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Genocide:

Crimes Unpunished, Lessons Unlearned

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

Adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on 9 December 1948.

Article II: In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: (a) Killing members of the group; (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

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Dr. Francis **DENG** is the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Previously, he was the Director of the Sudan Peace Support Project based at the United States Institute of Peace. He taught at Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nits School of Advanced International Studies, while he was a Wilhelm Fellow at the Center for International Studies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Deng has worked for the United Nations Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons and the United States Institute of Peace. Dr. Deng served as Human Rights Officer in the United Nations Secretariat from 1967 to 1972 and as the Ambassador of the Sudan to Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the United States. Dr. Deng holds a Bachelor of Laws from Khartoum University and a Master of Laws and a Doctor of the Science of Law, (JSD) from Yale University. He has authored and edited over 30 books in the fields of law, conflict resolution, internal displacement, human rights, anthropology, folklore, history and politics and has also written two novels on the theme of the crisis of national identity in the Sudan.

Hasia **DINER** is the Paul and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History at New York University. Professor Diner held a Fulbright Professorship at the University of Haifa in Israel, 1990-1991. She received her PhD in History at the University of Illinois-Chicago, her Master's at the University of Chicago and her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. A specialist in immigration and ethnic history, American Jewish history and the history of American women, she is the author of numerous published books, including *In the Almost Promised Land: American Jews and Blacks, 1915-1935* (1977, reissued, 1995), *Hungering for America: Italian, Irish, and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration*, and *Her Works Praise Her*. She lectures widely to academic and community audiences on various aspects of history, focusing on her specialties of American Jewish history, American women's history, and immigration history.

Marie **FLEMING** is Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University. Her historical interests range from ancient philosophy through Kant to the twentieth century. She has published extensively on German Critical Theory, particularly the work of Habermas, and has a continuing interest in the connections between genocide and modernity.

Gerald **GAHIMA** is a native of Rwanda who has lived, studied and worked in many different countries on issues relating to transitional justice, human rights and judicial reform in societies in transition. Gahima worked extensively on the reformation of the civil service and the judicial system, as well as the establishment and operation of both judicial and alternative mechanisms of accountability for the genocide and other grave violations of human rights. He worked on establishing the War Crimes Chamber of the Court of Bosnia Herzegovina. He currently serves as the Senior Justice Adviser of the Australian Agency for International Development in East Timor. Gerald Gahima is a graduate of Makerere University (Uganda) and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Argentinean advocate Juan E. **MÉNDEZ** is the president of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). Detained and tortured by the Argentinean military dictatorship in the 1970s, Mendez has pursued the defense of human rights working for Human Rights Watch, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in Costa Rica, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, and as United Nations special adviser on the prevention of genocide. He has taught at the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown Law School, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and at the Oxford Masters Program in International Human Rights Law. He earned a JD from Stella Maris University in Argentina and a certificate from the American University, Washington College of Law.

Chuck **MEYERS** is the Senior Program Associate in the Chicago office of Facing History and Ourselves, the international non-profit which helps teachers and students engage in the study of the Holocaust and other genocides to create connections between history and the moral choices we face daily. He trains teachers, develops materials and consults with Holocaust and genocide organizations. Chuck taught for 31 years at the middle, high school and college

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

4:00 PM - Keynote

Ambassador Francis Deng, Special Adviser to the U.N. Secretary General for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities; Research Professor, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and Director of the SAIS Center for Displacement Studies; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

5:00 pm - Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome: **Susan Gzesh** and **Babafemi Akinrinade**, Human Rights Program, and **Aliza Levine**, STAND

9:15 – 10:45 AM

DEFINING THE “CRIME WITHOUT A NAME”

This panel will compare various instances of genocide and explore the possibility of developing models that can be used to prevent the occurrence of genocide.

Marie Fleming, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University: “*Defining Genocide: Issues of Motive and Intent*”

Juan E. Méndez, President, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York; former Special Adviser to the U.N. Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide: “*Obligations to Prevent and to Punish in the Genocide Convention*”

Ervin Staub, Director Emeritus, Psychology of Peace and the Prevention of Violence, Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: “*Genocide: Origins, Prevention, Reconciliation*”

Moderator: Holly Shissler, Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago

10:45 - 11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 PM

PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

This panel will examine the response of domestic and international communities to acts of genocide. The panel will focus on a variety of responses including legal action, both national and international, social action, and memorialization. It will analyze how these various responses are used to try to stop genocide as it is occurring, restore justice, and prevent genocide in the future.

Hasia R. Diner, Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History, Department of Hebrew & Judaic Studies, New York University: *“Repairing the World: How American Jewry, in the Aftermath of the Holocaust, Use the Memory of their Tragedy to Push for the Genocide Convention”*

Gerald Gahima, Senior Justice Adviser, Australian Agency for International Development, East Timor; former Judge, Bosnia War Crimes Panel; former Vice President, Supreme Court of Rwanda: *“Accountability for Atrocity: Lessons from Rwanda’s experience”*

Chuck Meyers, Senior Program Associate, Facing History and Ourselves: *“The Effect of Facing History and Ourselves on International Holocaust and Genocide Education, Memory and Public Participation”*

Kathleen Z. Young, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Western Washington University: *“To Prevent and Respond to Genocide the Academic Must First Die”*

Moderator: Francois G. Richard, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 PM

CONFRONTING DARFUR

This panel will address the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan and the allegations of genocide; the adequacy of the international response to the crises and proffer solutions to end the conflict.

