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## School of Law

### Nottingham International Law & Security Centre (NILSC)

#### Hybrid Workshop Programme

#### APARTHEID, GENOCIDE, AND ETHNIC CLEANSING

Thursday 19 June 2025

12-6pm BST

**Location: E07, Monica Partridge Building, University Park Campus**

**12pm**      **Arrival & lunch**

**1pm**      **Welcome from Olympia Bekou, Head of School**

**1.05-125pm: Opening remarks by Dr Victor Kattan and Professor Gerhard Kemp**

<b>Panel 1 – Annexation, genocide, and ‘ethnic cleansing’ (1.25 - 2.45pm)</b>
Chair: Dr Natalie Hodgson
5-7 minute presentations, by: Jinan Bastaki (NYU-Abu Dhabi) Noelle Quenivet (UWE, Bristol) Andrea Maria Pelliconi (Southampton – online) Karin Loevy (NYU – online) Iva Vukušić (Utrecht – online)
<i>Suggested questions:</i> What are the differences/similarities between the definitions of the crimes of apartheid, genocide, and the phenomenon of ethnic cleansing? Where can we look to determine/define the crimes? What is the relationship between annexation, ethnic cleansing, and the crimes of genocide and apartheid? Whereas the crimes of apartheid and genocide are defined in subject-specific conventions, ethnic cleansing is not a legal term of art, and the (related) crime of deportation or forcible transfer of population is defined in an international criminal law treaty that is specific to the ICC.

**2.45 – 3pm**

**Break**

## Panel 2 – The crimes of apartheid & genocide: conceptually distinct or related? (3-4.20pm)

Chair: Dr Hemi Mistry

5-7 minute presentations, by:

Alain Pellet (Paris)

William Schabas (Middlesex)

Pilisano Masake (Namibia—online)

Mona Rishmawi (Geneva—online)

Michelle Staggs-Kelsall (SOAS)

Nicolas Boeglin (Costa Rica — online)

*Suggested questions:* What is the relationship between crimes against humanity (including the crimes of apartheid and persecution), genocide, and ethnic cleansing? How do we approach the question of (specific) intent? Can we imagine the crimes occurring in isolation? What is the status of these crimes as rules of customary international law? How is apartheid defined as a violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as opposed to a crime? What is the relationship between the international wrong of apartheid and the crime of apartheid?

**4.20 – 4.35pm          Break**

## Panel 3 – Apartheid, persecution, and state crimes (4.35pm – 5.55pm)

Chair: Professor Olympia Bekou

5-7 minute presentations, by:

Leila Sadat (Washington University—online)

Nina Jorgensen (Southampton—online)

Alain Pellet (Paris)

Ysam Soualhi (Angers)

Sari Arraf (King's College London)

*Suggested questions:* How have international tribunals (ICJ, ICC, etc.) addressed the crimes of apartheid, genocide, persecution, and ethnic cleansing? Is there a difference in the way the ICJ has approached these crimes/phenomena, as a question of state responsibility, as opposed to individual criminal responsibility? How helpful is it to rely on decisions of ICTs regarding ongoing cases before the ICJ? How helpful is it to rely on decisions of domestic courts (see for instance recent developments in South Africa regarding the prosecution of the crime of apartheid)? Why has the ICJ been reluctant to address the crime of apartheid, and what sources and arguments might be helpful to present before the Court?

**5.55-6pm: Closing remarks by Dr Victor Kattan and Professor Gerhard Kemp**

**7pm: Dinner – Mem-Saab, Maid Marian Way (speakers and chairs only)**

## Speaker biographies

### Conveners

**Victor Kattan** is Assistant Professor in Public International Law, University of Nottingham School of Law.

**Gerhard Kemp** is Professor of Criminal Law at Bristol Law School, UWE Bristol.

### Panel 1

**Natalie Hodgson** is Assistant Professor in Law at the University of Nottingham School of Law.

**Jinan Bastaki** is Associate Professor of Legal Studies at NYU Abu Dhabi.

**Noelle Quenivet** is Professor in International Law at Bristol Law School, UWE Bristol.

**Andrea Maria Pelliconi** is Lecturer in Human Rights Law at the University of Southampton School of Law.

**Karin Loevy** is the manager of the JSD Program at NYU School of Law.

**Iva Vukušić** is Assistant Professor in International History at Utrecht University.

### Panel 2

**Hemi Mistry** is Associate Professor in Law at the University of Nottingham School of Law.

**Alain Pellet** is Emeritus Professor of Public International Law, University Paris Nanterre.

**William Schabas** is Professor of International Law at Middlesex University London.

**Pilisano Masake** is Professor of Law and Executive Director in the Office of the Vice Chancellor, Namibia University of Science and Technology.

**Mona Rishmawi** is a member of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Sudan.

**Michelle Staggs-Kelsall** is Senior Lecturer in International Law at SOAS, University of London.

**Nicolas Boeglin** is Professor of International Law, Law Faculty, University of Costa Rica.

### Panel 3

**Olympia Bekou** is Professor of Public International Law and Head of the University of Nottingham School of Law.

**Leila Sadat** is James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law at Washington University School of Law.

**Nina Jorgensen** is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Southampton School of Law.

**Alain Pellet** is Emeritus Professor of Public International Law, University Paris Nanterre.

**Ysam Soualhi** is a doctoral student in public law at the University of Angers.

**Sari Arraf** is a doctoral student in law at King's College London.