War Crimes Conference
Programme
IALS 19-21 February 2009

THURSDAY
10.00-11.00 Registration and Coffee

11.00-12.15 Opening Plenary: Lesley Abdela, After the War is Over..... (Chair: Judith Rowbotham, NTU)

12.15-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.0 Session 1: Parallel Sessions
Session 1A: Historical Contexts 1, WWII (Chair: Michael Kandiah, CCBH)
André Hertrich (Halle U/Tokyo U) The Batavia Trials and the 'Comfort Women' Issue
Effie Pedaliu (UWE), Lessons from the Past? Britain and Italy’s Guilty Secret
Lorie Charlesworth (LJMU) Is This How to Do It? The Belsen and Auschwitz Trial, the first British Investigation and Prosecution in Occupied Germany, 1945

Session 1B Media and War (Chair: Judith Rowbotham, NTU)
Arzoo Syedda Roles for the Media? The Example of Rwanda
Lawrence Dulu Adrawa (African Development and Peace Initiative), The ICC in Uganda and the dynamics surrounding the Juba Peace Talks
Kate Wright (Roehampton) How Do We Get Audiences to Give a Damn About the Congo? What Sort of a Damn Do We Want Them to Give?

3.30-4.00 Tea

4.00-5.30 Session 2: Parallel Sessions
Session 2A: Ad Hoc Tribunals (Chair: Sandeep Gopalan, Reading U)
Timothy W. Waters (Indiana U) Death Comes for the Tribunal: Legal and Moral Hierarchies in Bagaragaza
Valérie Arnould (KCL) The politics of transitional justice in the Democratic Republic in the Congo
Iryna Marchuk (Copenhagen U) Prosecution for War Crimes in the Special Court for Sierra Leone

Session 2B: Historical Contexts 2: The Wider Vision? (Chair: David Fraser, Nottingham U)
Judith Rowbotham, (NTU) The Issue for Historians: Do We Recategorise the Past?
Shirley Whitfield (LMU) The Problem of the ‘franc tireur’: German War Crimes in 1914
Frank Macdonough (LJMU) How the Nazis dealt with an German Family who Opposed it: a case study of three Gestapo investigations and trials

5.30-6.30 Plenary: Konrad Kwiet (University of Sydney) A Historian's View: The War Crimes Debate Down Under (Chair: Lorie Charlesworth, LJMU)

6.45-7.30: Opening Round Table and Wine Reception: Themes and Issues for the Conference Contributors include: Hon Shireen Fisher, Lesley Abdela, Erasmus Migyikra (Chair: Lorie Charlesworth, LJMU)

8.00 Dinner
FRIDAY
9.00-10.30 Session 3: Parallel Sessions
Session 3A: War Crimes Tribunals 1: Bosnia (Chair: Hon Shireen Fisher)
Toby Cadman (Formerly Prosecutor’s Office, Bosnia-Herzegovina) The Bosnian ‘model’ for War Crimes Prosecutions
Iva Vukušić (Prosecutor’s Office, Special War Crimes Dept) Challenges to national efforts in war crimes prosecution: the example of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Alma Dedic (UNDP) International vs. National Tribunals – Consequences and/or Standards Set: Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Session 3b War Crimes Tribunals 2: Wider Implications (Chair: Arzoo Fatima Syeddah)
Gillian Wigglesworth Trial of Charles Taylor
Artur Appazov (Copenhagen U) Expert Evidence: Expert Witnesses or Experts for International Criminal Procedure?

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.30 Session 4: Parallel Sessions
Session 4A. Theoretical conceptions 1 (Chair: Maria Varaki)
Dewi Williams (Staffordshire U) Challenging ‘The Crime of Crimes’

Session 4B: Exploring the Issues: Making Sense of War Crimes (Chair: David Fraser, Nottingham)
Alan Norrie (KCL) Justice on the Slaughter-Bench: the Problem of War Guilt in Arendt and Jaspers
Norman Erwin (Waterloo U) Making Sense of Mass Murder: Torontonians, Media, and the Liberation of the Concentration Camps
David Seymour (Lancaster U), From Jerusalem to Gaza: Law, Ethics and Holocaust

