CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY INITIATIVE

FULFILLING THE DICTATES OF PUBLIC CONSCIENCE: MOVING FORWARD WITH A CONVENTION ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

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May 16-17, 2014

Friday, May 16

14:30  Registration table opens

15:00-15:15  Welcome Remarks

- **Professor Andrew Clapham** and **Professor Paola Gaeta**, Directors of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**, Director, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Washington University School of Law

15:15-16:30  Panel 1: Historical Movement toward Codification of Crimes Against Humanity

- **Chair: Ambassador Hussein A. Hassouna**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni**, Emeritus Professor of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law
- **Professor Sean D. Murphy**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University School of Law
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16:30-16:45  Coffee Break

16:45-18:00  Panel 2: The Core Elements of a Convention

- Chair: Ms. Marie G. Jacobsson, UN International Law Commission
- Professor Diane Marie Amann, Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law, University of Georgia School of Law
- Professor Vera Gowlland-Debbas, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and University College London
- Judge O-Gon Kwon, Judge and former Vice-President, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

19:00  Dinner at la Perle du Lac, Salon Orangerie

*Crimes Against Humanity and International Criminal Justice – reflections on a journey from Nuremberg to Rome and beyond*

Ambassador Patricia O’Brien, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, Geneva; former UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel

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**Saturday, May 17**

9:00-9:30  Breakfast

9:30-10:45  Panel 3: What Provisions for Avoiding Impunity?

- Chair: Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud, UN International Law Commission
- Professor Andrew Clapham, Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- Mr. Hugo Relva, Legal Adviser, Amnesty International
- Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert, International Criminal Court

10:45-11:00  Coffee Break
Final Agenda

11:00-12:15  Panel 4: What Provisions for Promoting Inter-State Cooperation?

- **Chair: Ambassador Kirill Gevorgian**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor Olympia Bekou**, Professor of Public International Law, University of Nottingham School of Law
- **Professor Robert Cryer**, Professor of International and Criminal Law, Birmingham Law School
- **Professor Larissa Van den Herik**, Professor of Public International Law, Leiden Law School

12:15-13:00  Lunch

13:00-14:15  Panel 5: Should There Be Any Institutional Mechanisms?

- **Chair: Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina**, UN International Law Commission
- **Mr. Jean-Marie Henckaerts**, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Ms. Mona Rishmawi**, Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Professor William A. Schabas**, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, London

14:15-14:30  Coffee Break

14:30-15:45  Panel 6: The Political Path Forward: What Prospects for Governmental Adoption of a Well-Crafted Convention?

- **Chair: Dr. Ernest Petrič**, UN International Law Commission
- **Ambassador Tiina Intelmann**, President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC; former Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN
- **Professor Nicolas Michel**, Geneva University Law Faculty and the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; former UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel
- **Professor Jane Stromseth**, Deputy to U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for War Crime Issues, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

15:45  Closing Remarks

- **Ambassador Hans Corell**, former UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel