



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

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**

This Master Class is a joint venture by the Geoffrey Nice Foundation, the University of Amsterdam and the Serbian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights. It will be held between 03 July and 14 July 2017 at the Inter-University Centre (IUC) in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

INTRODUCTION

The first 25 years after the end of the Cold War have brought various security challenges for national states and the international community. The proliferation of violence - from inter-state wars, civil wars, guerrilla warfare, to terrorism - requires a whole range of mechanisms and responses.

This Master Class will deal with existing definitions of terrorism and will contrast them with other forms of political violence and warfare. The distinction will be made between armed conflict, guerrilla warfare/insurgency and terrorism. The following case studies will be discussed: (1) hybrid warfare where a classical armed conflict, guerrilla warfare and terrorism go hand in hand (Syria); (2) guerrilla warfare used by insurgent groups in the protracted internal conflicts in some states of South America (Colombia); (3) terrorist attacks used as a means to destabilise Western democracies (Paris, Brussels etc.); (4) international and non-international armed conflicts (e.g. former Yugoslavia).

This Master Class will delve into these different manifestations of political violence and warfare, as well as their interaction and the responses available. The lecturers – including academics with backgrounds in law, history, political science and sociology, together with politicians, practising international lawyers and human rights activists – will assess the effectiveness of the different responses to these phenomena in order to find the best possible ways forward in this increasingly complex area.

OBJECTIVES

The Master Class's objective is to advance a multidisciplinary approach to understanding political violence and the role of international criminal justice through exploration of legal, historical, political and sociological methodologies.

COURSE DIRECTORS:

Nevenka Tromp, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, **Geoffrey Nice**, Inner Temple Inn, London, UK, and **Sonja Biserko**, Helsinki Committee of Human Rights, Belgrade, Serbia

Participating Universities and academic institutions to date: University of Amsterdam (UvA); Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatia; University of Priština, Kosovo; Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, London; Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn London.

FACULTY MEMBERS:

1. Sonja Biserko, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (Belgrade, Serbia)
2. Lord Iain Bonomy, former Judge at the ICTY (Glasgow, Scotland)
3. Jamie Brown, Legal Researcher, Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)
4. Donald Ferencz, Planethood Foundation (London, UK)
5. Pinar Kandemir, TRT World (Istanbul, Turkey)
6. Sophia Kerridge, Barrister (London, UK)
7. Marie-Ursula Kind, former ICTY lawyer (Geneva, Switzerland)
8. Gordana Knežević, Journalist, Radio Free Europe (Prague, Czech Republic)
9. Visar Morina, Professor of Constitutional Law (Pristina, Kosovo)
10. Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, Inner Temple (London, UK)
11. Sir Nick Parker, former Commander of the UK Army in Afghanistan (London, UK)
12. Dr. Christophe Paulussen, Asser Institute (The Hague, the Netherlands)
13. Wolfgang Petritsch, President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation
14. Timothy Riesen, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, Madison Springfiled Inc. (USA)
15. Hamid Sabi, Lawyer and a Human Rights Advocate (London, UK)
16. Dr. Nevenka Tromp (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
17. Nikolas Vetch, Executive Chairman of Big Yellow Group PLC
18. Elisabeth Decrey Warner, Executive Director of Geneva Call (Geneva, Switzerland)
19. Professor Daniel Warner (Geneva, Switzerland)
20. Additional distinguished speaker: a politician

TIME TABLE (03 July to 14 July 2017)

Arrival, Sunday, 02 July 2017

Monday, 03 July 2017

- 09:00-10:00 **Opening lecture and Introduction:** Nevenka Tromp and Geoffrey Nice
- 10:00-11:00 Nevenka Tromp and Geoffrey Nice, "Post- Cold War Political Violence and History of Terrorism"
- 11:00-11:15 **Break**
- 11:15-13:30 Timothy Riesen, "Terrorism: How do we know it when we see it and what can be done about it?"
- 13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch (for all participants)**
- 16:30-17:30 Christophe Paulussen, "The foreign fighter phenomenon and examples of how European states have responded to this phenomenon - human rights concerns."
- 17:30-18.15 Practicum for students
- 18:15-19:00 **Introduction to Group Projects**

