

International Conference on

The Bangladesh Genocide and the Issue of Justice

Venue: Heinrich-Zimmer-Saal, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg

Date: 4-5 July, 2013

Organized by:

South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University, Germany

South Asia Democratic Forum (SADF), Brussels, Belgium

Liberation War Museum (LWM), Bangladesh

4 July, 2013:

9.15 am-10.00 am

Opening Session: Genocide and Justice

Conference objectives – Addresses by:

South Asia Institute (Hans Harder)

South Asia Democratic Forum (SADF) - Paulo Casaca

Liberation War Museum (LWM) - Mofidul Hoque

Film-screening : “Stop Genocide”-Docufilm made by Zahir Raihan in 1971 (18 min)

Tea break

10:30 am-12.00 pm

Panel I: The Issue of Genocide in Armed Conflicts and Criminal Justice Prosecution

M.A. Hasan (Dhaka): *Why Genocide and How to Prevent Genocide*

Daniel Feierstein (Buenos Aires): *Partial Destruction of the National Group as a Way to Confront the Genocidal Binary Construction of Identity: the case of Argentina's trials*

Paulo Casaca (Brussels): *Bangladesh: Memory and Justice*

Catered lunch

13.00 pm-14:00 pm

Panel II: Justice and the Memories of War in Bangladesh

Wolfgang-Peter Zingel (Heidelberg): *From Regional Economic Disparities to Mass Violence*

Arild Engelsen Ruud (Oslo): *The Contemporary Political Relevance of the War of Independence in Bangladesh*

Tea break

14:30 pm-15:30 pm

Tariq Rahman (Islamabad): *West Pakistani Perceptions of the Bengali Language Movement*

Siegfried O. Wolf (Heidelberg): *The International Context of Bangladesh Independence War*

Tea break

16.00 pm-17:30 pm

Panel III: Accountability for Sexual Violence and Remedies for the Survivors

Silke Studzinsky (The Hague): *Sexualized and Gender-based Violence as International Crime-Challenges to Prosecute and Remedy*

Gabi Mischkowski (Köln): *The Trouble with Rape Trials – Prosecuting Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict from the Perspectives of Female Witnesses*

Umme Wara (Dhaka): *The Term Beerangona (War Heroines): History or Misery?*

20:00 pm: Conference dinner

5 July, 2013

9.00 am-10.00 am

Panel IV: Plenary Session - Justice, Truth, Reparation and Reconciliation: Role of International Community, National Govt. and Civil Society

Jonathan Sission (Bern): *Dealing with the Past – Addressing the Legacy of Violent Conflict*

Suzannah Linton (Bangor, Wales): *Competing perspectives on the International Crimes Tribunal*

Tea break

10:30 am-11:30 am

Bina D'Costa (Geneva): *Trauma and Testimony: New Directions and the International Crimes Tribunal Process in Bangladesh*

Mizanur Rahman (Dhaka): *Right to Justice: How to Reconcile with Right to Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation*

Tea break

12.00 am-13.00 pm

Concluding Session

Catered lunch and end of conference