In the war-torn Ituri region of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, community members watch closely as the International Criminal Court's first trial, that of a former Congolese militia leader, opens in January 2009.
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Justice & Peace

Conference at the Jewish Museum Berlin in cooperation with Human Rights Watch

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Jewish Museum Berlin
Two Millennia of German Jewish H

The establishment of international tribunals and the International Criminal Court has made the interface between peace and justice a focus of intense policy debate. Human rights organizations believe honoring victims by bringing the perpetrators of the most serious atrocity crimes to fair trial is a crucial necessity. Impunity for past crimes, they argue, will lead to a fragile peace and perhaps a return to violent conflict. On the other hand, some negotiators, diplomats and political leaders insist on securing stability before seeking accountability. They fear pursuing justice will hamper efforts to achieve peace especially when alleged perpetrators are involved in negotiations.

The Jewish Museum Berlin and Human Rights Watch are organizing a conference to examine how tensions between peace and justice have been addressed in different country situations. International experts will present inside views on conflicts ranging from the tribunals for Serbia and Rwanda, to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan as well as the recent failed peace negotiations in Uganda and other current issues in this field. The aim of the conference is to open a forum for debate, identify common ground, and draw lessons relevant for principled and effective policymaking.

LOCATION

Jewish Museum Berlin
Lindenstr. 9–14
10969 Berlin

Large Hall, Old building, 2nd floor

TRANSPORTATION

U1, U6 Hallesches Tor, U6 Kochstraße
Bus M29, M41, 248

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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Registration ends March 15th, 2011

CONFERENCE FEE

10 €, red. 5 €

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9.30h Registration

10.00h **Welcome**

10.05h **Keynote Address**
Kati Marton, Journalist and Human Rights Activist
In Memory of Richard Holbrooke (1941–2010)

10.30h **Opening Statement** – Setting Out the Terms
Richard Dicker, Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch

10.45h **PANEL 1**
The Impact of Addressing Past Crimes Through Criminal Justice – International and National Tribunals
Presentation Serbia: Bogdan Ivanisevic, Belgrade-based lawyer, former consultant for the International Center for Transitional Justice
Presentation Rwanda: Gerd Hankel, Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung

12.00h Coffee Break

12.30h **PANEL 2**
The Price of Impunity – Ignoring Accountability Where There is a Strong Drive for Peace
Presentation Afghanistan: Francesc Vendrell, former Special Representative of the European Union for Afghanistan; former Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Special Mission for Afghanistan
Presentation Congo: Laura Davis, independent consultant and partner, Mediateur: the European Forum for International Mediation and Dialogue

13.45h Lunch break

14.30h **PANEL 3**
In the Crucible – Peace Negotiations in the Era of International Justice
Presentation Uganda: Michael Otim, Head of Office, International Centre for Transitional Justice in Uganda
Current Issues in International Justice: Richard Dicker, Human Rights Watch

16.00h End of Conference