

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

LEBANON'S WAR-LOADED MEMORY

[An UMAM D&R Project]

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A War Without Crimes?

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

October 17, 2008

6:00 pm

Maison de l'Avocat - Beirut



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A War Without Crimes?

Over the course of the last century, the world has witnessed horrific acts of brutality whereby countless millions of people have been systematically killed, tortured, and displaced. As the international community struggles to develop a response to these acts that provides justice, promotes reconciliation, and assures a lasting peace, local actors are left to deal with the immediate effects of violence.

Multiple approaches to this dilemma have emerged. In some contexts, peace negotiations and amnesties have brought formal ends to conflicts, but often at the expense of acknowledging the extent of the crimes committed. In other situations, the effects of civil conflict are so great that prioritizing reconstruction and development overshadow justice needs. Many other options exist; sadly few ever balance international and local demands.

Guided by a rejection of political manipulation of the past and the constant threat of renewed violence, UMAM D&R presents *A War Without Crimes?* As part of the *WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Lebanon's War-Loaded Memory* series of films, workshops, public events, and exhibits, UMAM D&R seeks to revive an otherwise hidden record of the past.

This event, a precursor to the fourth workshop within this series, will examine two different experiences of dealing with the past utilizing traditional, albeit creatively adapted, methods of prosecuting perpetrators of crimes against humanity. Previous workshops have dealt with issues of forced disappearance, forensic

investigations, and mass graves and future events will focus on truth-seeking, reparations, monuments and memorials and archiving.

UMAM D&R is pleased to host this screening of film excerpts, followed by a discussion with international experts and reception.

ABOUT UMAM D&R

UMAM D&R was founded in 2004 to confront the gaps in Lebanon's shattered history. Working across confessional lines, and with local and international partners, UMAM D&R preserves and revives memories by actively pursuing contributions to its unique archival collection and making it digitally accessible. Memories are revived through international events that stimulate public participation and research into local history and are complemented by The Hangar, a large, converted warehouse in Southern Beirut that UMAM D&R has transformed into a unique space for Lebanese cultural expression.

THE FILMS

10 minute excerpts from movies following the greatest *trials of the century* will be shown:



++ A co-production of West Wind Productions and the Independent Television Service in association with Latino Public Broadcasting, directed by Elizabeth Farnsworth and Patricio Lanfranco, ***The Judge and the General*** describes the controversial trial of Augusto Pinochet presided-over by a judge who supported the bloody coup that originally brought General Pinochet to power.



++ Written, directed and produced by Jean-Pierre Krief, ***Saddam Hussein: Histoire d'un procès annoncé*** presents the judicial and political aspects surrounding the Saddam trial. The film is the result of 15 months of research and interviews with the Iraqi Special Tribunal judges, Saddam's defense lawyers, victims and their lawyers, American officials and other experts and investigators involved in one of the most debated trials in recent history.

THE EXPERTS

The discussion will be moderated and directed by prominent international experts in the fields of transitional and international justice: Mr. David Tolbert and Mr. Paul Seils.

David Tolbert is a distinguished scholar and practitioner in the field of international and transitional justice. He is currently the Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the US Institute of Peace investigating the history and relationship of international and local tribunals. He previously served as liaison to the UN Secretary General on the Khmer Rouge Trials and as Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Paul Seils is the Head of the Situation Analysis Section of the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC. His section is responsible for all matters relating to considerations of admissibility and the interests of justice. He was previously a Senior Associate at the International Centre for Transitional Justice and Legal Director of the Center for Legal Action on Human Rights in Guatemala.

Majed Fayad was elected member of the Beirut Bar Association Council and has been a member of the Beirut Court of Appeals since 2002. Since 2003, he has represented the Bar Association in the Parliamentary Justice and Administration committee working on amending the Penal Code. From 1994 - 2002, he was a member of the Bar Association Committee for Public Freedom and Human Rights.

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AGENDA

Location: Maison de l'Avocat

Time: 6:00 pm

- + + Welcoming Remarks by Beirut Bar Association, International Center for Transitional Justice, UMAM D&R
- + + Excerpts from:
The Judge and the General
Saddam Hussein: Histoire d'un procès annoncé
- + + Open discussion with Mr. David Tolbert, Mr. Paul Seils and Me. Majed Fayad.
- + + Reception

In collaboration with the Institute for Human Rights - Beirut Bar Association
UMAM DOCUMENTATION & RESEARCH
cordially invites you to a debate

A WAR WITHOUT CRIMES?

Film excerpts featuring

- + + Saddam Hussein: Histoire d'un procès annoncé
- + + The Judge and the General

Discussion with

- + + David Tolbert, former Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- + + Paul Seils, Head of the Situation Analysis Section, Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court
- + + Majed Fayad, Beirut Bar Association Council Member

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