

Call for Applications

INTENSIVE COURSE ON PREVENTION AND GUARANTEES OF NON-RECURRENCE: THE ROLE OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

The International Center for Transitional Justice and the Barcelona International Peace Centre (BIPC) are pleased to announce the *Intensive Course on Prevention and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence: The Role of Transitional Justice* to be held in Barcelona, Spain from October 1-5, 2018.

Overview

The notion of prevention is a major priority in the current global policy agenda. In 2016, the UN General Assembly and the Security Council issued twin resolutions on sustaining peace, emphasizing the need to prevent conflict rather than react to it. In 2018, the UN Secretary General released a report on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and the UN and World Bank published a major study on preventing violent conflict. In 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals included in Goal 16 on peaceful, just, and inclusive societies the targets of reducing all forms of violence, including violence and torture against children; reducing corruption; and developing effective, accountable, and transparent institutions.

Transitional justice challenges the causes and addresses the consequences of massive human rights violations by affirming the dignity of victims, fighting impunity for those responsible, promoting responsive institutions, and fostering social, political, institutional, and legal reforms to rebuild social trust and social cohesion. It is aimed at breaking cycles of abuse and laying the foundations for peace, justice, and inclusion. Given both the propensity for massive human rights violations to be committed during violent conflict, and the frequency with which violent conflicts recur, it is crucial for practitioners and policymakers to better understand the role that transitional justice can play in preventing such recurrence.

While guaranteeing the non-recurrence of rights violations is a long-established aim of transitional justice, preventing the recurrence of violent conflict more broadly by addressing past injustice is less understood and more contested. This course will examine how transitional justice can contribute to preventing the recurrence of violent conflict. It will ask a series of questions aimed at unpacking the concept of prevention and exploring its relationship to transitional justice:

- How can transitional justice help to prevent the recurrence of human rights violations, violent conflict, violent extremism, genocide, gender-based violence, displacement, and corruption?
- What are the specific pathways of change—such as removing actors, building/reforming institutions, repairing social relations, increasing trust, addressing root causes, facilitating durable solutions, changing norms—through which addressing the legacies of the past contributes to a more peaceful future?
- What roles do different actors such as the state, civil society, donors, and international organizations play in using justice processes to avoid the return of violence and abuse?
- How do contextual conditions—institutional, political, economic, and cultural—limit or facilitate the effectiveness of transitional justice as an approach to prevention?
- How should measures of accountability, redress, and reform be conceptualized and designed in the aftermath of armed conflict with an eye to averting further violence?

The course will look at practical examples of current, past, and paradigmatic transitional justice processes and their contribution to prevention. Country case studies to be discussed may include Kenya,

Sierra Leone, South Africa, the former Yugoslavia, and Latin American cases. The aim is to provide course participants with a firm grounding in transitional justice efforts and insight into the challenges and opportunities of helping to avoid the recurrence of violent conflict.

Logistics

Date and Location: October 1-5, 2018 at Sant Felip Neri House in Barcelona, Spain. It will start at 9:00 on Monday and end around 15:30 on Friday.

Participants: The program is targeted at mid-career and senior staff at multilateral agencies, governments, NGOs, foundations, universities, and others directly involved in peacebuilding, conflict and post-conflict contexts around the world.

Course Format: The course format includes a combination of lectures, small group discussions, practical exercises and peer exchange of experiences.

Instructors: Instructors include top level experts and practitioners, such as Anna Myriam Roccatello, Roger Duthie, Howard Varney, among other guest speakers. Participants will be sent selected reading materials in advance, and receive a comprehensive resource packet for future reference upon completion of the course.

Language: This course will be taught in English and a high proficiency level is required to fully benefit from attendance.

Course Fee: The course fee is US \$2,200. This fee includes course materials, refreshments, and lunch. It does **not** include the cost of traveling to/from Barcelona, visa, accommodation, insurance, and other meals, such as dinner.

Notice: Please note that this course requires a minimum number of participants. The course will be confirmed by August 6th, once the minimum number of participants is met. Unfortunately, ICTJ cannot provide any scholarships or waivers for the course fees, but we can provide participants with letters of support in obtaining sponsorship, within the participant's country of residence or work. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request. Payment arrangement information will be included in acceptance letters.

How to apply

The application form can be completed online [here](#). If you download the application, send the completed form and supporting documents to Kelen Meregali at kmeregali@ictj.org.

It requires a one-page letter of motivation, Curriculum Vitae, a copy of your passport, and one letter of reference. Applications will be accepted until August 6, 2018. Successful applicants will be notified by August 10, 2018. If you have any questions about the application process, program, or logistics, please contact Kelen Meregali at kmeregali@ictj.org.