sir Konrad Schiemann

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30-16:15 - Lecture II general Introduction continued “WWII, origins of genocide as a crime” by Dr Robert Muharremi (and Sir Geoffrey Nice)

16:15-16:30 - Introduction of class exercise (to be presented by classes on Saturday 6th of July) by Sir geoffrey Nice and Hamid Sabi

16:30 -18:30/19:00 - Tour of Dubrovnik

19:00-20:30 - A reception for all at the IUC courtyard hosted by **the IUC management**

Tuesday, 2 July

TOPIC: “Pakistan-Bangladesh genocide 1971; also covered will be aspects of the Rohingya genocide”

Moderator: Dr Aldo Zammit Borda

09:00-10:30 - Panel discussion (ZOOM) “The History and Context of the Pakistan-India and Pakistan-Bangladesh Wars” by Dr Aldo Zammit Borda and Dr Sajib Hosen

10:30-10:45 - Coffee break

10:45-12:30 - Interactive session for students by Dr Aldo Zammit Borda

12:30-13:00 - Introduction of class exercise “AVERNIA” (to be presented by classes on Friday 5th of July) by Sir geoffrey Nice

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30-15:45 - Screening of Film: Living Without A Country, The Rohingya Exile - directed by Alberto Martos + **Q&A** with the film director and Ronnie, an alumnus of GNF Masterclass program of 2019 and a Rohingya leader

15:45-16:15 - Break

16:15-17:15 - Lecture II (ZOOM) “Accountability for the Rohingya” + Q&A by Rodney Dixon KC

17:15-17:30 - Break

17:30-19:00 - Class exercise on the Rohingya – Resolution Session Exercise for Students

Wednesday, 3 July

TOPIC: “1990s wars of the Western Balkans, Croatia – Bosnia - Kosovo; separately Rwanda”

Criminal accountability for large scale atrocities in this region. Has it worked? What might have been done for them never to have happened?

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sunčana Roksandić

09:00-09:15 - Introduction on the topic by Prof. Dr. Sunčana Roksandić

09:15-10:30 - Lecture I “Revisionism and facing the past” by Sonja Biserko

10:30-10:45 - Coffee break

10:45-13:00 - Lecture II ECHR and Transitional justice” by Prof. Dr. Ksenija Turković

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30-16:00 - Lecture III (ZOOM) “Rwanda - a Genocide Cauldron” by Lord Iain Bonomy (on Rwanda)

16:00- 16:15 - Break

16:15-17:15 - Screening of Film: “Milošević on Trial”

17:15-17:30 - Break

17:30-19:00 - Panel discussion with Prof. Dr Sunčana Roksandić, Sonja Biserko, Prof. Dr Ksenja Turkovic

Thursday, 4 July

TOPIC: “1990s wars of the Western Balkans, Croatia – Bosnia - Kosovo”

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sunčana Roksandić

09:00-11:00 - Screening of Film “Why did Srebrenica have to fall?” and discussion with Huub Jaspers, the film director

11:00-11:15 - Coffee break

11:15-12:45 - Lecture I “Transitional justice policies and corruption” by Prof. Dr. Sunčana Roksandić

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30-17:15 - TBA

TOPIC: GROUP EXERCISE CONTINUED

Moderator: Sir Geoffrey Nice

17:15-19:00 - Group Exercise “AVERNIA” including presentations by groups

Friday, 5 July

TOPIC: “UKRAINE: HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL”

A background of the war in Ukraine. What legal responses are available at present to deal with the crimes that have been committed in Ukraine since 2014?

Moderator: Sir Geoffrey Nice

09:00-9:45 - Introduction Lecture to the history of Ukraine by Anastasia Kucher

10:00-11:00 - Lecture I (ZOOM) “Accountability for war crimes in Ukraine: War crimes accountability at home” Do the fortunes of war affect what the law and international law should and can do? + **Q&A** by Yuriy Belousov

11:00-11:15 - Coffee break

11:15-12:15 - Lecture II (ZOOM) “Accountability for war crimes in Ukraine: War crimes accountability through the world's highest court ” Do the fortunes of war affect what the law and international law should and can do? + **Q&A** by Anton Korynevych

12:15-13:00 - Lecture III (ZOOM) “Ukraine - a Failure of Deterrence? ” by General Sir Nicholas Ralph Parker

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 - Lecture IV "Making Russia Pay: Some Public International Law Reflections" by Dr. Tomas Grant

16:00 - 17:00 - Lecture V (ZOOM title to be announced) by Wayne Jordash KC

17:00-17:30 - Break

17:30-19:00 - Discussion and Q&A “Journalism, conflict and war” with Anthony Borden and Huub Jaspers

Saturday, 6 July

TOPIC: “Israel-Gaza October 2023 and the century before”

Moderator: Hamid Sabi

09:00-10:00 - Lecture I “Brief History of Arab-Israeli conflict” by Hamid Sabi

10:00-10:45 - Student Groups “Closing Presentations”

10:45-11:00 - Coffee break

11:00-12:00 - Lecture II (ZOOM) “ISRAEL-PALESTINE: Irreconcilable histories, asymmetrical conflict” by Dahlia Scheindlin

12:00-13:00 - Student Groups “Closing Presentations” continued

13:00-14:30 - Lunch break

14:30-15:00 - Q&A with Sir Geoffrey Nice

15:00-16:00 - Lecture III (ZOOM) “Israel's War in Gaza” by Avi Shlaim

15:45-16:15 - Break

16:15-19:00 - Open Discussion with Sir Geoffrey Nice and Hamid Sabi

20:00-21:00 - Dinner if organised by students

Sunday, 7 July

Departure