

Agenda—Emerging Issues in International Law with a Special Focus on the Americas
Saturday April 14, 2012
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Ricketson Law Building
2255 E. Evans Ave.
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8:00-8:45am: **REGISTRATION**

8:45-9:00am: **WELCOME**

Opening Remarks—Dean Martin J. Katz
Professor Ved P. Nanda

MORNING SESSION: Prosecution of Mass Atrocities and the Americas Experience

9:00-9:30am: Lecture by **Ms. Kate Doyle**, Senior Analyst with the National Security Archive

The National Security Archive was founded by journalists and scholars in 1985 to declassify government documents on important issues to serve as a check on rising government secrecy. Ms. Doyle edited two collections of documents - *Death Squads, Guerrilla War, Covert Operations, and Genocide: Guatemala and the United States, 1954-1999* and *El Salvador: War, Peace and Human Rights, 1980-1994* - and numerous Electronic Briefing Books on Guatemala and Mexico for the Archive's Web site. Since 1992, Doyle has worked with Latin American human rights organizations and truth commissions - in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras - to obtain the declassification of U.S. government archives in support of their investigations. She will discuss her observations of the current landmark Guatemalan prosecutions of mass atrocities - including last year's important *Dos Erres* Massacres convictions - and the lessons learned about witnesses and evidence in historical prosecutions.

9:30-10:00am: **Commentary and Q&A Session**

Discussion Lead—**Professor G. Kristian Miccio**, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

10:00-10:40am: Lecture by **Dr. Jose Antonio Peláez Bardales**, current Attorney General of Peru and Lead Prosecutor in the Alberto Fujimori Prosecution

Dr. Pelaez Bardales served as lead prosecutor in the ground-breaking prosecution of former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori. Fujimori was tried for corruption and human rights abuses that occurred during his presidency, including ordering the Grupo Colina death squad to commit the Barrios Altos and La Cantuta massacres, the assassination of journalist Gustavo Gorriti and businessman Samuel Dyer. Fujimori's conviction is the first conviction by a domestic court of a democratically elected president for crimes against humanity. The trial was lauded for its strict adherence to due process. The *Financial Times* reported that international observers had "hailed the trial as a model of due process," and according to Human Rights Watch the trial would "go down in history as a model of what we want to see in terms of rule of law and justice ... in Latin America." Mr. Pelaez Bardales will share his observations about the Fujimori trial and its legacy for Latin America and the world.

10:40-11:00am: **Commentary and Q&A Session**

Discussion Lead— **Professor John Cerone**, Director, Center of International Law and Policy, New England School of Law

11:00-11:15am: BREAK

11:15-11:45am: Presentation by **Mr. Robert Petit**, Counsel with the War Crimes Section of Canada's Federal Department of Justice and Former Co-Prosecutor of the Khmer Rouge prosecutions in the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia

From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Petit was a Legal Officer in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Between 1999 and 2004, he was a Regional Legal Advisor for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, a Prosecutor for the Serious Crimes Unit of the United Nations Mission of Support to East Timor, and a Senior Trial Attorney for the Special Court for Sierra Leone. In 2006 he was appointed as the first International Co-Prosecutor in history at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. He is currently responsible for investigating mass atrocity cases in Canadian courts with a special focus on Africa and Latin America. Mr. Petit is also one of the Principals of the International Prosecutor Best Practices Project. Mr. Petit will discuss the complementary roles of international tribunals and domestic courts that are increasingly prosecuting international crimes and he will share his thoughts on the importance of knowledge-sharing between the two systems.

11:45-12:00pm: Commentary and Q&A Session

Discussion Lead—Mr. David Akerson, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

12:00-12:15pm: BOXED LUNCH PICK-UP IN LOBBY, return to lecture hall for lunch keynote address

LUNCH SESSION: Keynote Address

12:15-1:15pm: Keynote Address by **Professor Larry Johnson**, Adjunct Professor Columbia Law School, former United Nations Assistant Secretary General for Legal Affairs, and former legal adviser to the International Atomic Energy Agency

1:15-1:30pm: BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION: Emerging Issues in Corporate Social Responsibility and other Emerging Hot Topics in International Law

1:30-3:15pm: Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Human Rights

Sustainability is a concept that seeks to describe the interaction of three inter-related dimensions: environmental, cultural/social, and economic. Enterprises and governments alike must respond to the collective force of these factors to meet their present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The labels of "corporate social responsibility" and "sustainable development" both serve to describe the role of corporations in the realm of human rights, community development, and environmental promotion and protection. Whether the arena involves private military corporations, the mining industry, or multinational corporations, any action inevitably affects stakeholders across the board. However, with unprecedented advances in globalization, information technology and communication, it is an inescapable reality that corporations and private enterprises play an ever-important role in furthering human rights and development but must also be held accountable for their actions. But how, and in what way? And to what extent should we expect corporations to actively promote human rights and development? In this panel, distinguished industry, academic and nonprofit leaders will discuss these themes.

Panelist— Mr. Bart Alexander, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, Molson Coors Brewing Company

Panelist—Professor John Cerone, Director, Center of International Law and Policy, New England School of Law

Panelist— Mr. Stephen Gottesfeld, General Counsel, Newmont Mining Company

Panelist—Mr. Mark Wielga, Nomogaia Human Rights

Panelist—Professor Edward H. Ziegler, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Moderator—Mr. Douglas Scrivner, Trustee, University of Denver and former General Counsel of Accenture

3:15-3:30pm: BREAK

3:30-5:00pm: Hot Topics in Emerging Issues in International Law

This session features eminent scholars to speak on selected topics especially germane today. Their perspectives will be informative and enriching, and are all featured in the 40th Anniversary Edition of the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy—Perspectives on International Law in an Era of Change*.

Panelist— Professor David Aronofsky, University of Montana School of Law

Professor David Aronofsky will address the “War on Terror: Where We Have Been, Are, and Should be Going.”

Panelist—Mr. Anthony Carroll, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

Mr. Carroll will be presenting on: Reforming Trade Laws to Achieve Social Good - the Case for Anti- Malarial Commodities

Panelist— Professor Jennifer Moore, University of New Mexico School of Law

Professor Moore, whose article in the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy’s* 40th Anniversary Edition covered issues surrounding the Responsibility to Protect through the United Nations Millennium Goals, will be speaking on the topic of humanitarian law and transitional justice in Africa.

Panelist—Professor John Noyes, Roger J. Traynor Professor of Law, California Western School of Law

Professor Noyes will be speaking on the topic of *The Common Heritage of Mankind: Past, Present and Future*.

Panelist—Dr. Daniel Warner, Assistant Director for International Affairs, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

Dr. Warner will be speaking on the topic of “Establishing Norms for Private Military and Security Companies.”

Discussion Lead—Professor Ved P. Nanda, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

5:00pm: CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION honoring Professor Ved P. Nanda and 40 years of the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*

The *Emerging Issues* Symposium is part of a larger celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy (DJILP)*. The weekend concludes with a champagne reception honoring Professor Ved P. Nanda, founder of both the DJILP and the International Legal Studies

Program, and official book launch of the 40th Anniversary Book published in Professor Nanda's honor.
Please join us for a champagne toast, passed appetizers and celebration!

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