Blog post: history and the examination of root causes of conflict are a critical long-term line of defense against genocide and other identity based crimes of atrocities, and historical dialogue and genocide prevention is the topic of recent scholarly discussion. To this end, we share with you an essay written by J. Kenneth Blackwell and David Phillips regarding Turkish president Tayyip Erdogan's recent actions in Syria. If you are interested in writing a blog piece or short essay about a subject related to historical dialogue, please send it to us as dialogues@columbia.edu. The full version of this essay was published in The Christian Post and can be found here.
The term "genocide" was coined by Raphael Lemkin in 1943 who explained, "I became interested in genocide because it happened so many times. It happened to the Armenians, then after the Armenians, Hitler took action." Genocide was the legal basis of the Nuremberg Trials, which prosecuted Nazi war criminals. The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, adopted in 1948, requires states to intervene, whereas ethnic cleansing has no explicit or implied legal obligation.

It may seem like a more benign and antiseptic term, but genocide and ethnic cleansing both describe crimes against humanity. As U.S. officials, and in our private capacities, we struggled to prevent ethnic cleansing by Serbs in Bosnia. We applauded in 1995 when the United States went to war to stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and, in 1999, U.S. forces intervened to prevent what happened in Bosnia from happening in Kosovo. In both instances, we championed the rights of Muslims. We were proud that the U.S. went to war to defend defenseless victims.

In 1998, we visited Southeast Turkey to document the systematic killing and displacement of ethnic Kurds. Turkey cited counter-terrorism to justify its crimes, which resulted in the deaths of 40,000 people and the displacement of millions. We testified to the UN Human Rights Commission on Turkey's abuses.

Today, Turkey is practicing genocide again. Turkish troops and their jihadist mercenaries invaded northern Syria in October 2019. Erdogan vowed to "clear" the Kurds from the border area. Clear is a euphemism for cleanse, which is another way of saying genocide. President Trump's turning a blind eye to Erdogan's murderous action against a U.S. ally who joined our fight against ISIS is a problem. The President said the Turks needed a swat of Syria to be "cleaned out" of Kurds -- this may be seen by many as an endorsement of ethnic cleansing. Regardless of the language or legal semantics, the U.S. should always oppose genocide and ethnic cleansing.

The U.S. has historically tried to be a force for good in the world. We opposed Hitler's genocide. Bombed the Serbs to prevent ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and Kosovo. Launched the Gulf War to keep Saddam Hussein from using chemical weapons. By allowing ethnic cleansing to remove the Kurds from northern Syria, the U.S. may be seen as an accomplice to Erdogan's war crimes. The U.S. must oppose genocide in all its forms and in whatever name.
We are delighted to share the latest contribution to our working paper series, Angela Bermudez's essay, "The Normalization of Political Violence in History Textbooks: Ten Narrative Keys". Angela Bermudez is a researcher at the Center for Applied Ethics in the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain).

Read Bjorn Krondorfer's review of Perpetrators and Perpetration of Mass Violence: Action, Motivations and Dynamics, edited by Timothy Williams and Susanne Buckley-Zistel, which suggests that this volume opens as many doors as the questions it raises.

Interested in reviewing a book? Below are a list of books currently available for review. Interested in proposing a book for review? E-mail us at dialogues@columbia.edu!
• Lazzara, Michael. Civil Obedience: Complicity and Complacency in Chile since Pinochet (University of Wisconsin Press, 2018).

**OPPORTUNITIES**
Select postings for career and academic advancement.

- **November 2019**
  - **Asian Studies Association of Australia: Future Asias**
    Conference Dates: 6-9 July 2020
    Location: University of Melbourne, Australia
    Deadline: 1 November 2019
  - **CfA: Between Enemy Combatant and Racial ‘Other’: Nazi Persecution of Soviet POWs**
    Location: Washington, DC
    Conference Dates: January 6-10, 2020
    Deadline: 1 November 2019
  - **Globalization and Social Movements: Familiar Patterns, New Constellations?**
    Location: Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
    Conference Dates: 4–5 June 2020
    Deadline: 4 November 2019
  - **CfA: Visiting Scholar Programs, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**
    Location: Washington, DC
    Deadline: 15 November 2019
CfA: Multiple Positions, Scholars at Risk
Location: New York City or remotely
Deadline: 15 November 2019 (rolling)