Tuesday, 04 July 2017

- 09:00-11:00 Christophe Paulussen, "The foreign fighters: 'capita selecta' "
- 11:00-11:15 **Break**
- 11:15-13:30 Hamid Sabi, "Terrorism as a means of advancing national (or nationalist) aims."
- 13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch (participants will have working lunches with faculty members every second day)**
- 16:30-17:30 Visar Morina, "The background and legitimacy of the Kosovo Special Court (part I).
- 17:30-18.15 **WORKING BREAK**
- 18:15-19:15 Film Seminar "Marianne and Juliane"

Wednesday, 05 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Visar Morina, "The background and legitimacy of the Kosovo Special Court" (part II).

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15 -13:30 Hamid Sabi, "Is the West's response to terrorism appropriate?"

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Geoffrey Nice, "Post-Cold War History of the International Criminal System."

17:30-18.15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:00 Practicum for students

Thursday, 06 July 2017

9:00-11:00 Daniel Warner, "The War on Terrorism: But who is the Enemy and what is the War Zone?"

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Elisabeth Decrey Warner, "To achieve humanitarian objectives, do we need to talk to everybody?"

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Donald Ferencz, "Law and politics of the greatest terrorist act of all: the crime of aggression."

17:30-18.15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:15 Film Seminar "Conspiracy", Benjamin Ferencz video lecture

Friday, 07 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Daniel Warner, "International Security, Global Politics and the Donald Trump US Presidency."

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Elisabeth Decrey Warner, “The *Deed of Commitment* and fundamental humanitarian norms.”

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Video lecture by Nick Parker, “The Use of Military Force to Address Contemporary Security Challenges.”

17:30-18:15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:00 Practicum for students

Saturday, 08 July 2017

09:30-11:00 Jamie Brown, “The Medium and the Message: Terrorism as Asymmetric Information Warfare?”

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Pinar Kandemir, “Terrorism and Media.”

13:30-14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30-16:00 Sophia Kerridge, “End of the Conflict in Colombia: Peace without Justice?”

Evening free

Sunday, 9 July 2017

Morning free

16:00 Sightseeing Tour

Monday, 10 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Nicholas Vetch, “Business and Human Rights: Philanthropy, Social Change and Political Influence.”

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Nevenka Tromp, “ICTY: Its History and its Legacy.”

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Iain Bonomy, “Towards an International Judiciary.”

17:30-18:15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:15 Film seminar “Milošević on Trial.” Geoffrey Nice, “Prosecuting Slobodan Milosevic at the ICTY.”

Tuesday, 11 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Iain Bonomy, “Writing a Judgment”

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Gordana Knežević, “Reporting war: local and international perspectives.”

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Panel discussion with Wolfgang Petritsch, Sonja Biserko, Gordana Knežević, Iain Bonomy and Geoffrey Nice on the topic of post-Transitional Justice agenda for Western Balkans, moderated by Nevenka Tromp

17:30-18:15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:00 Practicum for students

Wednesday, 12 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Marie-Ursula Kind, “Post-Conflict Kosovo and Transitional Justice.”

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Sonja Biserko, “The post-Yugoslav States and Response to the ICTY.”

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-17:30 Practicum for students

17:30-18:15 **WORKING BREAK**

18:15-19:15 Film seminar “Death in Sarajevo”

Thursday, 13 July 2017

09:00-11:00 Gordana Knežević, “Is journalism the first draft of history?”

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:30 Geoffrey Nice and Nevenka Tromp “Tension between Law, Justice, Truth and History Writing.”

13:30-16:30 **Working Lunch**

16:30-19:00 **Group Presentations – Part 1**

Friday, 14 July 2017

09:00-11:00 **Group Presentations - Part 2**

11:00-12:00 Evaluation of the Course

12:00-14:00 **Farewell Lunch (for all participants)**