

UCSIA INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP  
**PREVENTING GENOCIDE**  
**ROOT CAUSES AND COPING STRATEGIES**

University of Antwerp, Belgium  
Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Call for Papers**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the pleasure of enclosing in attachment the call for papers for the international workshop the University Centre Saint Ignatius Antwerp (cf. [www.ucsia.org](http://www.ucsia.org)), a forum for academic reflection on societal issues and their ethical implications, is organising on the topic of genocide, root causes and coping strategies on November 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

The organisation committee, composed of the Academic Director of UCSIA, Christiane Timmerman and project promoters Marc Bossuyt, professor emeritus international law at the University of Antwerp, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague and judge at the Belgian Constitutional Court, professor Stephan Parmentier, Coordinator, Research Line on Political Crimes, Human Rights and Human Security, Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), Faculty of Law, K.U.Leuven and Bert Ingelaere, collaborator, anthropological research on the Rwandan genocide, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp, has established the programme.

In attachment you will find:

- a project description with the programme
- the application procedure
- an application form

The deadline for submission of applications is set for **May 15th 2011**. Candidates should send in the completed application form, accompanied by an academic curriculum vitae and an outline of the proposed paper. The selection of participants will be communicated before mid-June.

The organizer takes on charge all costs pertaining to participation and stay in Antwerp of all selected participants, while travel arrangements and costs are incumbent on participants themselves.

The selected participant will present her/his paper in a panel session (20 minutes in English) and will afterwards send in an article to be considered for publication (which will be submitted to careful selection). The aim of the organizer is to publish a selection of articles presented at the workshop.

Thanking you in advance for your interest and for the wider dissemination of this information, we remain at your disposal for all further questions.

Sincerely,

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The term 'Genocide' was coined by the jurist Raphael Lemkin in 1944 by combining the Greek word 'genos' (race) with the Latin word 'cide' (killing). Genocide as defined by the United Nations in 1948 means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, including: (a) killing members of the group (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group. A permanent international criminal court was formally created in 2002 but genocides involve the participation of large numbers of individuals, making criminal prosecution difficult. This has given way to the creation of truth and reconciliation tribunals before which perpetrators and victims can confront each other and attempt to find ways to coexist in post-conflict societies. Attributing accountability is important as a matter of justice and partial repair. It is society's moral condemnation.

Why do people engage in such mass-scale violence and murder?

Explanations are often based on external (situational) macro-events such as political unrest and economic upheaval. On a more personal level explanations may be sought in the psychodynamics of the individual, as elaborated in social role, social identity and self-categorization theories. Anthropologists look for clarification in structural-cultural dynamics and have examined crucial group dynamics, such as kinship relations, socialization into cultures of violence and local understandings of status honor, face and shame. They have analysed the processes of boundary construction and ideology and how violence is culturally patterned and often also bodily inscribed as manifest in torture practices.

The development of more rapid means of communication allows for the public to be informed more quickly of events happening in distant parts of the world. Information about massacres becomes harder to conceal. Public opinion emerged as a factor in law and politics. Still this does not always lead to more direct action.

What strategies may be developed to cope with the effects and prevent genocides from (re)occurring?

**Format**

- A two-day international workshop with specialized lectures and presentations and debates by invited senior and junior scholars, accessible to the broader academic community, as well as an evening lecture open to the broader public.
- The workshop is meant to be more than just a meeting of experts. The aim is to offer a platform to scholars to present their research on the topic and exchange their ideas on research findings.

**Organizer**

UCSIA provides an international and interdisciplinary platform that supports and stimulates academic research, higher education and community service regarding themes that express the Christian ideology in a spirit of openness and tolerance, thus contributing to a more just society. The center was created eight years ago as an offspring of the former Saint Ignatius University Antwerp. It develops about 20 projects a year (seminars, conferences, lectures etc.) on topics such as democracy, the construction of Europe, and interreligious and intercultural dialogue; see the activity report of UCSIA on [www.ucsia.org](http://www.ucsia.org).

**Programme**

<p style="text-align: center;">UCSIA international workshop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PREVENTING GENOCIDE: Root Causes and Coping Strategies</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of Antwerp, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2011</p>		
	Day I <b>ROOT CAUSES</b>	Day II <b>COPING STRATEGIES</b>
9h00	Welcome by UCSIA	Welcome by UCSIA
9h05	Introduction by chair, Stephan Parmentier	Introduction by moderator, Marc Bossuyt
9h10	<b>The Concept of Genocide: Current Debates</b> by Martin Shaw	<b>Community-based Coping Strategies and Preventive Action</b> (in prospect)
9h40	Q+A	Q+A
10h00	<b>Root Causes: Economic Factors and Poverty</b> by Philip Verwimp	<b>Commemoration and Reconciliation</b> by Anna-Maria Brandstetter
10h30	Q+A	Q+A
10h50	Coffee Break	
11h20	<b>Ideology, Genocide and the Problem of the State in Twentieth Century Bosnia</b> by Cathie Carmichael	<b>Individual Coping Strategies and Preventive Action</b> by Marleen Temmerman
11h50	Q+A	Q+A
12h10	Closing remarks by chair	Closing remarks by chair
12h30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13u30	(3) Paper presentations (20 min. each) Q+A	(3) Paper presentations (20 min. each) Q+A
15h00	Coffee Break	
15h30	(3) Paper presentations (20 min. each) Q+A	(3) Paper presentations (20 min. each) Q+A
17h00	End of day 1	End of day 2

## Guest speakers

**Anna-Maria Brandstetter** is senior lecturer in anthropology at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. Her research is concerned with different aspects of the production of collective memory and public culture in the interest of remaking the past in Rwandan nation-building in comparison with research on other cases in Africa to address more general issues of collective/public memory and personal recollections and how both are articulated, of contradictory readings of public representations of the past and of competing narratives.

