

5TH ANNUAL
GENOCIDE STUDIES CONFERENCE

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF GENOCIDE

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2022

U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE



5TH ANNUAL GENOCIDE STUDIES CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

For the U.S. Naval War College 5th Annual Genocide Studies Conference this year, the theme is “The Psychology of Genocide,” which examines and discusses the psychology of both perpetrators and victims of genocide.

A number of esteemed scholars in the fields of Psychology and Genocide Studies are serving as panelists to discuss the perpetrators’ and victims’ perspectives of “The Psychology of Genocide.” Q & A will follow each panel.

Our honored keynote speaker is General Roméo Dallaire.

Genocide is an important and pertinent subject, and the U.S. Naval War College includes this topic and the annual conference as part of the institution’s intellectual prowess and educational value.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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(All times are Eastern U.S. and Canada)

1200 Welcome

[Dr. Hayat Alvi](#)

1205 Opening Remarks & Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

[Dr. Stephen J. Mariano](#)

1215 Keynote Address

[General Roméo Dallaire](#)

1245 Panel 1

[Dr. Leigh Ann Perry](#)

Presentation: Social psychological concepts related to genocidal acts, with a focus on perpetrator behavior.

[Dr. Raquel Perez](#)

Presentation: The psychological impacts of genocide from the victims’ perspectives.

[Dr. Don Thieme](#)

Presentation: The psychology of implementing hate, fear, and violence at the macro level.

1415 Q & A

1500 Break

1510 Panel 2

[Dr. Ben Kiernan](#)

Presentation: The mindset of genocide perpetrators is usually dominated by their beliefs and goals.

These most often include racism or religious prejudice, plans for territorial expansionism, a backward-looking “cult of antiquity,” and an anti-modern belief in the superiority of rural over urban values.

[Dr. Ansar Haroun](#)

Presentation: The psychology of hate and violence – the micro-level Freudian-based assessment of the contributing factors in human development that affect hate.

1610 Q & A

1630 Conference Adjourned

PRESIDENT, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE



Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield is the fifty-seventh President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval helicopter pilot. A native of Garden Grove, California, she graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French Language and Literature. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1988 and earned her wings of gold in 1989. Chatfield was awarded the Navy's Political/Military Scholarship and attended the Kennedy School of Government, receiving a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1997. In 2009, the University of San Diego conferred upon her a doctorate of education in leadership studies.

Operationally, she flew the SH-3, CH-46D and MH-60S and deployed in helicopter detachments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf supporting carrier strike group and amphibious ready group operations. Ashore, she participated in the Joint Staff/OSD Internship Program, augmenting the Joint Staff, Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate, Central & Eastern European Branch and served as assistant professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy from 2001–2004. Chatfield commanded at the squadron and type wing level and additionally commanded a joint provincial reconstruction team in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Most recently, Chatfield commanded Joint Region Marianas from January 2017 to August 2019.

PROVOST, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE



Dr. Stephen J. Mariano most recently served as the deputy commandant and dean of the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. He also served on the faculties of the School of International Service at American University, National Defense University, the Royal Military College of Canada, and the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.A. in national security affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. in war studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER



Dr. Hayat Alvi joined the U.S. Naval War College in 2007. Previously, she served as an assistant professor in the Political Science Department at American University in Cairo from 2001-05 and as the director of the International Studies Program at Arcadia University from 2005-07. She specializes in international relations, political economy and comparative politics with regional expertise in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. She also specializes in Islamic studies and genocide studies. She is proficient in Arabic and Urdu and is a Fulbright Fellow (Syria, 1993-94). Alvi has published numerous articles, books and book chapters.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Lieutenant General (ret) Roméo Dallaire is founder of the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace, and Security, the global partnership with the mission to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in violence. A celebrated advocate for human rights, especially in regards to child soldiers, veterans, and the prevention of mass atrocities, General Dallaire is also a respected government and UN advisor and former Canadian Senator.

Throughout his distinguished military career, General Dallaire served in staff, training, and command positions through North America, Europe, and Africa, rising in rank from Army Cadet in 1960 to Lieutenant-General in 1998.

