



*Geoffrey Nice Foundation on*  
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**in the context of Mass Atrocities**

**THIRD MASTER CLASS ON LAW, HISTORY, POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF MASS ATROCITIES**

**Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik-Croatia**

**04-15 July 2016**

**CONFLICTS BEYOND THE REACH OF THE LAW: EMERGING WORLD ORDER AND THE SEARCH FOR ADEQUATE RESPONSES TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE**

**INTRODUCTION:**

In the unfolding scholarly debate about the value of international criminal courts, there is growing understanding that criminal proceedings dealing with mass atrocities and political violence always have a number of ‘extra-legal’ impacts, especially on the recording of the history of conflicts.

More generally, understanding how mass atrocities come to be committed as crimes in armed conflicts requires consideration within many disciplines. No one discipline – law, political science, history, social science – can provide a comprehensive and satisfactory account and the citizens, whom all disciplines should serve, look for answers because they genuinely seek an end to war, something seemingly denied them by politicians. Exploring these issues with faculty and ‘students’ from many countries and many disciplines proves advantageous for all and by approaching the fundamental issue of war or peace may serve the common good.

**Description**

The end Cold War may have left the world more secure and yet more unstable. Old states disintegrated and new states have been emerging. The first 25 years after the end of the Cold war brought a series of conflicts that, as many argue, left the world in an anarchy. New state systems are emerging causing regional and global instability. This course will address the new challenges the humanity has been facing and what are the adequate responses to the political violence, mass atrocities and the mass migrations? Based on a number of case studies – Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Syria, Libya and the Balkans, the course will concentrate on the military, political, diplomatic, humanitarian and legal responses to the selected conflict areas.

## **Course Directors:**

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## TIME TABLE, 04 TO 15 JULY 2016

### **ARRIVAL, SUNDAY, 3 JULY**

### **Monday, 04 July**

- 09,00-11,00 - OPENING LECTURE AND INTRODUCTION: NEVENKA TROMP AND GEOFFREY NICE  
10,00-11,00 – SERGEI KARAGANOV “SCENARIOS FOR THE FUTURE WORLD ORDER”  
11,30-12,45 – GEOFFREY NICE, “LEGAL RESPONSE TO MASS ATROCITIES: HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL SYSTEM”  
12,45 TO 13,00 – INTRODUCTION TO GROUP PROJECTS  
16,30-17,30 – “HOW TO DEAL WITH MASS ATROCITIES?”: BEN FERENCZ “VIDEO PRESENTATION”  
17,30-18,30 - GROUP CHOICES OF TOPICS FOR END OF COURSE PROJECT  
18,00-19,00 - “PRACTICUM FOR STUDENTS”

### **TUESDAY, 05 JULY**

- 09,00-11,00 – HAMID SABI, “ABSOLUTE IMPUNITY; HOW TO CONSTRUCT A RELIGIOUS TOTALITARIAN DICTATORSHIP – PATHOLOGY OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN”  
11,30-13,30 – SHADI SADR, “CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND ACCOUNTABILITY”  
13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS, “IRAN'S PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL”  
16,30-17,30 – FILM SEMINAR, “IRAN'S PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL”  
18,00-19,30 – PLENARY DISCUSSION / PRACTICUM

### **WEDNESDAY, 06 JULY**

- 09,00-11,00 – SHADI SADR, “LEGAL RESPONSES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND MASS ATROCITIES IN IRAN”  
11,30-13,30 – HAMID SABI AND SHADI SADR “POLITICAL CHANGES IN IRAN AND RETHINKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGIES”  
13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS  
16,30-17,30 – PLENARY  
18,00-19,30 – DON FERENCZ “LEGAL INNOVATIONS”

19,30-21,30 – THE CROATIAN PREMIER OF THE NUREMBERG: ITS LESSONS FOR TODAY”

The original film was written and directed by [Stuart Schulberg](#), and edited by [Joseph Zigman](#), under the aegis of [Pare Lorentz](#), chief of Film/Theatre/Music at the U.S. War Department, and completed by Schulberg in 1948, under the aegis of [Eric Pommer](#), chief of the Motion Picture Branch of U.S. Military Government in Berlin.

