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The End of the Road for Mladić: Investigating the Srebrenica Genocide at the ICTY

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The Srebrenica Genocide, the massacre of over 8,000 men and boys in Bosnia in July 1995, is considered one of the worst atrocities to have occurred in Europe since World War II. After escaping prosecution by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for over fifteen years, the alleged key architect behind the crime, General Ratko Mladić, was transferred to the tribunal earlier this month. Andrew Cayley will discuss the investigation of the crimes with which Mladić is now charged based on his experience as a prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (“ICTY”).

OPEN FOR ALL!

Students, faculty members, staff, and the general public are cordially invited to attend this special lecture.

WHO IS GENERAL RATKO MLADIĆ?



Ratko Mladić is a Serbian military commander who became leader of the Bosnian-Serb forces during the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina between 1992-1995. Among other crimes with which he is charged, he is accused of orchestrating the massacre at Srebrenica in 1995.

WHAT HAPPENED AT SREBRENICA?

In July 1995, Bosnian Serb troops under Mladić's command are said to have entered the town of Srebrenica. At the time, Srebrenica was a United Nations-designated protected area. Tens of thousands of Bosnian Muslims had sought shelter there. Troops then rounded up the population, forcibly deported over 25,000 women and young children, and then systematically massacred all males over the age of 15. Over 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys are said to have been killed.

Serb forces also tried to prevent future investigations by damaging and then repeatedly re-burying the remains of the victims in mass graves. These graves are being uncovered to this day, as is the work of identifying the victims and laying them to rest.

WHAT WILL THE LECTURE COVER, AND WHY IS THIS TRIAL IMPORTANT?

Andrew Cayley was a prosecutor on the first case dealing with the events in Srebrenica, which was precedent-setting in international law for its characterization of the acts involved as amounting to genocide. Cayley will provide an overview of the conduct of investigations and the legal issues related to prosecuting the Srebrenica genocide, both of which will have relevance to the Mladić trial.

The Mladić trial is significant because it continues to re-affirm the international community's commitment to accountability for mass atrocities, wherever and whenever they occur. As a part of that international community, Cambodians and the general public in Phnom Penh can benefit from understanding the need for accountability. This lecture will be of particular interest to law students, but we encourage anyone interested in international justice to attend.