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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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