



International Criminal Justice: The State of Play

Strategy Room 320, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
Simon Fraser University - Vancouver, Canada

19-20 March 2015

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH

8:30-9:00 **Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:30 **Introductions and Opening Remarks**

Jennifer Simons, Alec Dawson, The Hon. Louise Arbour

9:30-11:00 **Panel I: Critical evaluation of the underlying assumptions of international justice**

Richard A. Falk, "The Long March to End Impunity for State Crimes of Aggression and Crimes Against Humanity"

Stephen Toope, "A Critical Analysis of the Concept of 'Fragmentation' and the Normative Legitimacy of International Criminal Justice"

James Stewart (ICC), "Prevention: Will it ever be realizable?"

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:45 **Panel II: Empirical evidence on the functioning of international justice**

Diane Orentlicher, "Genocide in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda"

Bridget Marchesi, "'Beyond the Justice Cascade'"

Izabela Steflja, "Lessons from Yugoslavia and Rwanda: How International Criminal Tribunals Can Empower Anti-Reform Forces"

- 12:45-2:00** **Lunch** (HSBC Executive Meeting Room 370)
- 2:00-3:30** **Panel III: Politics of opposition to international justice**
- Rex Brynen, “The Politics of Palestinian Accession to the ICC”
- Ali A. Rizvi, “From Root Causes to Reform: the Challenges of Ushering Islam into the 21st Century”
- William Schabas, “Victors' Justice and Double Standards: The Politics of International Justice”
- 3:30-3:45** **Break**
- 3:45-5:15** **Panel IV: Challenges of enforcing international justice**
- Castro Wesamba, “Africa and Challenges of International Criminal Justice”
- Tim McCormack, “The Challenges of Applying Article 8 of the Rome Statute”
- Beth A. Simmons, “Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?”
- Sheri Rosenberg, “The Audacity of Hope: Mass Atrocities, International Justice and Prevention”
- 7:00** **Dinner in honour of The Honourable Louise Arbour** hosted by The Simons Foundation
Spanish Ballroom, Rosewood Hotel Georgia: 810 West Georgia Street, Vancouver

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH

- 9:00-9:30** **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30-11:00** **Panel V: Possibilities for reforming the current system of international justice**
- Pacifique Manirakiza, “Towards Regionalization of International Criminal Justice: The African Experience”
- Jennifer Quaid, “The Next Frontier of International Criminal Law: Holding Organizations to Account as Distinct Responsible Actors”
- James Stewart (UBC), “Avenues of accountability for the most egregious corporate offending in war zones”
- 11:00-11:15** **Break**

11:15-12:45 Panel VI: Novel uses of international justice

Rachel A. Cichowski, "Interest and Advocacy Group use of the European Court of Human Rights"

Georgette Gagnon, "Using International Justice in the Field: the Case of Afghanistan"

Ruben Reike, "The Responsibility to Protect: Impetus or Obstacle for Enforcing International Criminal Justice?"

Nicole Barrett, "International Accountability in African Courts"

12:45-2:00 Lunch (HSBC Executive Meeting Room 370)

2:00-3:30 Panel VII: Tensions between international justice and other goals

Fannie Lafontaine, "To Prosecute or What? National Jurisdictions and the Gaps in Closing the Impunity Gap"

David Petrasek, "The ICC and peace processes – is a balance possible?"

Onur Bakiner, "Whither Universal Jurisdiction? The (Stunted) Growth of a Legal Norm"

3:30-4:00 Refreshment break

4:00-5:30 Summary and Concluding Remarks

Alec Dawson; Rapporteur: Shayna Plaut; The Hon. Louise Arbour; Jennifer Simons