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Professor Sadat continued her work on the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom traveling abroad; meeting with religious leaders, U.S. government officials, and foreign policy experts; directing hearings; and contributing to reports. She completed several articles, including an essay on preemptive force and the U.S. response to the terrorist attacks of September 11. The essay, “Terrorism and the Rule of Law,” will be published in the fall 2003 issue of the Washington University Global Studies Law Review. Sadat also was active as a media commentator on legal issues involving the war in Iraq and international human rights, including appearing on Fox TV’s O’Reilly Factor and NPR’s Talk of the Nation. She also spoke at several academic conferences in the United States and abroad, and co-organized, with Professor Michael Scharf of the Case Western Reserve School of Law, a three-part conference series on international justice. Professor Sadat continues to be active in her work on the new International Criminal Court, attending meetings of the court’s Assembly of States Parties, speaking at fora to examine the court and its future relationship to the United States, and writing essays and articles examining various features of this new international institution. She lectured at the joint Hague conference held with the American Society of International Law and met with judges at the ICC and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. She also lectured at the National University in Ireland on issues relating to the ICC. Additionally, she was awarded the School’s Breiman Fellowship for fall 2003 to support her work on the ICC. In addition she was elected an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, elected to the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, and named co-director of studies for the International Law Association (American Branch). She also continues to advise the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team, which won both first- and second-place oralist prizes at regionals, as well as second-place memorial and semi-finalist prizes. She is co-author of next year’s Jessup problem, “The Case Concerning the International Criminal Court.”

Paradigms of International Justice

On October 11, 2002, the Harris Institute hosted the first in a series of three planned conferences on issues of international justice organized in conjunction with Michael P. Scharf (Case Western Reserve University). Professor Leila Nadya Sadat convened the Harris Institute conference, which was co-sponsored as a regional conference of the American Society of International Law. The panelists included:

- Dr. Payan Akhavan, Debevoise & Plimpton, NY, Formerly Legal Advisor, Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY, The Hague
- Professor Gary J. Bass, Princeton University and author of Stay the Hand of Vengeance: The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals
- Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, President, International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University; Chairman, Drafting Committee, U.N. Diplomatic Conference on the International Criminal Court
- Professor Bartram Brown, ITT Chicago Kent School of Law, advisor to the government of Trinidad & Tobago, United Nations Diplomatic Conference on the International Criminal Court
- Professor Allison Danner, Vanderbilt University Law School
- Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
- Professor Mark Drumbl, Washington & Lee University School of Law
- Professor Laurel Fletcher, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Associate Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic

- Andras Vamos-Goldman, Canadian Dept. of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, United Nations, Criminal and Treaty Law Division
- Justice Richard Goldstone, Former Chief Prosecutor ICTY & ICTR, Justice, South African Constitutional Court
- Whitney R. Harris, Former Nuremberg Prosecutor and author of Tyranny on Trial
- Professor Stephen H. Legomsky, Washington University School of Law
- Professor A. Peter Mutharika, Washington University School of Law
- Professor Diane Orentlicher, Director, War Crimes Research Offices, Washington College of Law
- William R. Pace, Convener, NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court
- Professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza, University of California, Hastings College of Law
- Ambassador David Scheffer, Senior Vice-President United Nations Association of the United States of America
- Professor David Sloss, Saint Louis University School of Law
- Professor Karen Tokarz, Washington University School of Law
- John L. Washburn, Convener, American Coalition for the International Criminal Court
- Marieke Wierda, Senior Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice NYU School of Law.

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