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2017 Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights

Global Criminal Justice: Accomplishments, Challenges, and Future Directions

Featuring a Keynote Address by:

Hassan Bubacar Jallow
Chief Justice of The Gambia
Former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
Former Chief Prosecutor of the UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

Monday, April 3, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gewirz Student Center – 12th Floor
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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The 2017 Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights, co-sponsored by the Georgetown Journal of International Law, will feature a day of discussions with leading experts about where the global criminal justice system stands, where it falls short, and where it needs to move forward in the future. The forum will provide an opportunity for speakers, panelists, attendees, and students to engage on a series of critically important topics impacting the effectiveness of accountability mechanisms for international criminal violations.

The Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights was established by Professor Dash’s family and friends, Georgetown Law alumni, and the law firm of Cozen O’Connor following his passing in 2004 to honor his contributions to international and domestic human rights.

Questions about the program or accessing the conference can be sent to pwg7@georgetown.edu.
Conference Program:

9:00 a.m.  Welcome Remarks

Andrew Schoenholtz, Director, Human Rights Institute, and Professor from Practice, Georgetown Law

9:15 a.m.  The U.S. Role in Accountability for International Atrocity Crimes

This panel will examine the U.S. role in advancing justice and accountability for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, with a special focus on the work, evolution, and leadership of the State Department’s Office of Global Criminal Justice and Office of War Crimes Issues.

Jane Stromseth (Moderator), Professor of Law, Georgetown Law, and former Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Criminal Justice

Diane Orentlicher, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University, and former Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Criminal Justice

Pierre-Richard Prosper, Partner, Ardent Fox, and former Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues (invited)

Stephen Rapp, Distinguished Fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Center for Prevention of Genocide and at the Hague Institute for Global Justice, and former Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Criminal Justice

David Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law, and Director, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University, and former Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues

Clint Williamson, Senior Director for Rule of Law, Governance, and Security at The McCain Institute, and Professor of Practice at the Sandra Day O’Connor Law School at Arizona State University, and former Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues

11:00 a.m.  Coffee Break

11:15 a.m.  The International Criminal Court: Assessing its Role and Impact

This panel will explore the International Criminal Court (ICC)’s role in the developing system of global criminal justice, examining debates and empirical evidence regarding the ICC’s accomplishments, impacts, and legitimacy, as well as challenges confronting the Court and critiques of the Court’s work.

David Luban (Moderator), University Professor in Law and Philosophy, Georgetown University

John Bellinger, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, and former Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, and former Legal Adviser to the National Security Council
Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
Charles Jalloh, Professor of Law, Florida International University, and Member, International Law Commission
Jane Stromseth, Professor of Law, Georgetown Law, and former Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large, Office of Global Criminal Justice
Jennifer Trahan, Clinical Associate Professor, The Center for Global Affairs, New York University School of Professional Studies
John Washburn, Director and Convener for the American Non-governmental Organizations Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC)

1:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Address

William Treanor (Introduction), Dean of Georgetown Law

Hassan Bubacar Jallow (Keynote Address)

2:15 p.m. Innovative Models of Justice, Capacity-Building, and Empowerment

This panel will explore innovative models of justice, including a range of domestically-based tribunals and hybrid courts, as well as efforts to document atrocities, build capacity, empower, and engage more effectively with directly affected communities.

Anna Cave (Moderator), Director of the Ben Ferencz International Justice Initiative at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Former Principal Deputy in the Office of Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State

Sofia Candeias, Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict, Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations
David M. Crane, Founding Chief Prosecutor, Special Court For Sierra Leone, and Director, Syrian Accountability Project, and Principal, Justice Consultancy International, LLC.
Charles Jalloh, Professor of Law, Florida International University and Member, International Law Commission
David Mandel-Anthony, Senior Advisor, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State
Susana SaCouto, Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence and Director, War Crimes Research Office, Washington College of Law, American University

4:00 p.m. Reception