



**Kindly invite you to the
First Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice**

by

Prof. Pablo De Greiff

(New York University and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of non-repetition)

Thursday 19 November 2015

KU Leuven, Faculty of Theology, Maria Theresia College, Small Aula, room 00.15

Chair: Em. Prof. Marc Bossuyt, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and University of Antwerp
Rapporteurs: Dr. Pietro Sullo (KU Leuven) & Dr. Estelle Zinsstag (KU Leuven)

17:15 *Welcome*
Prof. Bernard Tilleman, KU Leuven

17:20 *Introduction*
Prof. Stephan Parmentier, KU Leuven

17:30 *Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice*
Prof. Pablo de Greiff, New York University and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of non-repetition

18:15 *Questions and Answers*

18:45 *Final remarks*
Em. Prof. Hans Van Houtte, President Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and KU Leuven

19:00 Closing

The Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice is an initiative of the newly established Fund on Transitional Justice at the KU Leuven. The lecture is a public event and no advance registration is required.

Biographical information Pablo De Greiff - Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice 2015



Pablo de Greiff (Colombia) took up his functions as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence on 1 May 2012. Since 2015 he is Senior Fellow and Director of the Transitional Justice Program at the Centre for Human Rights and Global Justice at the School of Law, New York University.

From 2001 to 2014 he was Director of Research at the International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). He was previously an associate professor with tenure in the Philosophy department at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he taught ethics and political theory. He has lectured in many countries and universities across Europe and the Americas, including at the European University Institute, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, NYU and academic events in Morocco, Colombia, Chile, Germany, amongst others. Previously, he was a recipient of the Laurence S. Rockefeller fellowship at the Centre for Human Values, Princeton University, and held a concurrent fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. de Greiff has published extensively on transitions to democracy, democratic theory, and the relationship between morality, politics, and law, and is in the board of editors of the International Journal of Transitional Justice and of several book series related to the topic. His most recent publications include articles entitled “Truth without facts. On the Erosion of the Fact-Finding Function of Truth Commissions” (forthcoming); “Transitional Justice and Development” (2014); “On Making the Invisible Visible: The Role of Cultural Interventions in Transitional Justice Processes” (2014); “El papel de las cortes constitucionales en la regulación de conflictos” (2013); “Theorizing Transitional Justice” (2012); “Some thoughts on the Development and Present State of Transitional Justice” (2011); “Establishing the Links between DDR and Reparations” (2010); “Articulating the Links between Transitional Justice and Development: Justice and Social Integration (2009); as well as books on *Transitional Justice and Development* (2009); *Justice as Prevention* (2007); and *Handbook of Reparations* (2006).

He has also provided advice to a wide range of Governments, the UN and non-governmental organizations, particularly victims’ organizations, truth commissions and multilateral institutions in the area of transitional justice, gender issues and the linkages between justice, security and development.

Practical information

The Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice 2015 is held on the premises of the University of Leuven (Belgium), in particular in the Small Aula (room 00.15) of the Faculty of Theology, situated in the Maria Theresia College, Sint Michielsstraat 4, Leuven. The main entrance can be found right off the Hogeschoolplein in the historical centre of Leuven: www.leuven.be.

Participants coming by public transport can take buses to the city centre and get off at the Pieter De Somerplein (close to the town hall), and walk ten minutes to the conference venue. Participants coming by car can use the underground parking space on Ladeuzeplein (close to the central university library) and walk ten minutes to the conference venue.

The Fund on Transitional Justice at KU Leuven

The Fund on Transitional Justice at the KU Leuven is an initiative of the Research Line on Human Rights and Transitional Justice, coordinated by Prof. Stephan Parmentier within the Leuven Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law. Established in 2015 the Fund is encouraging and developing research and activities on transitional justice in post-conflict situations mostly in the Global South, with a long-term aim to promote sustainable peace and development. Particular attention is devoted to models of reparative justice and restorative justice that focus on harm reduction for victims and other stakeholders, as well as the (re-)construction of societies that are conflict-ridden.

Three of the main objectives of the Fund on Transitional Justice are to (a) constitute a high-quality centre of knowledge on models and issues of transitional justice, (b) organise a bi-annual Distinguished Lecture on Transitional Justice, and (c) develop general and in-house training modules on transitional justice for policy-makers and practitioners.

The Fund has been set up with the financial support of Intersentia Publishers (Cambridge/Antwerp). It is also the home of the international book Series on Transitional Justice, edited by Stephan Parmentier (KU Leuven), Jeremy Sarkin (University of South Africa) and Elmar Weitekamp (University of Tuebingen).

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