10th INoGS Conference on Genocide

Disguised violence: Old and new demonstrations of genocides, massacres, disappearances, and mass atrocity

Program

Monday, July 6, 2026				
12h00-13h00	Arrival and Registration			
13h00-13h30	Opening Session (Auditorium Esperança Garcia): Dr. Elisabeth Hope Murray, International Network of Genocide Scholars, President Dr. Eneá Stutz e Almeida, Faculty Director of the Law School Dr. Simone Rodrigues Pinto, Professor of Law and Conference Lead			
13h30-15h	Keynote Lecture: Dr. Edson Teles (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**			
15h-16h30	Roundtable 1 (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**	Roundtable 2 (Room A1-O4)	Panel 1 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 2 (Miroslav Room)
16h30-17h	Coffee break			
17h-18h30	Roundtable 3 (Room A1-O4)		Panel 3 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 4 (Miroslav Room)
Tuesday, July 7				
9h– 10h30	Roundtable 4 (Room A1-O4)		Panel 5 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 6 (withdrawn)
10h30-11h00	Coffee break			
11h-12h30	Roundtable 5 (Room A1-O4)		Panel 7 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 8 (Miroslav Room)
12h30-13h30	Lunch			
13h30-15h00	Keynote Lecture: Dr. Joziléia Kaingang (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**			
15h00 – 15h30	UNESCO Education and Human Rights Panel (Auditorium Esperanza Garcia)**			
16h00-20h	Boat trip and conference Dinner (included in the conference fees)			

Wednesday, July 8			
9h– 10h30	Roundtable 6 (Room A1-O4)	Panel 9 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 10 (Miroslav Room)
10h30-11h00	Coffee break		
11h-12h30	Panel 11 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 12 (Miroslav Room)	
12h30-13h30	Lunch		
13h30-14h30	Keynote Lecture: Dr. Alexander Hinton (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**		
15h-16h30	Panel 13 (Room A1-O4)	Panel 14 (Mini-auditorium)	Panel 15 (Miroslav Room)
16h30- 17h	Coffee Break		
17h-18h	Artistic presentation (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)		
Thursday, July 9			
9h– 10h30	Roundtable 7 (Room A1-O4)	Panel 16 (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**	Panel 17 (Miroslav Room)
10h30-11h30	Closing session (Auditorium Esperança Garcia)**		
11h30-12h30	Lunch		
13h-16h	Excursion 1: Memorial to Indigenous Peoples and JK Museum (included in the conference fees but registration is needed)	Excursion 2: Three Powers Square and National Museum (included in the conference fees but registration is needed)	

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Keynote Lecture

Dr. Edson Teles

Edson Teles is a researcher and professor and a member of the Center for Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology (CAAF) at the Universidade Federal de São Paulo, where he is directly involved in the coordination and technical-scientific oversight of investigations into enforced disappearances and deaths resulting from state violence. Within the CAAF, he is responsible for the work related to the Perus Clandestine Mass Grave in São Paulo, including documentary research, institutional coordination, engagement with victims' families, and the monitoring of exhumation, analysis, and identification of human remains. He is also responsible for

investigations conducted by the CAAF in Petrópolis, Rio de Janeiro, concerning deaths and disappearances associated with the 2022 floods, with a focus on the analysis of state protocols for body management, victim identification, and the production of technical inputs for public authorities and oversight bodies.

Dra. Joziléia Kaingang

Joziléia Kaingang is an Indigenous leader of the Kaingang people, an educator, and a researcher, with a strong record in the political organization of Indigenous women in Brazil and in international human rights advocacy. She is one of the leading figures of the National Articulation of Indigenous Women Warriors of Ancestrality (ANMIGA), where she is involved in political coordination and in shaping agendas related to the rights of Indigenous women, the fight against violence, the defense of territories, and the affirmation of traditional knowledge. She is also a member of the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), participating in national political advocacy processes. She acts as an Indigenous representative in United Nations bodies and forums dedicated to the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Dr. Alexander Hinton

Alex Hinton is INoGS' esteemed 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, and UNESCO Chair on Genocide Prevention at Rutgers University. He is the author or editor of seventeen books including the award-winning *Why did they Kill? Cambodia in the Shadow of Genocide* (California, 2005). His most recent books are *It Can Happen Here: White Power and the Rising Threat of Genocide in the US* (NYU, 2021), *Anthropological Witness: Lessons from the Khmer Rouge Tribunal* (Cornell, 2022), and *Perpetrators: Encountering Humanity's Dark Side* (Stanford, 2023).

