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OPENING REMARKS

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FIRESIDE CHAT | 80 YEAR BACKWARDS - 80 YEARS FORWARD: THE UN CHARTER SYSTEM AND THE FUTURE OF PEACE

MODERATOR

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Director, NUS Centre for International Law | Member of the International Law
Commission

Prof. Tommy Koh

Ambassador-at-Large, Singapore

Ambassador Namira Negm

Director, African Migration Observatory | Former Legal Counsel, African
Union

Director-General Nakamura Kazuhiko

Director-General, International Legal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Japan

Prof. Antony Anghie

Head, Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA)
Programme, NUS Centre for International Law | Professor of Law, University
of Utah



SESSION 2 | RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE - INTERNATIONAL LAW AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

MODERATOR

Ambassador Marja Lehto

Ambassador for International Legal Affairs, Finland

PEACE THROUGH UNEQUAL TRADE REGIMES

Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, NUS Centre for International Law | Professor
of International Law, University of Geneva

INTERNATIONAL LAW IN PEACE PROCESSES

Prof. Sarah Nouwen

Professor of International Law, European University Institute

THE EU AS A 'NOBEL' PEACE PROJECT

Prof. Joseph Weiler

Co-Head, ASEAN Law and Policy, NUS Centre for International Law |
Professor, NYU Law School



SESSION 3 | BUILDING PEACE: PREVENTING AND RESOLVING DISPUTES

MODERATOR

Prof. Chiara Giorgetti

Professor, University of Richmond Law School

THE UN ON PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Anees Ahmed

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, NUS Centre for International Law | Chief of
Rule of Law, UN Mission in South Sudan

RULES WITHOUT TRUST, PEACE WITHOUT LAW

Wu Ye Min

Regional Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

THE ICJ AND PEACE

Rodman Bundy

Senior Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

THE PEACE PALACE AND PEACE MAKING

Celine Lange

Lead, Programme Development, International Dispute Resolution, NUS Centre
for International Law



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION | A LASTING PEACE – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

MODERATOR

Prof. Larissa van den Herik

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, NUS Centre for International Law | Professor
of Public International Law, Leiden University

NEGOTIATING PEACE, THE PHILIPPINES EXPERIENCE

Prof. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer

Professor, University of the Philippines | Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

THE CASE OF EAST TIMOR

Prof. Patricia Galvao-Teles

Professor, Autonomous University of Lisbon | Member of the UN
International Law Commission

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AS PEACE PERFORMANCE

Rashmi Raman

Research Fellow, NUS Centre for International Law



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PEACE WITHIN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

Prof. Tiyanjana Maluwa

Professor of Law, Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University |
Former Legal Counsel, Organisation of African Unity

THE KHMER ROUGE TRIBUNAL AND PEACE

Milan Jovančević

Senior Legal Advisor, UN Support to the Extraordinary Chambers in the
Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)



CLOSING REMARKS

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