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Higher Education

Graduate Studies

Through its work with graduate and undergraduate students, MIGS has trained the largest group of genocide specialists in Canada. MIGS faculty supervise graduate studies on genocide, atrocity crimes and their prevention at the master's and doctoral levels. Graduate degrees focusing on genocide may be accomplished at Concordia University in the Department of History (MA and PhD), and through the Special Individualised Program (MA and PhD) and the PhD in Humanities Program. For more information, please visit the MIGS website and Concordia's graduate studies webpages -

<http://migs.concordia.ca/courses.html> and www.concordia.ca/info/futurestudents/graduate.

Internships

MIGS offers unpaid internships for highly motivated, independent and self-starting undergraduate and graduate students throughout the year with the Will to Intervene Project and as Country Desk Officers with the Media Monitoring Project. If you would like to apply for a volunteer internship, please send your CV, cover letter and writing sample to Alexandra Buskie at: abuskie@alcor.concordia.ca.



MIGS Within Concordia

MIGS faculty and graduate students are important participants in *Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide and Other Human Rights Violations*, a major SSHRC-funded research project based at Concordia. Life Stories CURA combines the talents and energies of 39 academics and 18 Montreal community organizations. MIGS brings its expertise to the public policy and "Comparative Perspectives on Montreal Survivors of Atrocity Crimes" project components, and contributes to the interviewing of hundreds of Montrealers who survived mass atrocity crimes and their children impacted by a variety of twentieth and twenty-first century genocides including the Holocaust, Cambodia and Rwanda. The oral histories collected by project researchers are contributing to the production of school curriculum materials, programs for TV, radio, and theatres, museum exhibits and cultural centre programs, and the establishment of community archives containing the survivors' stories. The *Life Stories* Project is supported with funds from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Concordia University. MIGS also collaborates closely at Concordia with the Canada Research Chair in Public History, the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, and the Centre for Ethnographic Research in the Aftermath of Violence, all of which are based in the History Department.

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The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies



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The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies

Concordia University's Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) is recognized internationally as Canada's pre-eminent centre for the study of genocide and crimes against humanity.

To advance its mission, MIGS manages major research programs focused on the prevention, interdiction and prosecution of mass atrocity crimes—genocide, crimes against humanity and serious war crimes. MIGS' cutting-edge social science and humanities researchers advance understanding of underlying patterns in the history and sociology of genocide, while seeking paths to conflict resolution and reconciliation through transitional and retributive justice in the aftermath of systematic, sustained violations.



MIGS works nationally and internationally to educate students, the public, journalists, business leaders and government officials about genocide and mass atrocity crimes prevention. MIGS also develops and supports graduate and other high level education and training programs and makes its researchers available to participate in international training missions. Finally, MIGS helps victims of mass atrocity crimes and survivors of genocide overcome their isolation by connecting them to other survivors and facilitating their testimony about what they have experienced.

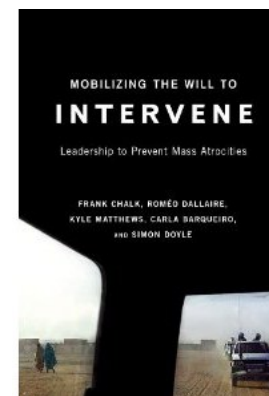
Founded in 1986 in the departments of History and Sociology/Anthropology at Concordia University, MIGS now combines the multidisciplinary talents of Concordia faculty members and graduate students from Communications, English, Geography, History, Humanities, Political Science and Sociology/Anthropology. Beyond Concordia University, MIGS partners with many organisations and specialized institutions, including the Office of the United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (OSAPG) and the Parliament of Canada's All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes against Humanity, where MIGS supports an internship.

Special Research Initiatives

The Will to Intervene Project

<http://migs.concordia.ca/W2I/home.htm>

MIGS' pioneering Will to Intervene Project (W2I) was launched in 2007 in partnership with LGEn (Rtd) Roméo Dallaire, the Senior Fellow of MIGS. W2I's ground-breaking policy report on the Will to Intervene in Canada and the United States, published in 2009, spearheads the advocacy agenda on genocide prevention with well-researched, nuanced, and very practical policy recommendations to the governments of Canada and the United States, and proposes new directions to journalists and civil society groups. MIGS research on the Will to Intervene uniquely details the long term threats to Canadian and American security, public health and prosperity resulting from mass atrocities, and demonstrates that mass atrocity prevention should be a major national interest of both countries. MIGS' book, *Mobilizing the Will to Intervene: Leadership to Prevent Mass Atrocities*, incorporates the Will to Intervene studies of Canadian and US policies towards Rwanda (1994) and Kosovo (1999) and was published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2010. MIGS plans to extend the W2I research project to study South African and British policies towards preventing mass atrocities and is seeking funding for work with outstanding research partners in both countries. Simultaneously, MIGS is disseminating the findings of its first W2I report within Canada and in the United States, where the Obama Administration has already implemented several of its recommendations.



The Early Warning Media Monitoring Project

http://migs.concordia.ca/Media_Monitoring/Home.html

MIGS extensive Media Monitoring Project provides early warning of genocide and crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and serious war crimes, by monitoring and reporting to the international community what government news media in countries at risk of mass atrocities are communicating to their citizens in their own languages. Staffed entirely by volunteer interns, MIGS Media Monitoring Project presently posts weekly reports on the MIGS web site summarising the contents of state and private media sources in fourteen at-risk countries. The project website also provides context and analyses of recent events, while the MIGS twitter account, @MIGSInstitute, offers regular alerts to open source information researchers, journalists and the staffs of international organizations.



MIGS accomplishes its work by organizing workshops, lectures and conferences, maintaining an in-depth MIGS's web site that also serves as a student research work station, and publishing research studies, books, reports and articles accessible to scholars and the educated public.

Events

<http://migs.concordia.ca/events.html>

Each year, MIGS organises a Workshop series, holds major conferences, offers briefings to governments, NGOs and businesses, and sponsors a variety of events and speakers in order to promote and disseminate the research of prominent scholars and practitioners from across the globe. To attend any of these events, please see the postings on the MIGS website for details.