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The establishment of international criminal tribunals and post-conflict territorial administrations has provided an institutional framework within international law for understanding ‘transitional justice’. Yet, the concept remains ambiguous, contested, and—in its most narrow sense—pre-occupied with the output of certain institutional mechanisms designed to deal with ‘past’ abuses. This conference aims to examine the legal, political, and economic dimensions of transitional justice in the modern Middle East, using recent events in Turkey in particular to interrogate the concept of transitional justice and the relevance of international law mechanisms to post-uprising justice administration.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:00 – 1:45 PM  ■  Moot Court Room 390
Lunch and Keynote Address
Welcome
Chantal Thomas, Professor of Law and Director of the Clarke Initiative for Law and Development in the Middle East, Cornell University
Keynote Address
Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court
Discussant
Jens Ohlin, Professor of Law, Cornell University

2:15 – 4:30 PM  ■  Moot Court Room 390
ROUNDTABLE
Human Rights and Transitional Justice
Ruti Teitel, Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law, New York University
Bronwyn Leebaw, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California at Riverside
Heba Morayef, Senior Egypt Analyst, International Crisis Group
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT
Sital Kalantry, Clinical Professor of Law, Cornell University
6:00 – 8:00 PM  ■  Faculty Lounge
Speakers’ Conference Dinner
By invitation only

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 – 9:00 AM  ■  The Commons
Continental Breakfast

9:15 – 11:15 AM  ■  Room 184
PANEL
Transitional Justice and Turkey
Ozan Varol, Associate Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark
Hon. Sezgin Tanrikulu, Member, Turkish Grand Assembly
Sinan Birdal, Assistant Professor of International Relations, İİK Üniversitesi
Cenk Sidar, President and CEO, Sidar Global Advisors
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT
Mostafa Minawi, Assistant Professor of History, Himan Brown Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow and Director of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Initiative, Cornell University

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  ■  The Commons
Lunch

12:45 – 2:45 PM  ■  Room 184
PANEL
International Law and Its Limits in the Middle East
Jeanne Mirer, President, International Association of Democratic Lawyers
Asli Bâli, Professor of Law, University of California at Los Angeles
Leila Sadat, Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law, Israel Treiman Faculty Fellow, and Director of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Washington University Law School
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT
Elizabeth Anker, Associate Professor of English, Cornell University

3:00 – 4:45 PM  ■  Room 184
PANEL
Law and Politics of Transitional Justice
David Tolbert, President, International Center for Transitional Justice
Marny Requa, Lecturer, Queen’s University Belfast School of Law
Sabine Michalowski, Professor of Law, University of Essex
Landry Signé, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska
MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT
Aziz Rana, Associate Professor of Law, Cornell University

5:00 – 6:30 PM  ■  The Commons
Closing Wine & Cheese Reception

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