



Prosecuting Serious International Crimes: Exploring the Intersections between International and Domestic Justice Efforts

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8:00 AM-4:00 PM

American University Washington College of Law
4300 Nebraska Ave, NW
Claudio Grossman Hall
Washington, DC 20016

Conference Program

08:00 - 08:30 REGISTRATION

08:30 - 08:45 WELCOMING REMARKS

Room YT01-01

Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office (WCRO); Professorial
Lecturer-in-Residence, Washington College of Law (WCL)

Claudio Grossman, Dean & Professor, WCL; Raymond Geraldson Scholar for
International and Humanitarian Law

Judge Margaret McKeown, Chair, American Bar Association Rule of Law
Initiative

Diane Orentlicher, Professor, WCL; former Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the
U.S. Department of State; former Faculty Director, WCRO

08:45 - 10:15 OPENING PLENARY: **PROSECUTORS PANEL: “WHAT DO WE NEED FOR
COMPLEMENTARITY TO WORK?”**

Room YT01-01

Moderator: **Stephen Rapp**, former Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal
Justice, US Department of State; former Chief Prosecutor,
Special Court for Sierra Leone

Speakers: **Anton Steynberg**, Senior Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court; former Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (South Africa)
Brenda Hollis, Prosecutor, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone; former Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone; Reserve Co-Prosecutor, Extraordinary Chambers in Courts of Cambodia
Siri Frigaard, former Chief Public Prosecutor for the Norwegian National Authority for Prosecution of Organized and Other Serious Crimes; former Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes in East Timor (Norway)
Jasmin Mesic, Prosecutor, Una Sana Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Claudia Paz y Paz, former Attorney General (Guatemala)

10:20 - 11:50 CONCURRENT PANELS

**PANEL 1: A CRITICAL OVERVIEW OF DOMESTIC AND HYBRID JUSTICE EFFORTS:
WHAT WORKS BEST?** Room YT01-01

Moderator: **Susana SáCouto**, Director, WCRO; Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence, WCL
Speakers: **Eric Witte**, Senior Project Manager on National Trials of Grave Crimes, Open Society Justice Initiative
Reed Brody, Counsel and Spokesperson, Human Rights Watch
Olivier Kambala, Deputy Chief of Party, Checchi Consulting and Company (Mali)
David Mandel-Anthony, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

**PANEL 2: LESSONS LEARNED FROM EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT IN DOMESTIC OR
HYBRID JUSTICE EFFORTS** Room YT01-02

Moderator: **Diane Orentlicher**, Professor, WCL; former Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State; former Faculty Director, WCRO
Speakers: **Patricia Whalen**, former International Judge, War Crimes Section, State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Sandra Orlović, Executive Director, Humanitarian Law Center (Serbia)
Ina Zoon, Project Manager Latin America, Open Society Justice Initiative (Mexico)
Henry Rivera, Senior Researcher, Colombia Program, International Center for Transitional Justice (Colombia)

12:00 - 1:15 LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER Room YT01-01

Introduction: **Robert Goldman**, Professor, WCL; Vice President & Member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists; Faculty Director, WCRO

Keynote: **David Tolbert**, President, International Center for Transitional Justice; former Registrar, Special Tribunal for Lebanon; former Deputy Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; former Special Expert to the United Nations Secretary-General on United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials

Discussant: **Juan Mendez**, Professor of Human Rights Law in Residence, WCL; United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment; former Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide

1:20 – 2:50 CONCURRENT PANELS

PANEL 1: **COMPLEMENTARITY AND GENDER JUSTICE**

Room YT01-01

Moderator: **Anna Cave**, Principal Deputy, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

Speakers: **Daniela Kravetz**, International Criminal Justice and Gender Practitioner, United Nations (Chile)
Amanda Rawls, Director, Africa Division, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative
Patricia Viseur Sellers, Special Advisor on International Criminal Law Prosecution Strategies, International Criminal Court, Office of the Prosecutor; Visiting Fellow, Oxford University (Belgium)
Julissa Mantilla, International Consultant on Transitional Justice and Gender; Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Peru)

PANEL 2: **BUILDING A CREDIBLE AND LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Room YT01-02

Moderator: **Nobuo Hayashi**, Senior Legal Advisor, the International Law and Policy Institute, and Researcher, PluriCourts, University of Oslo Law Faculty (Norway)

Speakers: **Richard Dicker**, Director, Human Rights Watch, International Justice Program
Jane Stromseth, Professor of Law, Georgetown University; former Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

Todd Buchwald, Special Coordinator, Office of Global Criminal
Justice, U.S. Department of State
Geoff Dancy, Assistant Professor, Tulane University

2:55-4:00 **CONCLUDING PANEL: PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT
BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC JUSTICE PRACTITIONERS**
Room YT01-01

Moderator: **Elizabeth Andersen**, Director, American Bar Association Rule of
Law Initiative

Speakers: **Elena Baylis**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh
Charles Guy Makongo, Country Director, American Bar
Association Rule of Law Initiative (DRC)
Paige Arthur, Founder and Principal, Public Action Research

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