Vincent O. Nmehielle, Principal Defender of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and Associate Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) School of Law, Johannesburg, South Africa: *“Preventing and Responding to the Crime of Genocide: Interrogating the African Union Response in Darfur”*

Ambassador David Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law, Director, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago; former U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for War Crimes Issues: *“Policy Options on Darfur”*

Samuel Totten, Senior Researcher (Fulbright Scholar), National University of Rwanda; Genocide Scholar, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville: *“The U.S. State Department’s Atrocities Documentation Project: The Investigation, Findings, and Impact”*

Moderator: Susan Gzesh, Director, Human Rights Program; Senior Lecturer, Center for International Studies, University of Chicago

3:00 – 3:15 PM Concluding Remarks, **Susan Gzesh**

3:15 - 4:15 PM

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ‘TEACHING GENOCIDE’

Chuck Meyers, Senior Program Associate, Facing History and Ourselves

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RESOURCES ON GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Amnesty International
<http://www.amnestyusa.org>
 Chicago office: (312) 427-2060

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
<http://www.ictcr.org/>

The Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture
www.heartlandalliance.org
 (773) 381-4070

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia:
<http://www.un.org/icty/index.html>

STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition
www.standnow.org
UChicagoSTAND@gmail.com

The Special Court for Sierra Leone
<http://www.sc-sl.org/>

Genocide Intervention Network
<http://www.genocideintervention.net>
 DC office: 202.481.8220

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC):
<http://www.eccc.gov.kh/english/>

Midwest Coalition for Human Rights
<http://www.midwesthumanrights.org>
 Chicago office: (312) 660-1612

Documentation Center of Cambodia Website
<http://www.dccam.org/>

Church World Service
<http://www.churchworldservice.org>
 New York office: 212-870-2061

Web Genocide Documentation Centre Home Page: <http://www.ess.uwe.ac.uk/genocide.htm>

Chicago Coalition to Save Darfur
<http://www.savedarfurchicago.org>

University of California Berkeley War Crimes Studies Center: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~warcrime/>

Facing History and Ourselves
<http://www.facinghistory.org>
 Chicago office: 312-726-4500

Freedom, Democide, War Home Page
<http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/>

Human Rights Watch
<http://www.hrw.org>
 Chicago office: 312-573-2450

Gendercide Watch
<http://www.gendercide.org/>

Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University
<http://www.yale.edu/cgp/>

Genocide, Holocaust and Democide
<http://www.genocide.org/>

International Criminal Court
<http://www.icc-cpi.int/>

Crimes of War Project
<http://www.crimesofwar.org/>

Genocide Watch
<http://www.genocidewatch.org/>

CHIASMOS

Podcasts from this conference will be posted at: <http://chiasm.uchicago.edu/>

levels. He is a Vietnam veteran, a former Fulbright Exchange Teacher and a Teacher Fellow of the United States Holocaust Museum.

Vincent O. **NMEHIELLE** is the Principal Defender of the United Nations-Backed Special Court for Sierra Leone on leave from the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) School of Law, Johannesburg, South Africa. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and was formerly a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law of River State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Nigeria and an International Rule of Law Fellow at the International Rule of Law Center of the George Washington University Law School, Washington D.C. He has also worked in the United States as Research Associate, International Law Associate and Legal Editor and served as an expert in a number of cases on aspects of Nigerian law and international law relating to Africa in general. He has written in the areas of human rights in Africa, international justice, the rule of law, and dispute resolution.

David **SCHEFFER** is the Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law. He was previously the U.S. Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues (1997-2001) and led the U.S. delegation in U.N. talks establishing the International Criminal Court. He also headed the Atrocities Prevention Inter-Agency Working Group. During the first term of the Clinton Administration, Scheffer served as senior adviser and counsel to the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Dr. Madeleine Albright, and served from 1993 through 1996 on the Deputies Committee of the National Security Council. He has published extensively on international legal and political issues and appears regularly in the national and international media.

Ervin **STAUB** is Professor and Founding Director of the Ph.D. program in the Psychology of Peace and the Prevention of Violence, Emeritus, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has studied the roots of altruism, the origins of violence including genocide and mass killing, as well as prevention, and psychological recovery and reconciliation, with many publications, including books such as *The roots of evil: The origins of genocide and other group violence* (1989); and *The psychology of good and evil: Why children, adults and groups help and harm others?* (2003). He has worked in many applied settings, including in Rwanda and other parts of the Great Lakes Region of East Africa to promote psychological recovery and reconciliation. www.ervinstaub.com

Samuel **TOTTEN** is a genocide specialist at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Currently, he is a Fulbright Scholar with the Centre for Conflict Management at the National University of Rwanda. During the summer of 2004, he was one of the 24 investigators with the U.S. State Department's Atrocities Documentation Project that interviewed over 1,100 refugees from Darfur whose express purpose was to provide the State with data to analyze in order to ascertain whether genocide had been perpetrated by the Government of Sudan troops. He is co-editor of *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*. Currently, he has two major research projects under way in Africa: one in Rwanda dealing with the post genocide period and one along the Chad/Sudan border dealing with the crisis in Darfur.

Kathleen Z. **YOUNG** has been going to Den Hague to the ICTY and studying the trials and all that entails since 2003. Her dissertation in 1994 concerned the war in the Former Yugoslavia. She wrote the entry on Kosovo for the *Encyclopedia of Genocide* and the chapter on Bosnia and Kosovo in *Endangered Peoples of Europe*, J. S. Forward, editor (2001). She is particularly interested in the study of genocide and its links to depression and compassion fatigue as well as the effects of genocide in the homeland on local ethnic communities. She has been teaching a class about genocide since 1996. Her students organized the local STAND club on campus and are active in the regional organization. A group of her students attended the most recent genocide conference in Sarajevo during the summer of 2007.

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