

INVITATION

Global Justice Center and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect cordially invite you to a panel discussion entitled:

Gender and Genocide: Engendering analysis for better prevention, accountability, and protection

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:00pm
Church Center of the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza**

In December 2018, the international community marked the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. That same month, the Global Justice Center released its latest white paper, entitled *Beyond Killing: Gender, Genocide, & Obligations Under International Law*. It underscores how gender, and preconceived beliefs related to it, affect perpetrators' planning and commission of coordinated acts of genocidal violence in order to maximize the destructive impact on vulnerable groups protected under international laws, such as the Genocide Convention.

Genocide and other atrocity crimes, by the perpetrators' own design, affect women and men in distinct ways by reason of their gender. Women and girls are often directly targeted in non-killing acts of genocide and are disproportionately burdened by the economic and social consequences of genocidal violence, whilst men and boys are often targeted in mass killings in line with their perceived gender roles as leaders and fighters. However, there has been a continued failure by the international community to acknowledge such gender-specificity in legal frameworks for accountability for such crimes, undercutting our ability to mobilize the Genocide Convention's legal obligations to prevent and punish genocide.

More than 70 years on, genocide and other atrocities are still committed in many parts of the world and much remains to be done to better prevent these crimes and to strengthen accountability frameworks to get justice for victims. This May, the Global Justice Center (GJC) and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP) would like to invite you to join us for a panel event on the sidelines of the upcoming UN Security Council debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict to raise awareness around the need for the inclusion of a gendered analysis to illuminate the multi-dimensional nature of genocide and other atrocity-related crimes to better prevent their occurrence.

The panel will feature:

- **Ms. Razia Sultana**, Founder and Chairperson of Rohingya Women Welfare Society
- **Mr. Grant Shubin**, Deputy Legal Director at the Global Justice Center
- **Prof. Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum**, Director of the Benjamin Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic and the Faculty Director of the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights
- **Ms. Juliette Lehner**, Associate Political Affairs Officer, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

The panel will be chaired by **Dr. Abigail Ruane**, Director of the PeaceWomen Programme of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and will be followed by an interactive discussion with all participants.

As space will be limited, please [register using this form](#) or email Ms. Liz Olson at lolson@globaljusticecenter.net by 5:00pm on Friday, May 17, 2019. A light lunch will be served.