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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

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**Ambassador Namira Negm**

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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

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**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

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**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  
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### 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

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**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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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN  
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)



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**CLOSING REMARKS**

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