



Sexual Violence as International Crime

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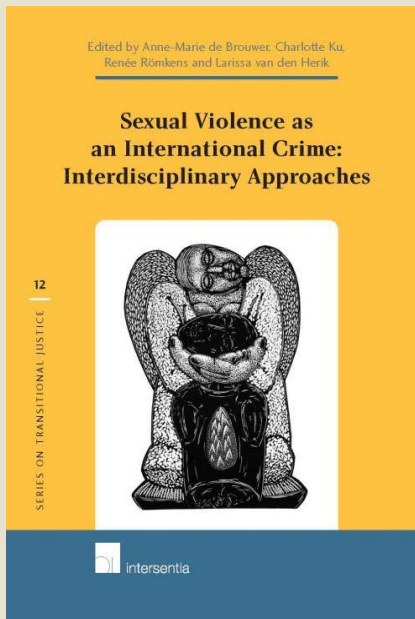


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Sexual Violence as an International Crime: Interdisciplinary Approaches

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Forthcoming

This edited volume focuses on developments in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting cases of sexual violence in (post)conflict situations from an interdisciplinary angle. The investigation and prosecution of these cases raises new and challenging questions as to how to build evidence, but also how to address victims' concerns in that process. It addresses innovations and challenges of empirical and other new kinds of social scientific, archival and medical data collection techniques; the development of evidence in relation to charges ranging from sexual violence as a war crime, crime against humanity to genocide; evidentiary and procedural achievements and challenges involved in prosecuting sexual victimization in international courts; and how to create awareness of sexual violence



crimes in order to recognize such crimes and to prevent them in the future.

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From the [Intersentia](#) website

Upcoming Bellagio Center "Discourses on Darfur" Conference



This April the Center on Law and Globalization will host "Discourses on Darfur," a meeting at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center on Lake Como, Italy. This invitation-only meeting is organized by the Center's [John Hagan](#), as well as [Joachim Savelsberg](#) (University of Minnesota) and [Jens Meierhenrich](#) (London School of Economics). About 25 leaders in the fields of science, law, and media will convene to discuss issues of genocide in Darfur and elsewhere. The meeting will focus on failures as well as advances in representing and responding to mass atrocities, including sexual violence. The goal of the meeting is to examine where these three fields can bridge gaps and set the foundation for more effective future communication and collaboration in efforts to respond to and prevent mass atrocities.

CLG Annual Report Now Available

The Center's 2011 Annual Report of Activities is now available on our website. Read about the programs the Center has hosted over the past year, how we've engaged global law-makers, Center resources, scholarship, affiliated faculty, and more.

The report also summarizes recent colloquia, in particular our second colloquium held in The Hague, The Netherlands, "Systemic Sexual Violence and Victims Rights," which brought together scholars and practitioners from around the world to discuss women and victims' rights.



You can access the report on our website, or by [clicking here](#).

Overheard from Linked In

- Tilburg University starts a new master's program in [Victimology and Criminal Justice](#).
- Check out [ABA-ROLI](#)'s mini-documentary:

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Combating Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- Visit the [16 Impacts](#) of Sexual Assault blog.
- [Outreach Program documentary on sexual violence](#) premiered in Zagreb.

Farewell to Allison Lynch

The Communications Associate for the Center on Law and Globalization, Allison Lynch, has recently left the American Bar Foundation. Allison has been an incredible asset to both the Center and the ABF. She has worked tirelessly to help grow the Center and she will be missed by all of us here. She is continuing her career in international development and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We are pleased to announce that Amy Schlueter is the new Program Coordinator for the CLG. If you have any questions regarding Center matters please feel free to contact her at aschlueter@abfn.org.

About the Center on Law and Globalization:

The Center focuses on international human and legal rights issues, notably justice and security, the international economy and marketplace, health and global governance.

Located in Illinois, the Center combines research, technology and international events to influence global discourse, improve the understanding of the individuals and institutions addressing these issues and empower leaders with the tools needed to bring about sustainable peace.



Unstable states are breeding grounds for human rights violations, collective violence and genocide. Since its inception in 2007, the Center has had a major thematic focus on the protection of women, children, men and families from systematic sexual violence in wars, conflicts and trafficking. Through path-breaking programming, we aim to drive the development of progressive solutions that eliminate sexual violence in international settings, aid in apprehending perpetrators and protect the health and dignity of the victims.



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