GENOCIDE

Truth, Memory, Justice, and Recovery

PRELIMINARY CALL FOR PAPERS

9th Biennial Conference of the
International Association of Genocide Scholars
July 19-22, 2011

Center for Genocide Studies
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Buenos Aires, Argentina

Over the last two decades, the field of genocides has rapidly proliferated. To date, however, the field has not fully addressed the aftermaths of genocide, including the ways in which post-conflict societies negotiate issues of truth and memory and seek justice and recovery.

This focus is particularly appropriate given the venue, Argentina, and the fact that this will be the first IAGS conference ever held in Latin America. During 1980s and 1990s, the phrase “truth, memory, and justice” became key watchword of resistance and resilience. Despite periodic attempts to focus one of these issues alone (for example, seeking truth instead of justice), many people in Latin America have and continue to insist that only the three pillars together enable individual and social recovery from the collective terror. Truth, Memory, and Justice, then, are the preconditions for the fourth pillar, Recovery.

Accordingly, while welcoming papers on all aspects of genocide studies, we are particularly interested in papers and sessions devoted to the theme of our 9th Biennial conference, “Genocide: Truth, Memory, Justice, and Recovery.” We invite innovative panels and papers that consider the dynamics, causes, and consequences of genocide, issues of memory and representation, the role of justice and truth in post-conflict societies, and the paths to individual and collective recovery. Besides panels and paper, we invite other modes of dialogue, including workshops, roundtable discussion, book presentations, cultural media, and artistic works/readings, including forums that relate to policy initiatives, pedagogy, and education related to the history and prevention of genocide. Genocide studies covers a wide range of approaches and theories. Scholars, practitioners, activists, and teachers interested in genocide studies from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, as are graduate students working in the field.

Papers will be accepted on a rolling basis. Further information about submissions, registration, and hotel fees will follow shortly at www.genociquescholars.org. Other questions may be directed to the conference organizers, Daniel Feierstein and Alex Hinton, at: iags2011@gmail.com.

Deadline: March 15, 2011