Searching for Memory and Justice: The Holocaust and Apartheid

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

All sessions held at the Yale Law School, 127 Wall Street, Levinson Auditorium

9:00-9:15 AM Welcome

Harold Hongju Koh, Schell Center, Yale Law School Geoffrey Hartman, Yale University

9:15-10:45 AM Keynote Addresses

Dullah Omar, Minister of Justice of South Africa Introduced by Robert Burt, Yale Law School

Saul Friedländer, Tel Aviv University and UCLA Introduced by Geoffrey Hartman, Yale University

11:00-12:30 PM Hearing the Victims

Pius Langa, Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa Lawrence L. Langer, Simmons College (Emeritus)

LUNCH BREAK

1:30-2:00 PM Video Testimonies

From the Fortunoff Video Archive and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation - South Africa

2:00-2:45 PM Panel and Audience Discussion

Dullah Omar, Saul Friedländer, Pius Langa, and Lawrence L. Langer Moderated by Geoffrey Hartman, Yale University

2:45-3:00 PM Video Session

Videotape excerpts from the trial of Adolph Eichmann Proceedings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa

3:00-4:30 PM Conceptions of Justice

Michael R. Marrus, University of Toronto A.L. Sachs, Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa

4:30-5:00 PM Respondents

Martha Minow, Harvard Law School Lawrence Douglas, Amherst College

5:00-5:45 PM Panel and Audience Discussion

A.L. Sachs, Michael Marrus, Martha Minow, and Lawrence Douglas

Moderated by Robert Burt, Yale Law School

6:00-6:45 PM Reception

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

All sessions held at Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life, 80 Wall Street, Sylvia Slifka Chapel

9:00-12:00 PM Reconciliation: Possibilities and Impossibilities

Volkhard Knigge, Director, Buchenwald Museum Wynand Malan, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa

Charles Villa-Vicencio, Director, Research Department, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa

Annette Wieviorka, Centre Nationale de Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Moderated by Harlon Dalton, Yale Law School

LUNCH BREAK

1:30-3:30 PM Healing the Victims: Possibilities and Impossibilities

Dumisa Ntsebeza, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa

Heidi Grunebaum-Ralph, University of Capetown, South Africa James Young, University of Massachusetts

Cathy Caruth, Emory University

Moderated by Dori Laub, Yale University Medical School

3:45-5:30 PM Future Generations

Graeme Simpson, Director, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation - South Africa

Yaron Ezrahi, Hebrew University

Mbasa Mxenge, Son of human rights lawyers Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge, South Africa

Moderated by Philip Gourevitch, Journalist, The New Yorker

DINNER BREAK

8:30-9:30 PM Dramatic Reading

"Remnants" - Henry Greenspan, University of Michigan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

All sessions held at Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life, 80 Wall Street, Sylvia Slifka Chapel

9:00-10:30 AM Research Use of Video Holocaust Testimonies

Robert Kraft, Otterbein College Vera Schwarcz, Wesleyan University Nathan Beyrak, Video Testimony Co-ordinator, Tel Aviv Sidney Bolkosky, University of Michigan-Dearborn Moderated by Joanne Rudof, Fortunoff Video Archive

10:30-12:00 PM Classroom Use of Video Holocaust Testimonies

Lynne Bryce, St. Cloud University Dominick LaCapra, Cornell University Henry Greenspan, University of Michigan

12:00-1:00 PM Reflections

Vivian Liska, University of Antwerp Dori Laub, Yale University Medical School Moderated by Geoffrey Hartman, Yale University THE FORTUNOFF VIDEO ARCHIVE FOR HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES established in 1981, has pioneered the recording, collection and preservation of videotaped oral testimonies of survivors and witnesses. The Archive holds more than 3,800 testimonies and over 10,000 hours of videotape, recorded in cooperation with 37 affiliate projects in North America, South America, Europe, Israel, and the former Soviet Union. The Archive catalogs its testimonies to make them intellectually accessible to students and scholars, and loans programs based upon testimony excerpts to educators and community groups.

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