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#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Prof. Zachary D. Kaufman

A graduate of Yale University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School, Prof. Kaufman's professional experience has focused on the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of suspected perpetrators of atroc ities, including genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and terrorism. He has served at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; the U.S. Departments of State and Justice; the UN International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda; and Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. Prof. Kaufman also was the first American to serve at the International Criminal Court, where he was policy clerk to the first Chief Prosecutor.

Prof. Kaufman's first book is After Genocide (Columbia University Press, 2009) http://www.aftergenocide.com

# GENOCIDE, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE:

# Options and Challenges in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation

As the twenty-first century concretizes itself into the era in which the world not just recognizes but internalizes its interconnectedness, special attention has been brought to the particularly atrocious acts of genocide performed by men and women who deliberately and systematically attempt to destroy an ethnic, racial, religious, or national group.

With the creation of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and the Trial of the Major War Criminals after World War II, the world recognized the need to address this particular act as a transnational crime where sovereign borders matter little.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in human rights and the separate but related issue of genocide. Along with the growing interest in the prevention of genocide, scholars and practitioners are turning their attention to post-conflict issues of social reconstruction and reconciliation using methods of transitional justice.

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