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From Thursday, September 19, 2013 to Saturday, September 21, 2013, Washington University School of Law will be the host of International Law Weekend – Midwest 2013. The event is convened by the International Law Association—American Branch, and co-sponsored by the International Association of Penal Law (American Branch).

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Professor Sadat Appointed ICC Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity



On December 12, 2012, International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda announced the appointment of Harris Institute Director Leila Nadya Sadat as

her Special Adviser on Crimes against Humanity. Sadat is currently the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law. As director of the Harris Institute's [Crimes Against Humanity Initiative](#), she has been a key mover in the multiyear project to study the problem of crimes against humanity and draft a comprehensive convention addressing their punishment and prevention.

As special adviser, Sadat will help the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) formulate strategic policies and advise on

questions about the scope of crimes against humanity.

On the same day, Prosecutor Bensouda also announced the appointments of two other special advisers, Patricia Viseur Sellers and Diane Marie Amann. They will serve as the Special Adviser on International Criminal Law Prosecution Strategies and the Special Adviser on Children in and affected by Armed Conflict, respectively.

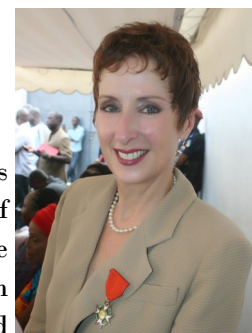
"I am proud that these three highly respected academics have agreed to serve the Office," said Bensouda. "Patricia Sellers, Leila Sadat and Diane Marie Amann have a wealth of experience between them. I have no doubt their contributions to the work of the Office and the fight to end impunity for the world's worst crimes will be invaluable." For the official ICC press release, please [click here](#).

Spotlight on Distinguished Alumnus

Marguerite Roy, JD '07, was recently awarded the medal "Knight of the National Order" by the Grande Chancellerie of Côte d'Ivoire. Roy is currently Chief of the Political Affairs Division with the United Nations in Côte d'Ivoire.



Since 2007, she was previously Head of Office of the Northern Region for the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA). Congratulations to our distinguished alumnus!



ICC at Ten Conference Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Court and Honors Life and Legacy of Whitney R. Harris

On November 11-12, 2012, the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute hosted a major international conference at Washington University School of Law commemorating the 10th anniversary of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The two-day conference also honored the life and legacy of former Nuremburg Prosecutor, Whitney R. Harris in what would have been his 100th year.

The first day also featured keynote addresses from His Excellency Ambassador Stephen Rapp and His Excellency Judge Hans Peter Kaul of the ICC. The day of commemoration concluded with a public reception and a performance from the St. Louis Children's Choir.

The second day of the conference focused on the ICC's achievements and challenges to date, early jurisprudence and future directions of the Court, the U.S. position towards the Court, and its potential future directions. Her Excellency Judge Joyce Aluoch, President of the ICC Trial Division, delivered the opening keynote address. At midday, His Excellency Ambassador Hans Corell delivered a keynote address on the importance of the rule of law in international criminal justice.

"The fact that such a diverse group of legal scholars, policymakers, diplomats, and others would travel to St. Louis to participate in this celebration of Whitney R. Harris's life and the ICC is a meaningful testament to his legacy," Sadat said.

To view videos and photos, please visit the [conference website](#).



In attendance were more than 250 participants including leading academics and practitioners in the development of international criminal law and the ICC. The conference opened with a special performance from internationally acclaimed artist Monika Weiss of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. The art installation titled *Sustenazo (Lament IV)* honored victims of atrocity crimes.

Notably, the conference began on what was Veteran's Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom. In her opening remarks, conference organizer Leila Nadya Sadat honored Harris for his lifelong commitment to world peace and ending impunity for those who perpetrate acts of genocide and war crimes.



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The Whitney R. Harris Institute Announces Winners of the Benjamin B. Ferencz Essay Competition

After receiving more than 400 competition registrants from around the world, resulting in nearly 40 qualifying papers, the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute was pleased to announce the results of the Benjamin B. Ferencz Essay Competition.

