

Nuremberg and Transitional Justice: Civilising Influence or Institutionalised Vengeance?
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The Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law, together with Australian Red Cross (ACT), and the Centre for International and Public Law (The Australian National University), presented a highly successful one day seminar commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the commencement of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial and assessing the subsequent development of international criminal law, on Saturday 19 November at the ANU Law School.

Speakers in the first plenary session, **The Impact of the Nuremberg Tribunal**, included the Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen on the Legacies of the Nuremberg Tribunal, Prof. Tim McCormack and COL Mike Kelly on the Subsequent Development of International Criminal Law, and Prof. Susanne Karstedt on German Society and Post-conflict Reconstruction.

In the second plenary session, **Alternative Approaches to Justice**, Graham Blewitt, former Deputy Prosecutor ICTY, spoke on the Importance of a Retributive Approach, Lia Kent spoke on Reconciliation in East Timor and Prof. John Braithwaite spoke on Restorative Approaches to Justice.

A number of workshops were presented in the afternoon, including the Crime of aggression (Carrie McDougall), Investigating war crimes (John Ralston), Appropriate tribunal models (Madelaine Chiam), War crimes and the AAT (Alison Duxbury), the Future of the ICC (Tim McCormack & Geoff Skillen), Justice betrayed post 1945 (Mark Aarons), Peacebuilding and transitional justice (COL Mike Kelly), and the Social and psychological impact of transitional justice (Jennifer Balint).

The speaker at the Seminar dinner, held at the National Museum of Australia, was Prof. William Maley, Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the ANU.

Papers from the Seminar (including workshop papers) will be published in 2006 by Martinus Nijhoff Publishers in Leiden (The Netherlands) in their International Humanitarian Law Series.