PANELS

Panel 1: State Formation and Violence in the Late Ottoman World

Chair: Pilar Perez

Asya Darbinyan — Broadening the Scope of the Armenian Genocide Research: Refugees in the Caucasus

Nelida Elena Boulgourdjian — Halidé Edip, figura controversial del feminismo turco y su visión sobre los huérfanos armenios en la etapa post genocidio

Anna Aleksanyan — The Commodification of Women's Sexuality: Sexual Barter During the Armenian Genocide

Panel 2: Colonialism, Settler Violence, and Indigenous Erasure

Chair: Hrag Yacoubian

Mohamed Adhikari — Now We are Natives: Settler Colonial Logics and the Genocide of the Beothuk Peoples of Newfoundland

Jared McDonald — Things perfectly lawful, just and necessary: The settler-colonial logic and the elimination of the Cape San

Karen Bouwer — The 'Khoisan' in South Africa: Traces of Violence and Survivance

Panel 3: Memory, Gender, and Diasporic Experiences of the Armenian Genocide

Chair: Elisabeth Hope Murray

Lilit Martirosyan — From Silence to Strength: The Fourth Generation and the Memory of the Armenian Genocide

Gevorg Vardanyan — Commemorating Amidst Genocide: Remembrance and Resistance among Armenian Americans, 1915 – early 1920s

Júlia Tordeur — Cartografias da Memória Armênia: Metodologias Emergentes para o Estudo do Genocídio Armênio na Diáspora Brasileira

Panel 4: Media, Gender, and Identity

Chair: Melanie O'Brien

Troy Bennefield — When Culture Becomes a Weapon: The Nazi Use of Music and the Role of Culture in Genocide

Hrag Yacoubian — Oral Histories of Women Healthcare Workers and Patients from Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh During the Wars, Blockade, and Forced Displacement (2020-2025)

Solaris Ahmetjan — Justice or Power? Colonial-Era Legal Systems and Their Influence on Genocide Adjudication in Modern International Law

Erica Hurley (Hrag Yacoubian) — Indigenous Nursing Students' Perspectives on Non-Indigenous Students' Engagement with Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action

Panel 5: International Law and Transitional Justice

Chair: Eneá Stutz

Melanie O'Brien — The Genocide Convention in action in the International Court of Justice

Joanna Nowakowska-Malusecka — Men and boys as victims of gender-based violence in armed conflict. Challenges for international justice.

Kjell Anderson — Epistemic Justice and Transitional Justice in Brazil

Panel 6: Withdrawn

Panel 7: State Violence, Disinformation, and War Contexts

Chair: Jonathan Leader Maynard

Rajeev Sreetharan — Legal Fragmentation and Disinformation in Tamil Genocide: The Weaponization of "No Fire Zones" in Sri Lanka (2008–2009)

Verena Muckermann — Between productive coping and precarious collective resistance: The legacies of genocidal state violence in Assad's Syria

Alek Barovic — The Politics of Victimhood: Instrumentalizing Genocide in the Balkans

Panel 8: Memory, Colonial Legacies, and the Afterlives of Violence

Chair: Kjell Anderson

Stephanie Wolfe — Evolving Memorial Landscapes and the Role of Symbolic Reparations in Rwanda's Transitional Justice Process

Y Bhim Nie – Coffee as blood Dega People

Cyril Kenneth Adonis — Humiliation Across Generations: Disguised Violence in the Afterlives of Colonialism

Panel 9: State Formation, Ideology, and the Construction of Internal Enemies

Co-Chairs: Marcia Esparza, Marília De Nardin Budó

Pilar Perez — El "indio" como amenaza para la nación en el discurso histórico y presente de Argentina

Natalia Crocco — El proceso de juzgamiento por crímenes de Estado en Argentina y su recepción internacional a partir de un análisis del New York Times (2006-actualidad)

Bruno Santiini — El derecho a la verdad: Un criterio jurídico orientador para dirimir la disputa sobre la calificación legal del Proceso de Reorganización Nacional Argentino

Panel 10: Memory, Memorialization, and Accountability in the Aftermath of Mass Violence

Chair: Elisabeth Hope Murray

Onur Uraz — Structural Challenges and Legal Pathologies in Addressing Genocide and State Responsibility in Gaza: Insights from the South Africa v. Israel Case at the ICJ

Elisabeth Anstett — The hidden corpses of the Great Purges: elements of contemporary post-Soviet Russian necropolitics

Simone Rodrigues - Hidden Graves, Hidden Lives: Clandestine Cemeteries and the Genocide of Young Black People in Rio de Janeiro's Peripheries

Panel 11: Repression, Memory, and Struggles for Recognition

Chair: Rhiannon Neilsen

Piyush Kumar Banerjee — Re-defining the events in East Pakistan: A genocide (of whom)?

Raissa Alonso — The Other Germany in the Americas: Transnational Networks of Anti-Nazi Intellectual Resistance and Surveillance in Exile

Agnes Peysson-Zeiss - Art Against Erasure: Reinscribing Indigeneity in the Main Discourse

Panel 12: Violence, Evidence, and Emerging Technologies in Contemporary Conflicts

Chair: Timothy Williams

Michele Cannella — No proof without future: evidentiary and population erosion in contemporary armed conflicts

Wioletta Rebecka — Wounds That Speak Across Continents: Gendered Violence, Reproductive Control, and the Politics of Silence in the DRC and Ukraine

Rhiannon Neilsen — Artificial intelligence as perpetrator or protector? The consequences of code in atrocity crimes

Panel 13: Gender, Eliminationist Violence, and the Destruction of Communities

Chair: Elisabeth Anstett

Giovanna Weinman — Breaking Bodies, Breaking Communities: Motivation and Intent in Conflict Sexual Violence What keeps the international community from addressing genocidal sexual violence as such?

