



***Justice & Accountability for Atrocity Crimes***  
***Facing Tough Challenges and Forging Innovative Responses***

April 5, 2021

10:00am – 5:00pm EST

Virtual

Featuring Keynote Address

**“On Justice and Accountability: From East West Street to The Ratline and Beyond”**

by

**Philippe Sands**

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**Professor of Law, University College London**  
**Barrister at Matrix Chambers**  
**Author of *East West Street* and *The Ratline***

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.



## Conference Program

### 10:00 – 10:15 am Welcome Remarks

**Andrew I. Schoenholtz** – Director, Human Rights Institute and Professor from Practice, Georgetown Law

### 10:15 – 11:45 am *Envisioning Accountability for Victims of Atrocity Crimes in Syria, Myanmar, and China*

**Jane E. Stromseth (Moderator)** – Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law, Georgetown Law

**Tom Andrews** – UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Senior Robina Human Rights Fellow, Schell International Human Rights Center, Yale University Law School; Associate, Asia Center, Harvard University

**Beth Van Schaack** – Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor of Human Rights, Stanford Law School.

**Param-Preet Singh** – Associate Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch

### 11:45 – 11:59 am Break

### 12:00 – 1:30 pm Keynote Address : *On Justice and Accountability: From East West Street to The Ratline and Beyond*

**William Treanor** – Dean, Georgetown Law

**Philippe Sands** - Professor of Law, University College London  
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**Melissa Stewart (Moderator)** – Dash-Muse Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law, Human Rights Institute, Georgetown Law

### 1:30 – 2:00 pm Break



**2:00 – 3:30 pm**      *The Future of International Criminal Justice at the International Criminal Court*

**David Luban (Moderator)** – University Professor and Professor of Law and Philosophy, Georgetown Law

**Todd Buchwald** – Professorial Lecturer in Law, George Washington University Law School

**Margaret M. deGuzman** – James E. Beasley Professor of Law and Co-Director, Institute for International Law and Public Policy, Temple Law School

**Charles C. Jalloh** – Professor of Law, Florida International University; Member, UN International Law Commission;

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**      **Break**

**4:00 – 5:30 pm**      *No Choice: Analyzing Attacks on Health as a Driver of Forcible Displacement in Syria*  
Presentation of Research Findings by the Human Rights Institute's Human Rights Fact-Finding Practicum

**Scott Gilmore (Moderator and Instructor)** – Of Counsel, Hausfeld, LLP; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law

**Melissa Stewart (Moderator and Instructor)** – Dash-Muse Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Law, Human Rights Institute, Georgetown Law

**Dennis Blumenfeld (L'22)**

**Aysha Chowdhry (L'23)**

**Jacob Demree (L'22)**

**Elizabeth Fray (L'22)**

**Juliana Lord (L'22)**

**Hibah Siddiqui (L'22)**





### **About the Human Rights Institute**

The Human Rights Institute (HRI) is the focal point of human rights at Georgetown Law and helps ensure the Law Center's place as a center of excellence in human rights teaching and training and in producing policy-relevant and influential human rights ideas and research.

HRI's mission is to promote understanding of and respect for human rights and the practice of human rights law, and to develop Georgetown Law's place as a global leader in human rights.

To carry out its mission, HRI works closely with the broad range of human rights faculty and staff experts at the Law Center as well as leaders in the global human rights movement, and manages programs and projects to generate and advance the research, writing, and advocacy work of students, alumni, and faculty.



### **About Samuel Dash**

Sam Dash enjoyed an extraordinarily successful and wide-ranging legal career that spanned half a century. As chief counsel of the Senate Watergate Committee, he oversaw the 1973-74 investigation into the Nixon administration's involvement in the Democratic National Committee break-in, which riveted the nation, revealed the existence of the Oval Office tapes, and led to President Richard Nixon's resignation.



As a member of the board of directors for the International League of Human Rights, Dash's pursuit to advance justice took him around the world. He served on human rights missions to Northern Ireland (to investigate the 1972 "Bloody Sunday" incident), the Soviet Union, and Chile, and in 1985 he was the first American permitted by South Africa to visit Nelson Mandela in prison. He was involved in the mediation efforts with the South African government that eventually led to Mandela's release.

He made headlines again while serving as ethics adviser to independent counsel Kenneth Starr during the Whitewater Investigation (1994-1998). He resigned in protest when Starr testified before the House Judiciary Committee to advocate for the impeachment of President Clinton. Dash, who helped to write the independent counsel law, felt that Starr's testimony went beyond the scope of his legal role as an objective investigator.

Dash, who joined Georgetown University Law Center in 1965 and served as director of its Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure, provided students in his criminal law and professional responsibility courses immeasurable insight into the criminal justice system, drawing on his experience as a trial attorney with the appellate section of the U.S. Justice Department's criminal division, as chief of the appeals division for the Philadelphia district attorney's office, and as a partner specializing in trial practice for Philadelphia law firms. Dash also served as chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and as president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

From the beginning of his legal career, Dash focused much of his energy on promoting justice. While a law student at Harvard, Dash helped found and lead the Harvard Voluntary Defenders, a student clinic providing legal services for poor criminal defendants. In 1951, he conducted an undercover investigation into corruption at the Municipal Court of Chicago, resulting in a seminal work on legal corruption called *Cracks in the Foundation of Criminal Justice*. In 1957, he conducted the first nationwide investigation of wiretapping and published *The Eavesdroppers*, which helped change wiretapping law. His last book, *The Intruders: Unreasonable Searches and Seizures from King John to John Ashcroft*, criticizes the government's expanded search, seizure and wiretapping powers following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Dash grew up poor in Philadelphia, and began working at age seven. At 18 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a bombardier navigator flying missions in Italy during World War II. After returning to the United States, he received his undergraduate degree from Temple University and met his wife Sara on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J. They married the following year and have two daughters, Judi and Rachel.

