

TRANSITIONS IN/TO DEMOCRACY

CONTEMPORARY CHANCES AND CHALLENGES

Jerusalem, 28-30 October 2012

The 2nd Annual
Minerva Jerusalem
International Conference
on Transitional Justice

Day I: Sunday, 28th October 2012

Konrad Adenauer Conference Center,
Mishkenot Sha'ananim, Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem

14:00-14:30 Reception and Registration

14:30-14:45 Greetings and Opening Remarks

Dr. Tomer Broude / Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Conference Committee Chair
Mr. Michael Mertes / Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Israel
Dr. Guy Pessach / Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Yuval Shany / Dean, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

14:45-16:30 Session I: Democracy and Transition - Theoretical Perspectives

Chair: **Dr. Tomer Broude** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Dr. Kora Andrieu** / Paris School of International Affairs (Sciences-Po)
"Politicizing Transitional Justice: Transitional Justice from a Liberal Perspective"

Prof. Colm Campbell / Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
"Beyond the Third Dimension: Towards a Typology of Transition, Justice and the Democratic State"

Prof. Ruti Teitel / Straus Fellow, New York University School of Law; New York Law School
"Transitional Justice on Trial: Can Human Rights Answer Political Failure?"

Ms. Catherine Turner / Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
"Constituting a Nation: The Critical Concept of Democracy in Transition"

17:00-18:45 Session II: How Democracies Deal with Past Abuses - Overview

Chair: **Adv. Sigall Horovitz** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Prof. Mary Liston** / University of British Columbia
"Public Law Apologies as a Democratic Good"

Prof. Leigh Payne / University of Oxford
"Access to Justice: Overcoming Amnesty Laws in the Age of Accountability"

Dr. Anne Smith / Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster
"Bills of Rights as Transitional Justice Legal Mechanisms: Challenges and Opportunities"

19:15-20:30 Session III: Keynote Address

Chair: **Prof. David Kretzmer** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speaker: **Prof. Jose Zalaquett** / Renowned Chilean human rights activist; Member of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation; Professor of Law, University of Chile
"Assessing Three Decades of Transitional Justice"

Day II: Monday, 29th October 2012

Beit Maierdsorf, Mt. Scopus Campus,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:00-10:45 Session IV: How Democracies Deal with Past Abuses – Case Studies

Chair: **Prof. Mario Sznajder** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Prof. Carlos Closa** / CSIC Institute of Public Goods and Policies, Madrid; EUI, Florence
"Transitional Justice and Democracy in Spain: Explaining the (Absence) of Justice for Perpetrators"

Dr. Pierre Hazan / University of Geneva & **Dr. Alberto Spektorowski** / Tel Aviv University
Members, International Contact Group

"The Basque Conflict: Victims, Memory and Conflict Resolution"

Mr. Lauro Joppert Swensson Jr. / PhD Candidate, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main
"Is the Amnesty an Obstacle to Brazil's Transitional Justice?"

11:15-13:00 Session V: The Impact of Transitional Justice on Democracy

Chair: **Prof. Victor Peskin** / Arizona State University

Speakers: **Dr. David Backer** / University of Maryland & **Dr. Anupma Kulkarni** / Stanford University

"From Victims to Citizens? A Micro-Level Analysis of Transitional Justice and the Development of Democracy in Post-Conflict West Africa"

Prof. Erin Daly / Widener University School of Law

"Transitional Justice In Iraq: What Went Wrong and What, if Anything, Went Right?"

Mr. Ron Dudai / University of Sussex
"Commemoration of "Rescuers" and Democracy-Consolidation in the Aftermath of Conflict"

13:00-14:30 Recess

14:30-16:15 Session VI: Challenges to Democratization

Chair: **Prof. Ruti Teitel** / Straus Fellow, New York University School of Law; New York Law School

Speakers: **Dr. Uladzislau Belavusau** / Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

"Constitutional Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Transitional and (or) Militant?"

Ms. Mor Mitrani / PhD Candidate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Transition to What? Democratic Transition Theory - An Academic Theory or a Political Paradigm? The Case of the Former Yugoslavia"

Dr. Thomas Obel Hansen / United States International University, Nairobi

"Transitional Justice without Transition? Ownership and Goals of Kenya's Transitional Justice Process"

16:45-18:30 Session VII: Transitions in Democracy – Comparisons and Interactions

Chair: **Prof. Aeyal Gross** / Tel Aviv University

Speakers: **Dr. Ruth Amir** / Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel

"Transitional Justice and the Re-Narrativization of Traumatic Memories: The Indian Residential Schools and the Yemeni Children Affair"

Ms. Manar Mahmoud / PhD Candidate, Tel Aviv University

"Constitution-Making, Reconciliation and Transitional Justice: What Can Canada Learn from the South African Experience?"

Dr. Iavor Rangelov / London School of Economics

"Democracy or Stability? European Approaches to Justice in Peace and Transitional Processes"

Day III: Tuesday, 30th October 2012

Beit Maierdsorf, Mt. Scopus Campus,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:00-10:45 Session VIII: Transition in/to Democracy: Israel-Palestine

Chair: **Dr. Hillel Cohen** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Dr. Jona Bargur** / Parents Circle - Forum of Bereaved Israeli and Palestinian Families for Peace and Reconciliation

"Justice, Justice shall you Pursue!? (Deuteronomy A. 16:20) The Abyss and the Bridges- between Israel and Palestine"

Prof. Ya'acov Bar Simantov / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Domestic Legitimacy for Transitional and Correcting Justice: The Case of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"

Mr. Michael Hunziker / PhD Candidate, McGill University

"Defensive Democracy and Democratic Peace Theory: Could a Defensive Palestinian Democracy Enhance Prospects for Peace?"

11:15-13:00 Session IX: Transition in/to Democracy: Israel-Palestine (cont.)

Chair: **Prof. Yuval Shany** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Dr. Tomer Broude** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"No Narrative: 1948 and 1967 in the Israeli Courts"

Adv. Sigall Horovitz / PhD Candidate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"The Or Commission: A Missed Opportunity for Transitional Justice in Israel?"

Mr. Ofer Shinar Levanon / PhD Candidate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Beyond the Rule of Law: Psycho-Social Challenges to Post-Transition Democracies"

13:00-13:30 Concluding Remarks

For registration, information and campus entry/parking permits:

Please contact the Minerva Center for Human Rights by Sunday October 28 via e-mail: mchr@savion.huji.ac.il or tel. 02-5881156 and provide your name, ID or passport number and vehicle license plate number. There is no registration fee. Please note that on Sunday Oct. 28 the conference will take place in Mishkenot Sha'ananim (free parking by the Liberty Bell Garden). On Monday Oct. 29 and Tuesday Oct. 30 the conference will take place at the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus Campus (parking entry - Humanities Gate).