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Select papers by conference participants will be published in a special issue of the Cornell International Law Journal.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | OPENING REMARKS
- Sital Kalantry – Faculty Director, Avon Global Center and Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Cornell Law School
- Kim Azzarelli – Chair, Avon Global Center Steering Committee
- Sara Lulo – Executive Director, Avon Global Center

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | PANEL 1:
Progress and Gaps in International Law in Securing Justice for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence During Conflict
- H.E. Judge Joyce Aluoch – International Criminal Court
- Judge Dennis Byron – President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- Muna Ndulo – Professor, Cornell Law School and Director, Institute for African Development
- Valerie Oosterveld – Professor, University of Western Ontario
- Patricia Viseur Sellers – Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, University of Oxford

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | BREAK

10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. | PANEL 2:
National Initiatives and Training Innovations to Address Gender Justice and Gender-Based Violence
- Moderator: Hon. Ann Williams – U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Justice Elena Highton-Nolasco – Vice President, Supreme Court, Argentina
- Joseph Kamara – Deputy Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone; President, Sierra Leone Bar Association
- Judge Virginia Kendall – U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Justice Shiranee Tilakawardane – Supreme Court, Sri Lanka
- Chief Justice Georgina Wood – Supreme Court, Ghana

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | LUNCHEON
Keynote Address by Rashida Manjoo, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women
Introduction by Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice-Dean and Professor, Cornell Law School

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Avon Global Center Initiatives: Supporting the Judiciary in an Effort to End Gender-Based Violence
- Carol Kurzig – President, Avon Foundation for Women
- Sara Lulo – Executive Director, Avon Global Center

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | PANEL 3:
Broadening the Concept of “Justice” for Women and Girl-Survivors of Conflict Violence
- Moderator: Erica Steinberger – Partner (ret.), Latham & Watkins, LLP
- Dr. Kelly Askin – Senior Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative
- Fatou Bensouda – Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Anita Bernstein – Professor, Brooklyn Law School
- Dr. Ebrahim Elahi – Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Mount Sinai Medical Center; Director, Fifth Avenue Eye Associates; Director, International Affairs, Virtue Foundation
- Dr. Denis Mukwege – Founder and Director, Panzi Hospital, DRC

3:45 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. | BREAK

4:05 p.m. – 5:35 p.m. | PANEL 4:
International Courts: The Judicial Experience
- Moderator: Hon. Barbara Rothstein – U.S. District Court for the Western District Washington; Director, Federal Judicial Center
- Justice Shireen Fisher – Special Court for Sierra Leone
- Hon. Justice Florence Mumba – Chair, Electoral Commission, Zambia; Judge, Extraordinary Chambers for Courts of Cambodia
- Judge Carolyn Temin – Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
- Judge Inés Weinberg de Roca – Argentina, UN Tribunal
- Judge Patricia Whalen – War Crimes Chamber, State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina

5:35 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. | CLOSING REMARKS
- Sital Kalantry – Faculty Director, Avon Global Center and Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
Museum galleries will be open for private viewing.