



*Geoffrey Nice Foundation on*  
**Law, History, Politics, and Society**  
**in the context of Mass Atrocities**

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the **5<sup>th</sup> Master Class** entitled

**“POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY BEHIND INTERNATIONAL  
CRIMINAL COURTS”**

It will be held from 02 to 13 July 2018 at the Inter-University Centre for Post-Graduate Studies (IUC) in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**Application deadline is 01 April 2018**

**CRITERIA**

This Master Class is devised for MA, PhD and Post-PhD students in the fields of Law, History, Sociology, Politics, International Relations, Journalism, European Studies or related subjects.

**Please send your application, consisting of a CV and a short motivation letter, to: [geoffreynicefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreynicefoundation@gmail.com)**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**There are two different kinds of scholarships:**

- **10 scholarships** are made available by **ACCESS EUROPE**, a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence **Erasmus+** programme, and the **Geoffrey Nice Foundation**. These scholarships will be awarded to students from Dutch universities and from universities in South East Europe (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia). The maximum amount of any

scholarship will be **EUR 500** per student. **For students awarded these scholarships, the EUR 500 will cover the IUC fee, reading material and lodging.** Travel and daily expenses will need to be covered personally by students.

- **3 full scholarships** are made available by the Croatian Ministry of Education for Croatian participant students. When applying for this scholarship the applicant will be asked to submit a copy of a Croatian ID or passport. **This scholarship covers travel expenses to and from Dubrovnik, lodging, IUC tuition fee and three meals per day.**

## **TUITION FEES**

Applicants with no scholarship will be able to participate by paying a tuition fee that will cover the IUC fee, reading material and lodging which – for all students - is in two, three or four bed accommodation.

The tuition fee is set at **EUR 500**.

If you are offered a place on the Master Class but have no scholarship, you will be kindly asked to transfer this amount – EUR 500 - to the GNF bank account **two weeks prior** to the start of the Master Class on 02 July 2018, i.e. by c.o.b. Friday 15 June 2018.

## **ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

The outstanding estimated MINIMUM costs - travel and the meals - for two weeks in Dubrovnik are **EUR 400** per student. These expenses are not included in the Access Europe - Erasmus+ - Geoffrey Nice Foundation scholarships.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation for all participants is at the cloister (*Samostan službenica milosrđa*) at *Branitelja Dubrovnika* Street 19, 2000 Dubrovnik. Rooms for students accommodate two, three or four participants. There is no provision of meals at the cloister but there are cooking facilities in the cloister and inexpensive cafes are nearby.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

All international criminal courts and tribunals are created and operate in a specific political context. This Master Class will focus on the following six selected aspects of this reality:

- (1) political circumstances that made selected courts possible (for example why Lebanon, Kosovo and Cambodia BUT NOT Syria)
- (2) over-prosecution and under-prosecution: why some individuals have been charged with everything possible, some with limited charges and some not indicted at all
- (3) inside interventions in the legal process by lawyers, judges, investigators, witnesses to influence the proceedings (for example why genocide charges have been made in some cases but avoided in other cases, why certain individuals have been indicted or not indicted)
- (4) outside interventions in the legal process through, for example, measured and controlled cooperation by states in the production of documents and by suppression of documents and interference with investigation
- (5) politics behind rules of procedure, interim judgments, verdicts and sentencing range (from time served to life sentence)

In addition to a full set of topical lectures and presentations by academics, practitioners and politicians, the participants will be working in Working Groups on one of the following case studies:

- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT)
- International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)
- Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office

Participants will be asked in advance to choose one of the Working Groups. Instructions with the objectives of the Working Group assignments will follow. Participants are expected to read basic reading material prior to the course to be able to fully benefit from the lectures and contribute to the Working Group discussions.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The Master Class's objective is to advance a multidisciplinary approach to understanding political violence and the role of international criminal justice through exploration of legal, historical, political and sociological methodologies.

## **FACULTY MEMBERS**

1. Aarif Abrahams
2. Lord Paddy Ashdown
3. Lord Iain Bonomy
4. Andrew Cayley CMG QC
5. Donald Ferencz
6. Judge Frederik Harhoff
7. Prof. Dr. Ejup Ganić
8. Sabina Garahan
9. Rabah Kherbane
10. Marie-Ursula Kind
11. Dr. Robert Muharremi
12. Sir Geoffrey Nice QC
13. Regina Paulose
14. Dr. Sunčana Roksandić
15. Dr. Nevenka Tromp
16. Nicholas Vetch

## **PRINCIPAL ORGANISER**

Geoffrey Nice Foundation on Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities

## **PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS**

University of Amsterdam (NL), Inner Temple Inn (UK), University of Zagreb, Inter-University Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik (HR).

## **VENUE**

Inter-University Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Don Frana Bulića 4, DUBROVNIK, Croatia

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF MASTER CLASSES TO DATE**

### **2014**

“On Law, History, Politics and Society in the Context of Mass Atrocities”, held from 28 June to 11 July 2014 at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

### **2015**

“Law and Politics of Genocide: 20 Years After Srebrenica”, held from 28 June to 09 July 2015 at the IUC Dubrovnik (Croatia) and from 10 to 12 July 2015 in Srebrenica.

### **2016**

"Conflict Beyond the Reach of Law: Emerging World Order and the Search for Adequate Responses to Political Violence", held from 03 to 14 July 2016 at the IUC in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

### **2017**

"Law and Politics of Terrorism: In Search of Adequate Political, Military and Legal Responses to the Threat of Terrorism in the Post-Cold War Era", held from 03 to 14 July 2017 at the IUC in Dubrovnik, Croatia.