On 9 December 1948, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The Convention declares killing, acts causing serious bodily or mental harm committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, religious or racial group amount to the crime of genocide.

Around 800,000 people were killed during 1994 in Rwanda. Photos of genocide victims in Kigali and a Rwandan woman who survived it.

Guest Speakers

Dr John Docker is a well-known literary and cultural critic and historian. Dr Docker has done extensive research on Raphaël Lemkin, the brilliant Polish-Jewish jurist who proposed his new concept of “genocide” in 1944 in light of the Holocaust, and the political legal history of genocide to date.

Mr Robert Handby is one of the most decorated Australian Red Cross delegates. Bob has been a vital member on 18 international humanitarian missions for the Red Cross around the globe, including a posting to Rwanda for 70 days of the 100 day genocide in 1994. Bob will speak on the work of the ICRC in the field and his personal experiences in Rwanda.

Date: MONDAY, 24 November 2008
Time: Presentations 6.30pm – 7.30 pm
Where: Law Theatre at The ANU College of Law
Cost: Please support Red Cross with a gold coin donation
RSVP: scrosby@redcross.org.au

Light refreshments will be available after the presentation

Sponsored by:

Centre for International and Public Law (CIPL)
ANU College of Law

The views expressed in these presentations are those of the presenters and do not necessarily represent the views of Australian Red Cross or ANU.