



**“European and American Contributions to the International Legal Order”  
By International and FIU College of Law Experts**

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Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Miami, FL 33199 – FIU College of Law – Courtroom 1000

**Panel Discussion Participants: Biographical Notes**

**PANELISTS**



**Donal M. Ferencz**

*Convenor of the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression*

Donald M. Ferencz is a Visiting Professor at Middlesex University School of Law and the Convenor of the Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression. He served as an NGO advisor to the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, charged with developing amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, defining the crime of aggression and setting forth the circumstances under which the Court may exercise its aggression jurisdiction. His work in the field of international justice focuses primarily on strengthening the rule of law through universalization of the core crimes of the International Criminal Court, and he remains actively involved in the global campaign to criminalize the unlawful use of armed force, both internationally and within national criminal codes.



**Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**

*James Carr Professor of International Criminal Law*

*Director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute and the Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the ICC Prosecutor  
Washington University*

[Leila Sadat](#) teaches public international law, international criminal law and human rights and is considered one of the world’s leading experts on the International Criminal Court. She is also director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, which draws on a vast pool of international and national expertise to foster collaboration, continuous dialogue and exchange among scholars and practitioners engaged in international or comparative work.

Sadat is chair of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative, a multi-year project to study the problem of crimes against humanity and develop a comprehensive convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. She also was recently appointed as International Criminal Court Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity.

## **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL FACULTY EXPERTS**



**Professor Charles C. Jalloh**  
*Professor of Law, FIU College of Law*  
*Founding Director of the African Court Research Initiative (ACRI)*  
B.A., University of Guelph  
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Charles C. Jalloh is a tenured professor at FIU College of Law, the Founding Director of the African Court Research Initiative (ACRI) and an FIU Top Scholar for 2015. He was formerly Assistant Professor of Criminal and International Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where he was the Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar for 2013-2014.

Professor Jalloh has taught and written widely on issues of international law focusing on topics relating to criminal justice and human rights. His recent research has focused on jurisdiction, selectivity and legitimacy of international criminal law, including the tense relationship between Africa and the International Criminal Court, on which he is a globally renowned expert. A prolific scholar, he has published articles in top peer-reviewed and student edited journals in the United States and abroad as well as many invited book chapters edited by leading authorities. His recent edited books include *The Sierra Leone Special Court and Its Legacy: The Impact for Africa and International Criminal Law* (Cambridge, 2014 hardback, 2015 paperback); *Shielding Humanity: Essays in International Law in Honour of Judge Abdul G. Koroma*, (Brill, 2015, with Femi Elias); *Promoting Accountability Under International Law for Gross Violations in Africa: Essays in Honor of Prosecutor Hassan Jallow* (Brill, 2015, with Alhagi Marong) and three volumes of the first comprehensive *Law Reports of the Special Court for Sierra Leone* (Brill, 2012, 2014, 2015, with Simon Meisenberg).

Before academia, he practiced law as Counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Canadian Department of Justice; an Associate Legal Officer in Chambers at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; the Legal Advisor to the Office of the Principal Defender, Special Court for Sierra Leone; and as a Visiting Professional, in the International Criminal Court. Professor Jalloh has advised states and international organizations on issues of international law, including most recently the African Union, for which he appeared as first ever Amicus Counsel in proceedings before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Professor Jalloh is the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the *African Journal of Legal Studies* and the *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*.



**Professor Noah Weisbord**  
*Associate Professor of Law*  
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B.Sc., B.S.W., LL.B., B.C.L., M.S.W. (McGill)  
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Professor Weisbord's primary research interest is in the field of international criminal law. He is a leading expert on the crime of aggression, individual criminal responsibility for illegal wars. Professor Weisbord was a law clerk and a visiting professional in the Immediate Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and later served as an expert assisting the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC to draft the crime of aggression. Prior to working at the ICC, he traveled to Rwanda to study gacaca—community-based genocide trials inspired by an indigenous justice tradition. Professor Weisbord holds a Doctorate of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School which he completed under the supervision of Dean Martha Minow. He holds common and civil law degrees from McGill. Professor Weisbord is currently writing a book on the crime of aggression which will be published with Princeton University Press in 2017. His next project will be on the role of the criminal law in managing, reflecting or exacerbating intergroup conflict in the United States.

## **Moderator**



### **Markus Thiel (PhD)**

*Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations  
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Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, Nationalism & Identity (Politics) and Mixed Methods Research Methodology. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center of Excellence as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *International Studies Compendium*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Perspectives on European Politics & Society* and the *Journal of European Integration*. He published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* (Palgrave, 2011) and also co-edited four volumes: one with Lisa Prügl on *Diversity and the European Union* (Palgrave, 2009), one with Roger Coate on *Identity politics in the Age of Globalization* (Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), one with Rebecca Friedman on *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging* (Ashgate, 2012), and the latest one on *Sexual Politics in IR: how LGBTQ claims shape IR* (Routledge, 2015). His current project focuses on the promotion of rights policies through civil society based on the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter/Agency (forthcoming 2016). He regularly teaches CPO 3103 Comparative (Western) European Politics, CPO 3104 EU Politics, INR 3214 International Relations of Europe, INR 3502 International Organizations and the European Studies Colloquium, as well as graduate courses on European/EU Politics, International Organization and Research Design in IR. In addition, Dr. Thiel is a director of the Miami Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and of GSIPA's European & Eurasian Studies Initiative.