CfA: Making Mediation & Peace Processes Work: Peacemaking in Deeply Divided Societies and Challenging Contexts
Location: London, United Kingdom
Dates: November 18–20, 2019

CfP: Holocaust Memory and Education in the Digital Age
Abstract Deadline: November 20, 2019

CfA: RELEVANCE: 60th Annual Conference of the Estonian National Museum
Location: Estonian National Museum, Tartu, Estonia
Conference Dates: 5-7 May 2020
Submission Deadline: November 20, 2019

Designing and Implementing Effective Monitoring and Evaluation for Development, Peacebuilding & Humanitarian Operations
Location: London, United Kingdom
Dates: November 21–23, 2019

National Dialogue & Peace Mediation Course
Location: Basel, Switzerland
Program Dates: 27 – 31 January 2020
Application Deadline: November 30, 2019

Dealing with the Past Course
Location: Basel, Switzerland
Program Dates: 24-25 January 2020
Application Deadline: November 30, 2019

Call for Nomination: 2020 Gwangju Prize for Human Rights
The May 18 Memorial Foundation, South Korea
Deadline: November 30, 2019

December 2019
CfP: Lessons and Legacies Conference on the Holocaust XVI: The Holocaust: Rethinking Paradigms in Research and Representation
Location: Ottawa, Canada
Conference Dates: 7-10 November 2020
Submission Deadline: 1 December 2019

CfA: Yale World Fellows
Location: Yale University, New Haven, CT
Deadline: December 4, 2019
The 12th Annual Summer Institute: Teaching Peace in the 21st Century
Location: University of Notre Dame
Deadline: December 15, 2019
Conference Dates: June 8-12, 2020

CfA: Human Rights Advocates Program
Location: Columbia University, New York City
Deadline: 16 December 2019

CfP: Overcoming the Darkness? – Holocaust Survivors’ Emotional and Social Journeys in the Early Postwar Period
Location: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel
Conference Dates: 29-30 June, 2020
Deadline: 31 December 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS
Select activities related to historical dialogue, historical and transitional justice, and public and social memory

ALL EVENTS

November 2019
Call for Applications: Lessons and Legacies Munich
The Holocaust Educational Foundation, the Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, the Federal Agency for Civic Education of Germany, and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, are pleased to announce a special session of the Lessons and Legacies Conference. The special session, “The Holocaust and Europe: Research Trends, Pedagogical Approaches, and Political Challenges,” will take place in Munich from November 4 – 7, 2019.

DISRUPTORS: Being Peacebuilders in a World of Conflict
Location: Bali, Indonesia
Date: November 6-8, 2019

X-Ray Turkey: Current Realities and New Aspirations
Location: Columbia University
Date: November 7, 2019

30th Anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution – Fall of the Berlin Wall
Location: Berlin, Germany
Date: November 8, 2019
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND BORDERS: DECOLONIZATION, CONTESTATION, TRANS-BORDER PRACTICES
Location: Columbia University, New York City
Date: November 11-12, 2019

12th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI)
Location: Seville, Spain
Date: November 11-13, 2019

Lingering in the Memory Palace. Rethinking the Archive through the Arts
University of Kent and Institute of Modern Languages Research partnership
Location: London, United Kingdom
Date: November 12, 2019

Political Transitions Revisited: A Discussion
Location: Columbia University
Date: November 14, 2019

International Human Rights Arts Festival
Location: New York City
Date: November 14, 2019

Build Peace Borderlands
Location: San Diego/Tijuana
Dates: November 14-16, 2019

Cultural Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution
Columbia University, New York City
Date: November 14, 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PRACTITIONERS
Location: Columbia University, New York City
Date: November 15, 2019

Presence and future of European Jewish Literature Studies in a changing Europe
Location: Rhineland-Westphalian Technical University of Aachen, Germany
Date: November 18-20, 2019

November 2019

8th Annual Conference of the Historical Dialogues, Justice & Memory Network
PREVENTION ACTIVISM: ADVANCING HISTORICAL DIALOGUE IN POST-CONFLICT SETTINGS
Location: Columbia University, New York City
Date: December 12-14, 2019
CfP: Lina Wertmüller Symposium (e-mail for details: wertmullersymposium@gmail.com)
Location: University of Westminster, UK
Date: December 13, 2019

Tell us about events, opportunities and initiatives you are working on! E-mail dialogues@columbia.edu.