**Cathie Carmichael** teaches Eastern European history as a reader in European history at the University of East Anglia. Her research has been about nationalism, ethnicity and violence with particular reference to the former Yugoslavia. Her recent research has been concerned with national identity, borders and violence.

**Marleen Temmerman** is professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Ghent University in Belgium, head of the obstetrics and gynaecology department at the Ghent University Hospital, and a senator in the Belgian parliament. She conducted research into HIV and AIDS and was a lecturer at the University of Nairobi. While working in Pumwani Maternity Hospital in the slums of Nairobi, Professor Temmerman fought for improvements in health care of poor people and for the reproductive and sexual rights of women. In 1992 she joined Ghent University, where she became the first female gynaecology professor in Belgium. Two years later she created the multidisciplinary International Centre for Reproductive Health, based in Ghent and Kenya. In March 2010 she was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Reward' of the British Medical Journal.

**Martin Shaw** is a sociologist of global politics, war and genocide. He is professorial fellow in international relations and human rights at Roehampton University, London and research professor of international relations at the University of Sussex. He founded 'The Global Site' (2000), a portal for critical writing on global politics, culture and society. Shaw's research is now focused on questions of war, extended into the field of genocide.

**Philip Verwimp** obtained his PhD in economics from the K.U.Leuven in January 2003 with a dissertation on the political economy of development and genocide in Rwanda. He studied economics and sociology in Antwerp, Leuven and Göttingen and specialises in the economic causes and consequences of conflict at the micro-level and has done quantitative work on the death toll of the genocide and on the demography of post-genocide Rwanda. He currently works on poverty, health, gender and entrepreneurship in conflict-affected countries. He taught development economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam (Institute of Social Studies), the University of Antwerp, Leuven, Utrecht and the National University of Burundi. He currently teaches development economics at ULB where he holds the Alain and Marie Philippon Chair in Sustainable Human Development.

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should:

- be involved in ongoing research relevant to the themes addressed in the sessions of the conference
- have a good command of English
- respect formal requirements of the application process
- junior scholars are encouraged to apply

Application Procedure

The application documents include:

1. application form completed in English
2. curriculum vitae, in English, with attached list of publications (if available)
3. an outline of your proposed paper of about 1000 words with references, in English and an indication of which of the conference's four research themes you think your paper fits in best.

The application package should be addressed to the address indicated at the end of this letter.

Application documents should be submitted by **May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**.

Selection Criteria

- fulfillment of formal eligibility requirements
- academic qualifications
- a well written paper proposal, representative of your research work and related to the main topic of the conference that expresses an innovative approach and shows the methodology and theoretical underpinning of your empirical research

**Admission Announcement**

**Successful candidates will be informed on the admission decision by mid-June 2011.**

Funding

UCSIA will fund the following for selected participants:

- tuition fee
- study materials
- lodging (for three consecutive nights) and meals while in Antwerp

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**APPLICATION FORM**

*Please type, print, or write in block capital letters*

*To be returned (with annexes) to the address below*

**A. PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

<b>Name, surname</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Citizenship</b>	
<b>Permanent address</b>	
<b>Address for correspondence</b> (if different from permanent address)	
<b>Telephone and fax number</b> (incl. country and area code)	
<b>E-mail address</b>	

**B. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**Highest Academic Qualifications Received**

Title of the degree	
Date degree received	
Discipline, area of specialization	
Degree-granting institution	

**Current Enrolment in Academic Programs (if applicable)**

Name of the program	
Institution	
Discipline, area of specialization	
Anticipated date of completion	

**Academic Experience Outside Your Home Country (if applicable)**

Country	
Name of institution	
Name of program	
Discipline, area of specialization	
Dates	
Qualifications/certificate obtained	

Country	
Name of institution	
Name of program	
Discipline, area of specialization	
Dates	
Qualifications/certificate obtained	

**Other Relevant Degrees and Qualifications**

Title of the degree	
Date degree received	
Discipline, area of specialization	
Degree-granting institution	

**C. PROFESSIONAL DATA****Current Employment (if applicable)**

Position	
Institution/Company (Name, contact information)	
Dates of employment	
Brief description of duties (if academic position, specify the titles and level of courses taught)	

**D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Referee's Contact Information** (Please give contact information of at least one faculty member/job supervisor/other person familiar with applicant's academic and/or professional activities and able to assess applicant's relevant capabilities)

First name	
Surname	
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**Please attach to the completed application form the following documents:**

- curriculum vitae, in English, with attached list of publications (if available)
- an outline of your proposed paper of about 1000 words with references, in English

**The completed application form and other required application documents must be submitted to the UCSIA Selection Committee no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 by e-mail to [barbara.segaert@ua.ac.be](mailto:barbara.segaert@ua.ac.be)**

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