

October 19-20, 2018

Campbell Conference Facility
Munk School of Global Affairs
and Public Policy,
University of Toronto

GENOCIDE IN TWENTIETH- CENTURY HISTORY:

**THE POWER AND
THE PROBLEMS OF
AN INTERPRETIVE,
ETHICAL-POLITICAL,
AND LEGAL CONCEPT**

Holodomor Research and
Education Consortium,
Canadian Institute
of Ukrainian Studies,
University of Alberta

Institute for Holocaust,
Genocide, and Memory
Studies,
University of
Massachusetts, Amherst

Petro Jacyk Program for
the Study of Ukraine,
Centre for European,
Russian, and Eurasian
Studies,
Munk School of Global
Affairs and Public Policy,
University of Toronto

Anne Tanenbaum Centre
for Jewish Studies,
University of Toronto

Chair of Ukrainian Studies,
University of Toronto

CONFERENCE CONCEPT

The conference will focus on how the concept of “genocide,” differentiated and contested from its inception, evolved and adapted in the face of a rapidly growing body of research that surged after the 1980s. While the genocide concept has proven crucial to the understanding of the twentieth century, the issues it raises have also become evident. The conference aims at exploring the history of the concept of genocide, how it evolved and has continued to evolve over time, and its strengths and weaknesses in light of new research. Finally, we will consider the future of the concept of genocide.

The conference panels will feature brief presentations of pre-circulated papers followed by comprehensive discussion.

A follow-up workshop on the global history of ethnic cleansing will take place in 2019 at the Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility
Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
1 Devonshire Place | Toronto

08:45-09:30 *Breakfast and Registration*

09:30-10:00 **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

ALON CONFINO, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
ANDREA GRAZIOSI, Università di Napoli Federico II
FRANK SYSYN, University of Alberta

LESLEY CORMACK, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta
RANDALL HANSEN, Interim Director, Munk School of Global Affairs and
Public Policy, University of Toronto

SESSION I | The emergence of a conflict-ridden term and its contradictions

10:00 -11:00 **Session I | Panel**

How did the term "genocide" come about and what was the intention?
How did the concept evolve in the post-WWII environment?

DOUGLAS IRVIN-ERICKSON, George Mason University, *The Origins of the
Genocide Concept: Lemkin and His Many Milieux*

ANTON WEISS-WENDT, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and
Religious Minorities, Oslo, *Not My Crime: The Great Powers Negotiating
the Genocide Convention, 1946-1948*

CAROLINE FOURNET, University Groningen, *The Orchestrated
Inapplicability of the Law of Crimes against Humanity and Genocide to the
Colonial Past – une exception française?*

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:45 **Session I | Discussion**

Discussant: DIRK MOSES, University of Sydney

12:45-14:30 *Lunch*

SESSION II | The evolution of the concept of genocide (Holocaust-Shoah)

14:30-15:30 Session II | Panel

How did the concept of genocide develop before its surge in the 1990s?
How was the Holocaust/Shoah conceptualized in relation to the concept of genocide?

ANNETTE F. TIMM, University of Calgary, *The Costs of Silencing Holocaust Victims: Why We Must Add Sexual Violence to Our Definition of Genocide*

DANI BLATMAN, Hebrew University, *Diverse Narratives or Separate Histories?: The Polish-Israeli Debate over the So-called "Polish Holocaust Law"*

ROTEM GILADI, Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture–Simon Dubnow, *Genocide and Jewish Nationalism(s): Raphael Lemkin, the Genocide Convention, and the Jewish State*

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-17:15 Session II | Discussion

Discussants: DORIS BERGEN, University of Toronto, and ANTONIO FERRARA, National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR), Italy

17:15-17:30 *Break*

17:30-18:30 Evening Public Lecture *Is There a World History of Genocide?*

NORMAN NAIMARK, Stanford University

18:45-20:30 *Reception*
Observatory Site, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy University of Toronto | 315 Bloor St. West | Toronto

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility
Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
1 Devonshire Place | Toronto

08:30-09:15 *Breakfast*

SESSION III | (Panels A & B) Discovering the genocidal nature of the twentieth century

How has research since 2000 changed our perspective on the twentieth century as genocidal?

09:15-10:30 **Session III, Panel A | The WWI-WWII period**

RONALD G. SUNY, University of Michigan, *War of Liberation or Genocide? Narratives on the Fate of the Ottoman Armenians*

ANDREA GRAZIOSI, Università di Napoli Federico II, *The Kazakh Famine, the Holodomor, and the Soviet 1930-33 Famine: Starvation and National Un-building in the Soviet Union*

NORMAN NAIMARK, Stanford University, *The Holodomor in the Context of Soviet Mass Killing in the 1930s*

ALEXANDER KORB, University of Leicester, *Hitler's Genocidal Allies: Where and Why Did Non-German Perpetrators Commit Genocide during WWII?*

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-12:15 **Session III, Panel A | Discussion**

Discussants: MICHELLE TUSAN, University of Nevada and
ALON CONFINO, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

12:15-13:45 *Lunch*

13:45-14:45 **Session III, Panel B | The colonial–post-colonial experience**

SCOTT STRAUS, University of Wisconsin, Madison, *The Concept of Genocide and Episodes of Mass Violence in the Great Lakes Region, 1959-2004*

ROBERT CRIBB, Australian National University, *Genocidal Panic: Emotional Aspects of the Political Genocides in Indonesia, China, and Cambodia*

CHRISTIAN GERLACH, University of Bern, *Sounds of a Massacre: Chuknagar, East Pakistan, 20 May 1971*

14:45-15:00 *Coffee break*

15:00-16:00 **Session III, Panel B | Discussion**

Discussant: DEBORAH MAYERSEN, University of Wollongong

16:00-16:15 *Coffee break*

SESSION IV | Rethinking the term “genocide”

16:15-17:30 Session IV | Roundtable

What is the “state of the art” in genocide studies? Why were there so many genocides in the 20th century? How do they relate to each other? What were their specific features and how do they compare to previous experiences of mass killings? What are the “interpretive” potentials and problems of the category? How can historians, political scientists, specialists in law, et al. meaningfully talk to each other?

Moderator: BOHDAN KLID, University of Alberta

ALON CONFINO, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, *Jews on Genocide, Israeli-Jews on Genocide*

ANDREA GRAZIOSI, Università di Napoli Federico II, *State Building, Transformative Projects, Collective Categories, and the “Genocidal Century”*

CHRISTIAN GERLACH, University of Bern, *The Eichmannization of History and Its Implications*

MARK KRAMER, Harvard University, *Genocide as a Concept, “Genocide” as a Political Weapon*

MICHELLE TUSAN, University of Nevada, *Is It Time to Forget Genocide?*
DIRK MOSES, University of Sydney, *Genocide as a Security Crime*
ANNA SHTERNSHIS, University of Toronto, *Music and Genocide*

17:30-18:15 **Roundtable | Open Discussion**

18:15-18:30 *Break*

18:30-19:30 **Toronto Annual Ukrainian Famine Lecture**
Genocide in Ukraine: The Holodomor and its Lessons for the Future

LIUDMYLA HRYNEVYCH, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences; Director of
the Holodomor Research and Education Centre, Ukraine

19:30-21:30 *Reception*
Observatory Site, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy
University of Toronto | 315 Bloor St. West | Toronto



UMassAmherst

Institute for
Holocaust, Genocide,
and Memory Studies



Centre for Jewish Studies
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

מרכז למדעי היהדות

munkschool
OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

We are grateful to the Temerty Foundation for its generous support.