

The Yesterday of Tomorrow

Memory, Trauma and Nostalgia as a Mechanism of Self-
Continuity of the Kurdish nation

Genocide Exhibition

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*My name is a dream
I am from the land of magic
my father is the mountain
and my mother the mist*

*I was born in a year whose month was murdered
a month whose week was murdered
a day whose hours were murdered*

*if you could one by one count all the leaves in this garden
if you could count all the fish little and big
in the flowing river in your front of you
if you could one by one count the migratory birds
during their migration season from the north to south
and from the south to north*

*I would also promise
to count one by one
all the victims of this beloved land of Kurdistan*

Sherko Bekas

The Yesterday of Tomorrow: Memory, Trauma and Nostalgia as a Mechanism of Self-Continuity of the Kurdish Nation.

As part of the Human Diversity major at Leiden University College, Kavian Begikhani made a Kurdish Genocide Exhibition at his university campus. The aim was to inform students and academic staff about how the difficult history of (incremental) genocide and oppression against the Kurdish people in the region, has created a mechanism of self-continuity and resistance.

Here, the intersection between collective and individual memory, trauma and nostalgia play a fundamental role for the Kurdish people to create and protect the 'homeland' in literature, poetry, music and other cultural-artistic expressions as a means of self-continuity and survival.

Advocaat-General Simon Minks - senior prosecutor at the Dutch prosecution office in The Hague, located in the Palace of Justice - also paid his respects to the victims of the Halabja chemical attack on March 16th, 1988 at the exhibition.

As a tribute to these victims - and also with an eye on protecting people from future chemical attacks and atrocity crimes in general - Simon Minks will also give a workshop for 25 LUC students in May, titled: Prosecuting Atrocity Crimes: A Worldwide Obligation.

Last year, Simon Minks was also a keynote speaker at the 3rd Lalish Conference for Peace & Coexistence at the American University of Kurdistan last, April 25-26th, 2017.

In 2005, Minks successfully prosecuted Dutch businessman Frans van Anraat to 17 years imprisonment for his complicity in the delivery of chemical substances to the former Iraqi Ba'ath regime - which in turn - were used at the chemical attacks on Halabja and other Kurdish cities. *(From: Nishtiman Youth Network (NYN) Facebook post)*

*I said to my soul, be still, and wait without hope,
For hope would be hope for the wrong thing; wait without love,
For love would be the love of the wrong thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the love and the hope are all in the waiting.*

*Wait without thought, for you are not ready for thought:
So the darkness shall be the light, and the stillness the dancing.
Whisper of running streams, and winter lightning.
The wild thyme unseen and the wild strawberry,
The laughter in the garden echoed ecstasy
Not lost, but requiring, pointing to the agony
Of death and birth.'*

T.S. Eliot - Four Quartets, 1943.



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Introduction

There are the old memories that we have and the new memories that we have. The old memories are the ones that we have from our childhood and the new memories are the ones that we have from our adulthood. The old memories are the ones that we have from our childhood and the new memories are the ones that we have from our adulthood.

1. Childhood

Childhood is a time of innocence and joy. It is a time when we are free from the constraints of the adult world. It is a time when we are able to experience the world in a new and exciting way. Childhood is a time when we are able to experience the world in a new and exciting way.

2. Adulthood

Adulthood is a time of responsibility and challenge. It is a time when we are faced with the realities of the world. It is a time when we are able to experience the world in a new and exciting way. Adulthood is a time when we are able to experience the world in a new and exciting way.

3. Memory

Memory is a powerful force that shapes our lives. It is a force that allows us to remember the past and to learn from our experiences. Memory is a force that allows us to remember the past and to learn from our experiences.

4. Trauma

Trauma is a painful experience that can have a lasting impact on our lives. It is a experience that can have a lasting impact on our lives. Trauma is a painful experience that can have a lasting impact on our lives.

5. Nostalgia

Nostalgia is a feeling of longing for the past. It is a feeling that can be both comforting and painful. Nostalgia is a feeling of longing for the past. It is a feeling that can be both comforting and painful.

