The Transitional Justice Program

The 3rd Annual Minerva Jerusalem International Conference on Transitional Justice

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

LEARNING FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

(DRAFT PROGRAM – FOR SPEAKERS ONLY)

Jerusalem, 18-19 May 2014
Beit Maiersdorf, Mt. Scopus Campus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

With the cooperation of:
**DAY ONE: Sunday, 18 May 2014**

09:00-09:30  *Registration and Refreshments*

09:30-09:45  *Greetings and Opening Remarks*

  **Prof. Barak Medina** / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Academic Director, Transitional Justice Program

  **Mr. Michael Mertes** / Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Israel

  **Dr. Ron Dudai** / Buber Postdoctoral Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:45-11:30  *Session I: Theoretical and Historical Perspectives*

  **Chair:**  **Prof. Barak Medina** / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

  **Speakers:**

  - **Dr. Anna Dolidze** / University of Western Ontario
    "Beyond the Binary of Exogenous and Endogenous Transitions: The International Governance of Transitional Justice in Georgia"

  - **Prof. Paul Finkelman** / Albany Law School; Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University
    "Fighting the Slave Trade and Slavery: The World’s First Transnational Justice Movement"

  - **Prof. Ruti Teitel** / New York Law School; Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics; Affiliated Visiting Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
    "Global Civil Society and Transitional Justice"

11:30-12:00  *Refreshments*

12:00-13:45  *Session II: An Early Case Study: Civil Society and the Or Commission*

  **Chair:**  **Prof. Michael Karayanni** / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

  **Speakers:**

  - **Adv. Sigall Horovitz** / Rabin Fellow, Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
    "Strategizing for Transitional Justice: Civil Society's Role in Official Transitional Justice Processes"

  - **Dr. Hala Khoury-Bisharat** / Carmel Academic College
    "The Difference Between the Or Commission and Truth and Reconciliation Commissions"

  - **Prof. Yoav Peled** / Department of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University
    "The Or Commission and the Trajectory of Ethnic Democracy"

13:45-15:00  *Lunch (at the conference venue)*

15:00-16:45  *Session III: Lawyers and Civil Society*

  **Chair:**  **Dr. Yael Ronen** / Sha’arei Mishpat Academic College; Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

  **Speakers:**

  - **Prof. Kieran McEvoy** / Faculty of Law, Queen’s University Belfast
    "Lawyers, Conflict and Professionalism in Transition"

  - **Dr. Louise Mallinder** / Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
    "Lawyering in Non-Democratic States: Preliminary Reflections on Cambodia"

  **Respondents:**

  - **Adv. Neta Patrick** / Clinical Legal Education Center, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

  - **Adv. Bana Shoughry-Badarne** / Legal Director, Public Committee Against Torture in Israel

  - **Adv. Limor Yehuda** / PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:45-17:15  *Refreshments*
Session IV: Civil Society, Transitional Justice and the Israeli-Palestine Conflict

Chair: Adv. Danny Evron / Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: Ms. Rimona Afana / Ph.D. Candidate, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
"Transitional Lacking Transition: Civil Society Responses to Justice and Reconciliation in the Israel-Palestine Impasse"

Adv. Sami Ershied / Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem;
Prof. Daphna Golan / Minerva Center for Human Rights and Academy-Community Partnership, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"Lifta - A Site of Hope?"

Adv. Hassan Jabareen / Founder and General Director, Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel; Senior Fellow, Yale Law School; Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
"The Role of Palestinian Civil Society in Israel in Shaping Narratives and Claims for Reconciliation"

Adv. Einat Ronen / PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University
"How Civil Society Promotes Transitional Justice Methods in Peace Negotiations - Links between Informal and Formal Tracks (LIFT)"

19:30 Dinner (in Jerusalem)

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DAY TWO: Monday, 19 May 2014

09:00-10:45 Session V: Civil Society and the Rule of Law

Chair: Prof. David Kretzmer / Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Sapir Academic College

Speakers: Ms. Julie Broome / Ph.D. Candidate, Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
“Making the Sum More than its Parts: Prosecutions, the Rule of Law, and Civil Society”

Dr. Khanyisela Moyo / Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
“Civil Society and Transitional Justice Litigation: Lessons from Postcolonial Africa”

Ms. Leila Ullrich / Ph.D. Candidate in Criminology, ESRC Scholar, University of Oxford
“International NGOs, Local Intermediaries and the Justice Politics of the International Criminal Court (ICC)”

10:45-11:15 Refreshments

11:15-13:15 Session VI: Challenges for Civil Society

Chair: Dr. Nelly Kfir / Vidal Angel Postdoctoral Fellow, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: Dr. Yael Danielli / Director, Group Project for Holocaust Survivors and their Children, New York
“Listening to Victims and Traumatic Stories: A Multidisciplinary Challenge for Civil Society in its Search for Justice and Healing”

Dr. Cheryl Lawther / Queen’s University Belfast
“Victimhood, Politics and Civil Society: Northern Ireland as a Case Study”

Prof. Carrie Menkel-Meadow / Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, University of California Irvine
“Cultural Variations in Transitional and Restorative Justice: One Size Will Not Fit All”
Prof. Timothy Waters / Professor of Law, Center for Constitutional Democracy, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University
“Clearing the Path: The Perils ofPositing Civil Society in Conflict and Transition”

13:15-14:30 Lunch (at the conference venue)

14:30-15:00 Session VII: Upon the Publication of Ruti Teitel’s "Globalizing Transitional Justice"

Introduction: Adv. Sigall Horovitz / Rabin Fellow, Truman Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Comments: Prof. Ruti Teitel / New York Law School; Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics; Affiliated Visiting Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

15:00-15:15 Refreshments

15:15-16:45 Session VIII: The Experience of Israeli-Palestinian Civil Society – A Roundtable Discussion with Representatives of Organizations

Chair: Dr. Ron Dudai / Buber Postdoctoral Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Participants: The Abraham Fund Initiative
Combatants for Peace
The Parents Circle Families Forum

16:45-17:15 Coffee break

17:15-19:00 Session IX: Civil Society, Education and Dialogue

Chair: Prof. Tomer Broude / Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers: Prof. Elazar Barkan / School of International and Public Affairs and Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University
“Beyond Accountability: Historical Dialogue and Conflict Resolution”
Dr. Maya Kahanoff / Program on Conflict Research & Resolution and Truman Research Institute for Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“Dialogue and Empathic Understanding in Prolonged Social Conflicts”

The conference is open to the public – registration is required

For registration and information: Please contact the Minerva Center for Human Rights via e-mail: mchr@savion.huji.ac.il or tel. 02-5881156. There is no registration fee.

Conference discussions will be in English.