Most notably, General Dallaire was appointed Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda prior to and during the 1994 genocide. General Dallaire provided the United Nations with information about the planned massacre, which ultimately took more than 800,000 lives in less than 100 days; yet, permission to intervene was denied and the UN withdrew its peacekeeping forces. General Dallaire, along with a small contingent of Ghanaian and Tunisian soldiers and military observers, disobeyed the command to withdraw and remained in Rwanda to fulfill their ethical obligation to protect those who sought refuge with the UN forces.

His courage and leadership during this mission earned him the Meritorious Service Cross, the United States Legion of Merit, the Aegis Award on Genocide Prevention, and the affection and admiration of people around the globe. His defiant dedication to humanity during that mission has been well-documented in films and books, including his own award-winning account: *Shake Hands with the Devil: the Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*.

General Dallaire's 1997 revelation that he suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as a direct result of his mission in Rwanda paved the way for destigmatizing this potentially-lethal Operational Stress Injury among military veterans as well as first-responders. Though it led to his being medically released from the Canadian Army in 2000, he has devoted decades of passionate leadership and advocacy to the issue on behalf of other veterans struggling with PTSD, including the publication of his bestselling memoir: *Waiting for First Light: My Ongoing Battle with PTSD*.

However, with his acclaimed book, *They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children: The Global Quest to Eradicate the Use of Child Soldiers*, General Dallaire proclaimed that the rest of his life will be devoted to the eradication of the use of children in war, and through the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative he continually seeks innovative ways to help end the use of child soldiers.

Whether as military commander, humanitarian, senator or author, Roméo Dallaire has penetrated our national consciousness, often in supremely uncomfortable ways. Setting aside his natural reserve, he has felt compelled to bring national and international attention to situations too-often ignored, whether the atrocities of the Rwandan genocide, the struggle that he and many other military veterans face with post-traumatic stress disorder, or the recruitment and use of child soldiers.

PANEL 1



Dr. Leigh Ann Perry is an Associate Professor of Psychology and Behavioral Science in the College of Leadership and Ethics at the United States Naval War College (NWC). Prior to joining the NWC in 2021, she worked for the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Facebook focusing on the analysis of human behavior, violent crime and extremism. She supports Navy leader development in the areas of psychological well-being, resilience, mindfulness and traumatic stress and is a Certified Positive Psychology-Based Health and Well-Being Coach. In addition to her work at the NWC, Dr. Perry is an Adjunct Professor at Salve Regina University teaching graduate courses in the Administration of Justice Department and volunteers as the RI State Director for the Veterans Yoga Project. She received a Ph.D. and an M.A. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in clinical and community psychology and a B.S. in psychology and sociology from Fordham University. She also studied psychology and sociology of gender at Oxford University.



Dr. Raquel Perez is an Operational Performance Advisor and Storyteller who thrives on identifying organizational challenges, generating sure-fire strategies for enduring solutions, and sharing her expertise to humanize complex experiences. She is the Creative Director of "Storytelling for Social Change: Voices of Genocide," a Virtual Reality (VR) experience that harnesses the power of narratives to help educate and evoke empathy for Holocaust survivors by using the oral and visual archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. This VR experience focuses on building awareness of psychological impacts, creating empathy, preserving memories, and honing active listening skills.



Dr. Don Thieme is a seasoned military diplomat, scholar, foreign policy practitioner and teacher; Don Thieme brings more than 25 years of global experience to high-level education. Before retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps, Don served in a wide variety of infantry and Reconnaissance units that deployed throughout Southeast Asia, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Horn of Africa. When not deployed, Don was an Olmsted Scholar (Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Kraków), a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member, and an MIT Seminar XXI Fellow. He was a personal advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for NATO expansion, theater campaign plans chief for U.S. Central Command, and served seven years as a senior attaché in Warsaw and London, where he regularly analyzed foreign policy and recommended pragmatic actions to very senior U.S. and foreign leaders in pursuit of U.S. strategic objectives.

