

***Genocide, Rescue, and Prevention:  
Understanding and Fostering Rescue Behavior in the Face of Mass Killing***

Sponsored by the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics and the Genocide Studies Program

**Friday, May 8, 2009, 8:50 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Yale University**

8:15 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:50 a.m. Welcome  
Ben Kiernan, Director, Genocide Studies Program  
David H. Smith, Director, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

**Part 1.Challenges for Research**

Moderator: Julius Landwirth, Associate Director, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

8:55 a.m. Ben Kiernan, introduction of Prof. Dori Laub

9 a.m. Opening Address  
**In Search of the Memory of Rescue**  
Dori Laub, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Deputy Director, Trauma Studies, Genocide Studies Program, Yale University

9:35 a.m. **Commemorating and Researching Rescue Behavior: A Transitional Justice Perspective**  
Ron Dudai, Visiting Lecturer, Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York, U.K.

10:10 a.m. **Psychology of Heroic Altruism and Rescue Behavior**  
Ervin Staub, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

10:35 a. m. **The Sociology of Rescue Behavior**  
Nechama Tec, Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of Connecticut

11:05 a.m. Question & Answer session

11:30 a.m. Roundtable discussion  
**Comparative Rescue Behavior in Diverse Settings of Genocide**

**Holocaust:** Kristen Monroe, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine

**Rwanda:** Gerd Hankel, Senior Research Fellow, Lecturer, International Public and International Criminal Law, Hamburg Institute for Social Research

**Cambodia:** Socheata Poeuv, Director, Khmer Legacies; Visiting Fellow, Genocide Studies Program, Yale University

**Bosnia:** Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, Lecturer, Ethics, Politics & Economics, Yale University

**Iraq:** Etelle Higonnet, Analysis Director, Iraq History Project, International Human Rights Law Group, DePaul University School of Law

12:45 p.m. Question & Answer session

1:05 p.m. Lunch

## **Part 2. Implications for Genocide Prevention: Can Rescue Behavior be Taught?**

Moderator: Ben Kiernan, Director, Genocide Studies Program

1:50 p.m. **Promoting Rescue Behavior as a Strategy for Genocide Prevention**  
Andrea Bartoli, Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, and founder, Genocide Prevention Program, Columbia University

2:15 p.m. **Relevance of Understanding Rescue Behavior for Peacebuilding Programs**  
Olivia Dreier, Associate Director, Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, Amherst, MA

2:40 p.m. Question & Answer session

3:00 p.m. Roundtable discussion  
**Implications for Education**

### **Can Rescue Behavior be Taught ?**

Elizabeth Midlarsky, Professor of Psychology and Education, Columbia University

### **The Role of Graphic Arts in Teaching About Rescue Behavior**

Leora Kahn, Visiting Fellow, Genocide Studies Program, Yale University

### **Religious Studies and Heroic Rescue Behavior**

Jan Holton, Assistant Professor, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Yale Divinity School

### **The Brain, Dehumanization and Altruism**

Lasana Harris, Post Doctoral Fellow, Psychology, New York University

4:00 p.m. Question & Answer session

4:15 p.m. Closing Panel

### **Reactions and Thoughts for the Future**

Panelists: Ervin Staub, Nechama Tec, Ron Dudai, Dori Laub