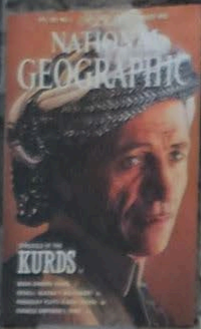
6. Self-Continuity

Self-continuity is the sense of being a continuous person over time. It is a sense of being a continuous person over time. Self-continuity is the sense of being a continuous person over time.

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about to be raped
The earth stood up
to speak of the poverty of an old man
being murdered
The earth stood up
to speak the words of a poet
while he was being buried alive
The earth stood up once again
It stood up to break the silence
around the burning body of Kurdistan



Humanitarian Operations in Northern Iraq, 1991
WITH MARINES IN
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HISTORY AND MUSEUMS DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, US MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON, DC

The Kurds have been hardened by digging up of mass graves; estimates of the missing and dead range from 100,000 to 300,000. A United Nations report concluded that the atrocities committed by Saddam's regime were "so grave and [...] of such a massive nature that since the Second World War few parallels can be found. Yet in this land of blasted there the it see 'sh' "



On the Western communication of Yalagin - while the rain drops in corner groups there in her garden - a place where she found refuge. Beyond her eyes long to conclude her story with saying that we - as a people - have the ability
When Saddam Hussein was hanged after his conviction for crimes against his of Iraq and was obliged to pay 100 Iraq dollars for the father that pierced the peacefully business and revolutionary message. (Ironic the father's of humanity learn brightly and we must ensure it runs through the darkness, so it has been. - The New York Times and National Geographic)