Irina Makhalova — Women on Trial: Gendered Dimensions of Soviet Retribution for Nazi Crimes, 1944-1946

Thomas Shacklock — Disaggregating the nexus of eliminationist violence and exclusionary resource-based conflict in highly fragile states

Panel 14: Reimagining Communities after Violence: Memory, Identity, and Reconciliation

Chair: Mohammed Adhikari

David Simon — Reimagined Communities: Contemporary Nationalisms and the Legacy of Genocide

Fernanda Martinelli — Asylum in Cape Town: political and moral dimensions surrounding an unofficial refugee camp

Lucia Elena Arantes Ferreira Bastos — Povos Indígenas e Desafios das Reparações Coletivas: Justiça de Transição no Brasil e Casos da Corte Interamericana de Direitos Humanos

Panel 15: Global Politics, Digital Witnessing, and Genocide

Chair: Alek Barovic

Jonathan Leader Maynard — Understanding External Support for Genocide and Mass Atrocities

Timothy Williams, Rhiannon Neilsen — S(t/c)reaming Genocide into the Void: Palestinian Perspectives on Digital Witnessing from Gaza

Andie Winsor — Sound is Borderless: Palestinian Creative Resistance to Israeli Sonic Occupation and Genocide.

Panel 16: **Genocide, colonialism, and the indigenous question.**

Chair: Marcia Guedes Vieira

Mariana Boujikian Felippe — Genocídio por desgaste (attrition): uma análise comparativa dos métodos de destruição em Nagorno Karabakh e Gaza.

Carolina Nogueira — O caso de Tutxi Ãwa: um estudo sobre as ausências e os desaparecimentos de indígenas no Brasil

Rafael Pacheco - Fórum sobre Violações de Direitos dos Povos Indígenas (FVDPI)

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Panel 17 - Rethinking the Politics of Genocide Denial

Chair: David Simon

Ahmed Bayes - The Politics of Numbers in Genocide Denial: Revisiting the “0.3 vs 3 Million” Debate on the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War

Palash Kamruzzaman - Through the Lens of Genocide Survivors: Rohingya Testimonies and the Struggle for Genocide Recognition

Tawheed Noor — Genocide, Denial, and Survivor Agency: Comparative Insights from Bangladesh, Armenia, and the Holocaust

Roundtables

1 ***Genocídios Contemporâneos e Violência Sistêmica: a construção de um debate e os desafios da não repetição com os povos.***

Elaine Moreira – Universidade de Brasília

Felipe Tuxá – Universidade Federal da Bahia

Braulina Baniwa – APIB (Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil)

Nathalia Hovsepian — Genocídios modernos: Um estudo comparado dos casos de Artsakh, Gaza e Yanomamis no Brasil sob a perspectiva do Direito Internacional dos Direitos Humanos

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2 ***The role of literature in remembering genocide and mass violence***

Fernando Garcia – Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

Pedro Caldas - UNIRIO (Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)

Sabrina Costta Braga - UNICAMP

Mariana de Moraes Silveira - Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

3 ***O Genocídio em Gaza em perspectiva global: Estados Unidos, Israel e as fissuras da ordem internacional liberal***

Isabela Agostinelli dos Santos – Instituto Nacional de Ciência e Tecnologia para Estudos sobre Estados Unidos (INCT-INEU)

João Fernando Finazzi - Universidade Federal de Uberlândia (UFU)

Clara Westin - Programa de Pós-Graduação San Tiago Dantas (UNESP/UNICAMP/PUC-SP)

Mariana Boujikian - USP

Shajar Goldwaser - Programa de Pós-Graduação San Tiago Dantas (UNESP/UNICAMP/PUC-SP)

4 ***Disentangling the Knots of Colonialism and Coloniality Across the Globe***

Marcia Esparza - John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

Marília De Nardin Budó - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil

Karine Souza Silva - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil

Naomi Tinga - City University of New York (CUNY)

5 ***Disguised Atrocity Violence and International Law***

Randle DeFalco - Widener University Delaware Law School

Anthony Ghaly – UC Berkeley Law

Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum - Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights

6 ***Memory after Mass Violence. Attributing Roles in the Memoryscape: new book roundtable***

Rhiannon Neilsen – City University of New York

Timothy Williams - University of the Bundeswehr Munich

David J. Simon - Yale University

Stephanie Wolfe - Weber State University.

Alek Barović - University of Padua

7 Remembering Burundi's Forgotten Genocide

Lisa Simeone - Center for Genocide and Human Rights in Africa and the Diaspora at Northeastern Illinois University

Jeanine Nhirageza - Center for Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora (GHRAD) at Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago.

Patrick Hajayandi – Political Analyst

Artistic Presentations

Daniela Torrente – Independent Scholar

Devoção

Tawheed Noor – Independent Scholar (Former Visiting Scholar at SUNY Binghamton)

The Upstanders: Stories of Conscience during the Bangladesh Genocide