



The Role of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in Understanding the War and Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Friday, October 4, 2019

Anheuser Busch Hall, Room 310 | 8.1 MO CLE Credit Hours Available

Event Co-sponsors: Washington University School of Law's Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Public Interest Law & Policy Speakers Series, and the *Global Studies Law Review*; Fontbonne University's Bosnia Memory Project.

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**

Prof. Leila Nadya Sadat, Director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute
Mr. Patrick McCarthy, Saint Louis University

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Keynote Address – *Memories of Judgment: Constructing the ICTY's Legacies***

Prof. Diane Orentlicher, American University Washington College of Law; former Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. **Panel 1: Legal Issues** (*dedicated to the memory of the Honorable Judge Patricia Wald*)

This panel will explore the establishment of the crime of genocide at the ICTY and why it was so difficult to prove. It will also address when and how States can be held responsible for the crimes of aggression and genocide against another State and the role Serbia played in the Bosnian genocide. Lastly, panelists will discuss the use and prosecution of sexual violence as a weapon at the ICTY.

Moderator: **Mr. Nedim Ramic**, Bajric & Ramic Law Office

Panelists:

Prof. Dermot Groome, Penn State Dickinson Law; former senior trial attorney at the Office of the Prosecutor for the ICTY

Prof. Leila Nadya Sadat, Director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Washington University School of Law

Prof. Kim Thuy Seelinger, Washington University Brown School of Social Work

Prof. Milena Sterio, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 – 12:30 p.m. **Panel 2: Historical & Political Considerations**

This panel will consider the historical and political implications of the ICTY and address questions that arise in the wake of the ICTY's work. It will address the importance of an accurate record of wartime events for the future of Bosnia-Herzegovina and its stability, and consider how the historical record impacts the legitimacy of the Republika Srpska entity in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Panelists will also discuss whether it is necessary to legally establish the crime of genocide (beyond Srebrenica) to acknowledge the reality of the wartime aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina by Serbia and Croatia. Finally, panelists will discuss the role of creating a truthful accounting of the past as part of a proper memorial of victims.

Moderator: **Dr. Ajlina Karamehic-Muratovic**, Saint Louis University
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Panelists:

Dr. Zdenko Mandusic, Saint Louis University, Department of Languages,
Literatures, & Cultures

Dr. Benjamin Moore, Bosnia Memory Project, Fontbonne University

Prof. Diane Orentlicher, American University Washington College of Law; former
Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Remarks by the Honorable Russ Carnahan**, Former Representative for Missouri's
3rd District

Followed by lunch and book signing of *Some Kind of Justice: The ICTY's Impact in Bosnia and Serbia* by Prof. Diane Orentlicher.

2:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Panel 3: Survivor's Stories and Testimonies**

This panel provides an opportunity to hear from survivors who will share what life was like before, during, and after the war, including their experiences as refugees. Panelists will also address what the ICTY means to witnesses to genocide and give their opinion on whether, taken as a whole, crimes against humanity and other war crimes are tantamount to genocide, even if not legally provable as such?

Moderator: **Mr. Akif Cogo**, St. Louis Bosnians, Inc.

Panelists:

Ms. Irma Dizdar, former resident of Banja Luka

Dr. Edina Karahodzic, former resident of Prijedor

Ms. Elmedina Kekic, Student at Maryville University

Mr. Esed Mustafic, Student at Saint Louis University

Mr. Elvedin Pasic, witness at Mladic trial

Mr. Adis Terzic, Washington University, BA '19

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30 – 5:45 p.m. **Film screening of *The Trial of Ratko Mladic***, followed by Q &A with Mr.
Dermot Groome and Mr. Elvedin Pasic.