

Public Conference

20 years after the genocide in Rwanda: presentation and reflections on the judicial process



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2014 highlights the commemoration of the genocide committed in Rwanda in 1994, one of the most tragic events of the 20th century. Following the genocide, with more than 100,000 suspects in prison and only 20 active magistrates, the Rwandese government and the international community must face the gravity and scope of the committed crimes. How can one judge the authors of these crimes? What are the legal sentences foreseen? What are the alternatives? How can one re-build a country where victims and slaughtermen are bound to live together?

The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action and RCN Justice & Démocratie are delighted to invite you to a public conference:

22 May 2014, 6.00-8.00 pm
Auditorium, Maison de la Paix,
2 chemin Eugène Rigot, Geneva

Panelists:

Martien Schotsmans, Legal Expert, Criminologist, Director, *RCN Justice & Démocratie*. She worked in Rwanda between 1998 and 2000 during the trials related to the specialized chambers

Hélène Morvan, in charge of the memory transmission project, *RCN Justice & Démocratie*

Prof. Marco Sassòli, Professor of international law & director of the Department of international law and international organization, *University of Geneva*

Pierre Hazan, Associated Professor and Journalist Author of "*Juger la guerre, juger l'histoire*" (PUF)

Moderator:

Damien Scalia, Advanced Researcher
National Swiss Science Foundation / UCLouvain.

Programme:

- Presentation of the memory transmission project of RCN Justice & Démocratie by Hélène Morvan (15 min)
- Audio testimonial of Gasana Ndoba (Rwandese human rights activist who alerted in 1990 the general public on the deterioration of the human rights situation in Rwanda) (20 min)
- Overview and analysis of the judicial process by Martien Schotsmans (30 min)
- Q&A with Pierre Hazan and Marco Sassòli. Damien Scalia as moderator (1h).

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