The competition honors former Nuremberg Prosecutor Benjamin B. Ferencz, who at the age of 27 was Chief Prosecutor of the



Einsatzgruppen Case in which 22 defendants were convicted of brutally murdering more than a million men, women, and children.

Competition participants were challenged to submit essays that addressed the relationship between crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression. In a blind review, a panel of judges declared the first-place winning essay to be “The Fog of War: Prosecuting Illegal Uses of Force as Crimes Against Humanity,” by Manuel J. Ventura and Matthew Gillett. Ventura and Gillett will share the first-place award of \$10,000. Ventura recently traveled to St. Louis for an award ceremony during the ICC at 10 Conference. Please visit the [competition website](#) for more information and the list of finalists.

Crimes Against Humanity Initiative Informational Side Event at the Eleventh Session of the ICC Assembly of States Parties

On November 20, 2012, Leila Nadya Sadat, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative, presented “Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity” as an informational side event at the Eleventh Session of the International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties in The Hague, the Netherlands. Joining Sadat were fellow Steering Committee members Ambassador Hans Corell and Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert of the ICC.

The Assembly of States Parties (ASP) is the management oversight and legislative body of the International Criminal Court. Its annual meeting convenes government representatives as well as members of civil society engaged in international criminal justice.

The well-attended side event included judges, legal advisers, diplomats, academics, and representatives from NGO’s and



from the ICC in the audience. This presentation was an important step forward in raising global awareness of the need for an international convention against crimes against humanity. For more information on the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative, please visit the [Initiative’s website](#).

Ambassador Louis Susman Delivers the Inaugural Lecture in the 2012-2013 Harris Institute Speakers Series



On September 13, 2012, His Excellency Ambassador Louis B. Susman delivered the inaugural lecture in the 2012-2013 Harris Institute Speaker Series. A native of Saint Louis and a 1962 graduate of Washington University School of Law, Susman is currently the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

In his address entitled “The Enduring Value of the Rule of Law,” Ambassador Susman made a compelling case to a full audience for the importance of the rule of law. In recognition of the work of former Nuremberg Prosecutor Whitney R. Harris, Susman said that we should recall that at

the end of World War II, the Allied Nations decided to “stay the hands of vengeance and make Germans subject to the rule of law” at Nuremberg. Since then, the rule of law has been a “core value” for the United States in its international engagement. To view the photo gallery and to read the news spotlight, please visit [website](#).

The fall Speaker Series also included a lecture in October from Kimberly Prost, Ombudsperson for the U.N. Security Council’s Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee. For more information about Prost’s lecture on fair process and the Security Council, please [click here](#).



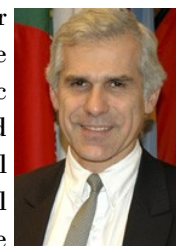
Spring 2013 Events at the Harris World Law Institute

This spring, the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute will feature speakers with a variety of expertise ranging from international trade law to international criminal prosecution and international economic cooperation. On February 20, 2013, Raj Bhala will present a lecture titled “The Doha Round Debacle.” Bhala is Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law and Rice Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas School of Law. He is an expert scholar on international trade law and the author of *Modern GATT Law*.



Crimes Section of Justice Canada. His international legal career has spanned the globe from Canada to Rwanda, Kosovo, East Timor, Rwanda, and Cambodia.

Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will deliver his address on April 1, 2013. There will also be a roundtable discussion afterward chaired by Professor Adam Rosenzweig of Washington University Law School entitled “Conceptualizing a New Institutional Framework for International Taxation.” Panelists include Professor Diane Ring of Boston College Law School, Professor Itai Grinberg of Georgetown Law, Professor Allison Christians of McGill University Faculty of Law, and Michael Lennard of the United Nations Financing for Development Office.



International criminal prosecutor Robert Petit will speak on March 4, 2013. Currently Petit serves as a Counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and the War

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