

THE HAGUE SYMPOSIUM ON POST-CONFLICT TRANSITIONS & INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

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THE CRISIS

Over the past two decades, the world has awakened to the fact that failing to properly transition from conflict and/or authoritarianism to the rule of law and democracy usually sentences transitional societies to renewed violence. Key actors in transition processes have stated unequivocally that accountability for perpetrators, mechanisms for truth, institutional reform, and sufficient reparations for victims are crucial elements for successful transitions.

The way in which emerging leaders from around the globe are educated about the practical lessons-learned in fostering systematic post-conflict transitions to just and democratic societies has not evolved to meet present needs. In addition, the educational resources available to prepare future world leaders to tackle the immense global issues on the horizon are unsatisfactory. Education in post-conflict transitions takes place in two distinct bubbles with little crossover; in a handful of universities and in small-scale projects in areas of conflict. Due to a lack of time and resources, critical tools that should be learned and utilized in conjunction are taught in separate

classes/trainings or not at all. Furthermore, future leaders from across cultural barriers and from around the world are rarely offered the opportunity to collaborate as to spark crucial peer learning that favors long-term intercultural understanding.

OUR METHODOLOGY

In order to address these critical unfulfilled educational priorities, the International Peace & Security Institute (IPSI) and the Clingendael Institute of International Relations have partnered to design *The Hague Symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions & International Justice*, envisioned to serve as the world's preeminent training program on the topic. Over a four-week period at Clingendael this summer, the world's brightest young minds from top graduate institutions, international organizations, law schools, judiciaries, grassroots peace movements, and the military will undergo intensive training from the field's premier political leaders, academic experts, practitioners, and advocates in the skills necessary to democratically restructure a society after the ces-

sation of violent conflict and/or authoritarian rule, as well as bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice.

Through formal lectures, site visits to International Tribunals and Courts, and interactive simulations and workshops (as well as in informal settings), emerging leaders selected to attend will increase their understanding of strengthening legitimate institutions and governance to provide security, justice, and development and break cycles of violence; skills that are instrumental in ensuring long-term stability and preventing conflicts from recurring. In addition, students will have the option to earn LLM course credit from the Grotius Center for International Legal Studies at Leiden University; consistently ranked as one of the world's top centers for education in international law.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When: July 21 - August 18, 2012

Where: Clingendael Institute
The Hague

Costs*: Early 4750 EUR

Regular 5000 EUR

Deadlines: Early Feb 13, 2012

Regular May 14, 2012

Apply: www.IPSInstitute.org

*Registration fees include room, board, educational materials, special events, & on-the-ground transportation.



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