At the U.S. Naval War College, he has served as a Professor in National Security Affairs, worked for the Dean of College of Naval Warfare Studies (CNWS) in writing the first *Research Plan* in 30 years, and as Professor of Writing in The Writing Center. He now works in the War Gaming Division of CNWS, and was a contributing author to the *Russia Futures Project*. He serves as the Marine SME for the Wargaming Virtual Community of Practice.

Don has taught in various fora from West Point classrooms to desolate train tracks at Auschwitz, focused on the art – and action – of learning more than just strings of facts, but the inherent complex inter-relationships of humanness in chaotic environments. He lived overseas for 11 years and visited several dozen countries. He has published more than three dozen articles, and helped conceive and write the Harvard University Carr Center *Mass Atrocity Response Operations Handbook*. He is also a Tufts University INSPIRE Fellow and moderated the 2016 workshop and symposium "New Security for a New Europe."

Don spends his 'spare' time helping raise four amazingly dynamic children, hunting, fishing, and leading a Boy Scout Troop.

PANEL 2



Dr. Ben Kiernan is the A. Whitney Griswold Professor Emeritus of History at Yale University. He was founding Director of the Cambodian Genocide Program (1994-99) and of the Genocide Studies Program (gsp.yale.edu) from 1998-2015, and was chair of Yale's Council on Southeast Asia Studies from 2010-15. His books include *How Pol Pot Came to Power* (1985); *The Pol Pot Regime* (1996); *Genocide and Resistance in Southeast Asia* (2007); *Blood and Soil: A World History of Genocide and Extermination from Sparta to Darfur* (2007); and *Việt Nam: A History from Earliest Times to the Present* (2017). Kiernan's work has appeared in fourteen languages. It is featured in *Southeast Asia: Essential Readings*, and in *Fifty Key Thinkers on the Holocaust and Genocide*.

Blood and Soil won the Independent Publishers' 2008 gold medal for the best work of history, and the 2009 Sybil Halpern Milton Memorial Book Prize for the best book dealing with the Holocaust in its broadest context. Its German translation was Nonfiction Book of the Month. Kiernan received the 2002 *Critical Asian Studies* Prize for his anthology *Conflict and Change in Cambodia*, and a 2018 "Inspiring Yale Award" in the Yale School of Graduate Studies. For three decades, Kiernan documented the crimes of the Khmer Rouge regime. Under his direction, Yale's Cambodian Genocide Program established the Documentation Center of Cambodia, uncovered the archives of the Khmer Rouge secret police, detailed the case for an international tribunal, and won multiple internet awards.



Dr. Ansar Haroun was born in Pakistan, educated in England, and first came to the U.S. as a Roosevelt Scholar.

Determined to flee the tyranny of monarchical rule in Britain, he decided to stay, training in psychiatry at Yale, where he became interested in Wickedness. Learning that such vices (or virtues) are often of developmental origin, he trained in child psychiatry at Columbia.

For most of his professional life, he was the chief psychiatrist for the San Diego Superior Court, and he developed the court clinic into a teaching clinic. As a clinical professor of psychiatry and pediatrics, he trained psychiatrists, and as an adjunct law professor, he trained law students about the interface of psychiatry with law, ethics, morality etc.

He developed various teaching instruments, including the:

- CLAD (Clinical Assessment of Dangerousness)
- CLAW (Clinical Assessment of Wickedness)
- PERP (Psych Evaluation of Romantic Partners)

and later, for the military, developed the:

- PEST (Psych Evaluation of Suspected Terrorists)

He started the world's first medical school elective in medical law and ethics, at UCSD, ("Law, Logic and Ethics in Psychiatry"), and was course director for over 20 years.

As a court psychiatrist, he evaluated many cases of extreme violence, often motivated by Hate, and studied Hate, hateful persons, and their moral judgment.

In the military, he was in both the medical corps (like most doctors), but also in Psy.Ops, where he studied psychological warfare, which included the uses (and ? abuses) of Hate for military or political purposes.

He has published in the areas of Wickedness, Terrorism, Informed Consent, Deception, Religious Delusion, Decision-Making, Conduct Disorder vs Disordered Conduct, Blame, War, etc.