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.00 Session 5: Parallel Sessions
Session 5A Regulating the ‘Evils’ of War Crime (Chair: Bonita Meyersfield)
Douglas Guilfoyle (UCL) Trying Cain: International War Crimes, Due Process and Collective Evil
Regina Rauxloh (Surrey U) Private Military Firms and the ICC

Session 5B: Historising Contexts 4: Theory and Human Rights (Chair: Judith Rowbotham, NTU)
Silke Studzinsky (DED/ADHOC) Victims as Civil Parties before the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)- Challenge or mission impossible?
Jose Pablo Baraybar (EPAF, Peru) The Humanitarian umbrella: combining retributive and restorative justice in the search for the missing

3.00-3.30 Tea

3.30-4.30 Plenary David Fraser (Nottingham U) Indiana Steinberg and the Shoah at Gnivan. History, Alibis and Australian War Crimes Trials (Chair: Michael Kandiah, CCBH)

4.45-6.15 Session 6: Parallel Sessions
Session 6A Gendering Victims? Perspectives on War Crimes (Chair: Lesley Abdela, Eyecatcher)
Daniela De Vito (Roehampton U) Rape as Genocide
Bonita Meyersfeld (Legal & Parliamentary Advisor, Lords) Deficiencies in the Prosecution of Gender-Specific War Crimes

Session 6B, Guantanamo and the American System (Chair: H Candace Gorman)
Michel Paradis (Dept of Defense, Washington) Defending People and the Rule of Law at Guantanamo Bay
Melissa Epstein Mills (Gibson Dunn) Hamdaniyah: A Case Study of the American System of War Crimes Prosecution
Joe McMillan (Perkins Coie) War Crimes Prosecution Under the United States Military Commissions Act: The Trial of Salim Hamdan by Military Commission at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station

6.30-7.15 Reception
Accompanying Event: 6.30-7.15 Performance in IALS Council Chamber: Anniversary – An Act of Memory (60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) Monica Ross

7.30 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY
9.00-10.30 Session 7
Different Conceptualisations of ‘War Crime’ (Chair: Sandeep Gopalan, Reading U)
Peter Rushton & Gwenda Morgan (Sunderland U) War, Crime and Rebellion; The Problem of Legal Order in the American Revolution
Andrew Rudyk (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY) Hostes Humani Generi: Pirates, Slave Traders: American Torturers and Their Government Attorneys
Edward Philips (Greenwich U) Crimes against Humanity: War Crimes and Cultural Property

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-1.00 Session 8: Parallel Sessions
Session 8a: War Crimes Trials – the challenges (Chair: Lorie Charlesworth, LJMU)
Sari Wastell & Kirsten Campbell (Goldsmiths) The Scales of Crisis and Conciliation: From the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to the Bosnian War Crimes Section, State Court
Maria Varaki (Irish Human Rights Centre, Galway) Law, Politics and the ICC
H Candace Gorman, Representing Victims Before the ICC

Session 8b: War Crimes in National Jurisdictions (Chair: Michael Kandiah, CCBH)
Jo-Marie Burt (George Mason U), A President on Trial: Peru’s Efforts to Achieve Justice After Atrocity
Juan Santos Vara (Salamanca U) The Contribution of the Spanish Courts to Prosecuting War Crimes
Dawn Sedman (Oxford Brookes U) The Transfer of Defendants to the Rwandese National Jurisdiction for Prosecution under the Tribunal’s Rule II bis Powers

1.00-1.45 Lunch

1.45-3.15 Session 9
Who should be prosecuted? Theoretical conceptions, 2 (Chair: Lorie Charlesworth, CCBH)
Cissa Wa Numbe (UNA-DRC) *Issues of Legality and Justification: the Binding Legal Framework and the Bi-Partisan Role of the ICC*
Andrew Sanger (LSE), *Corporate Civil Liability for Post-hoc Complicity in Breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention in Occupied Territories*
Sandeep Gopalan (Reading U) *Bush and Co: War Criminals?*

3.15-4.15 **Plenary** David Sugarman (Lancaster U) *A Battleground of Memory and Justice. Chile Since the 1973 Coup* (Chair: Judith Rowbotham, NTU)

4.15-5.15 **Tea and Closed Round Table Discussion: Policies and Practices – Ways Forward?**