



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

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**March 30, 2016**

**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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