### **THURSDAY, 07 JULY**

- 9,00-11,00 – SONJA BISERKO, “NORTH-KOREA – UN, FACTS FINDING AND THEREAFTER”  
11,30-13,30 - BENEDICT ROGERS AND SARAH SON, “SEARCH FOR AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO STOP THE MASS ATROCITIES IN NORTH KOREA I”  
13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS  
16,30-18,30 – MARJOLEIN ZIECK, “INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW” AND “THE EUROPEAN REFUGEE CRISIS: COMPATIBILITY OF THE EU-TURKEY DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW”  
18,30-19,30 – PLENARY SESSION

## **FRIDAY, 08 JULY**

09,00-11,00 - AVI SHLAIM, "MIDDLE EAST: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE"

11,30-13,30 – AVI SHLAIM, "MIDDLE EAST: ISRAEL, HAMAS, AND THE WARS IN GAZA"

13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

16,30-17,30 – NICK PARKER, "THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE TO ADDRESS CONTEMPORARY SECURITY CHALLENGES - ISRAEL AND THE OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE IN 2014"

18,00-19,00 – PLENARY SESSION

## **SATURDAY, 09 JULY (HALF DAY)**

09,00-11,00 – RODNEY DIXON, "POLITICAL LEADERS AND CRIMINAL ACCOUNTABILITY"

11,30-13,30 – JOANNA KORNER, "FAIRNESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS"

AFTERNOON FREE

## **SUNDAY, 10 JULY**

MORNING FREE

16,00 SIGHTSEEING TOUR

## **MONDAY, 11 JULY**

09,00-11,00 – IAIN BONOMO "RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS"

11,30-13,30 - BOB DONIA "EXPERT WITNESS", "CLIO GOES TO COURT: TRIALS AS CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS OF HISTORY"

13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

16,30-17,30 – GEOFFREY NICE: "PROSECUTING SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC AT THE ICTY"

18.00-19,30 - FILM SEMINAR

## **TUESDAY, 12 JULY**

09,00-11,00 – MARK OSIEL, "CHOOSING AMONG ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES TO MASS ATROCITY"

11,30-13,30 – KATE CLARK, "RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK: AVENUES TO JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION AND BLOCKADE"

13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

16,30-17,30 – SONJA BISERKO, "TRANSITIONAL INJUSTICE IN THE POST-CONFLICT BALKANS"

18,00-19,30 - FILM SEMINAR

## **WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY**

09,00-11,00 – BOB DONIA, "ARE WAR CRIMES TRIALS OBSOLETE?"

11,30-13,30 – GJYLJETA MUSHKOLAJ, "KOSOVO SPECIAL TRIBUNAL: A TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE OR POLITICS?"

13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

16,30-17,30 – KATE CLARK, "RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN BOSNIA"

18,00-19,30 – PLENARY

20,00 - BOOK LAUNCH – "PROSPECTING SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC: THE UNFINISHED TRIAL" BY NEVENKA TROMP. PANEL DISCUSSION WITH PERO POLJANIC – WAR TIME MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK AND GENERAL NOJKO MARINOVIC (COMMANDER OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF DUBROVNIK IN 1991-1992)

## **THURSDAY, 14 JULY**

09,00-11,00 – STEVEN RAPP, "FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL REGIME"

11,30-13,30 – STEVEN RAPP “CONFLICTS WITHIN THE REACH OF LAW”

13,30-16,30 – LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

16,30-18,30 – GROUP PRESENTATIONS ON RESEARCH SEMINAR FINDINGS PART.1 (4 GROUPS)

18,30-20,30 – GROUP PRESENTATIONS ON RESEARCH SEMINAR FINDINGS PART.1 (4 GROUPS)

**FRIDAY, 15 JULY**

10,00-12,00 – EVALUATION OF THE COURSE

12,00 – THE END