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The 3rd Annual Minerva Jerusalem
International Conference on Transitional Justice

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

Sunday, 18 May 2014

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

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"

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 **Recess**

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

17:15-19:15 **Session IV: Civil Society, Transitional Justice and the Israel-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 Israeli and Palestinian Civil Societies Promote Integration of Transitional Justice Methods in Peace Negotiations - Links between Informal and Formal Tracks (LIFT)"

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 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)"

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 Danieli** / 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 Reparative Justice"

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 of Positing Civil Society in Conflict and Transition"

13:15-14:30 **Recess**

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

15:15-16:45 **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

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

Chair: **Prof. Tomer Brode** / 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"