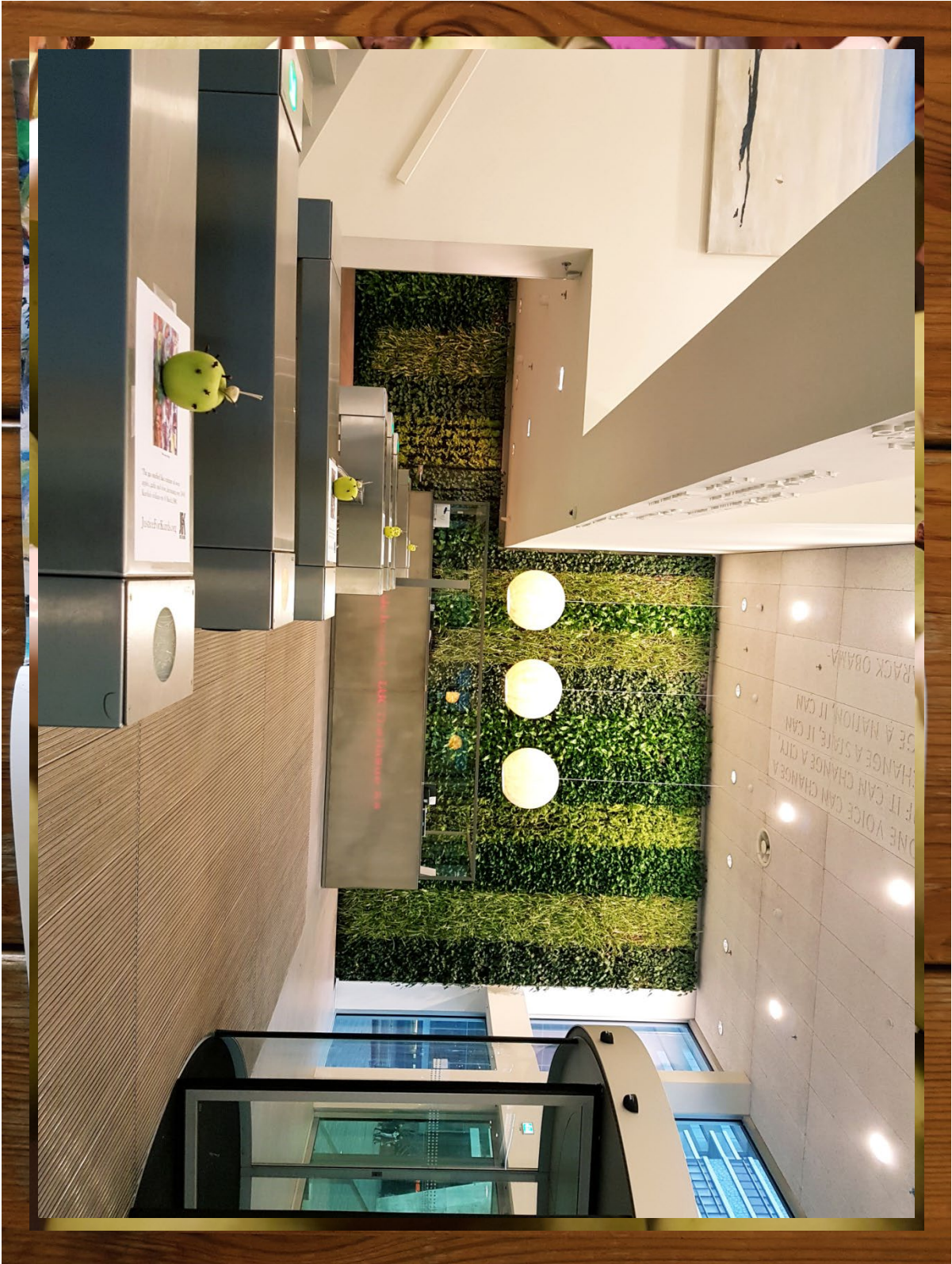




Photo: Lukman Ahmad

'The gas smelled like a mixture of sweet apples, garlic and clove, decimating over 5000 Kurdish civilians on 16 March, 1988.'

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Where next? -JFK.

It would like to see you last done, then to what I could do.
I believe that the Kurdish people are a wonderful people. They
believe and their courage and their will and their spirit are
unmatched in any other culture. They are a people who
have their own identity, their own culture and traditions,
and I believe they will prevail. They have to, but they must be
given the chance to do so.

I'd like to finish here by making something which I think is a
remarkable piece of prose by Dursun Kaya, which is actually
more quite recent and related to the Turkish press.

Kurdistan lives. It lives in the midst of every single person of
the 50 million people who were robbed of their identity and
made into refugees in Turkey, Iraq and Europe. It is however
not living in the days of horror and its path, since 1920,
and living in the days of resistance. It lives in the
political prisoners who have been imprisoned and in the scars of those
martyrs of those who disappeared and in the scars of those who were
who disappeared and in the scars of those who were
It is human and brave in the occupation of the popular
resistance, called terrorism for the security world.

- Harold Pinter (1990-2008)



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LECTURE &
WORKSHOP BY
SIMON MINKS

Week 5, exact date to be announced
@ Paleis van Justitie - Prins Clauslaan 60,
Den Haag
more info on the FB event or via
workshop.atrocitycrimes2018@gmail.com

max 25 participants



A photograph of Simon Minks, a man with glasses wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and white striped tie. He is standing in a library with bookshelves filled with books behind him. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Simon Minks successfully prosecuted seven members of the Hofstad-group, two Afghan generals, Trafigura as one of the largest oil-traders in the world, multiple Somali pirates, 'Chemical Frans' and in 2013, a person who wanted to fight in the civil-war in Syria. Currently, Minks is investigating a criminal war-crime case against the Tamil Tigers, among many other high-profile international war- and atrocity crimes. Simon also trains military officers at the Dutch Defence Academy (KMA) in Breda.

WORKSHOP

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Simon Minks



As from 2004 Simon Minks is a (senior) public prosecutor at the court of appeal in the region covered by the Hague Court of Appeal. Minks is specialised in the prosecution of terrorism cases and high profile international (war) crimes. In this capacity he has successfully prosecuted two former Afghan generals, of the then security service.

His most noteworthy prosecution, however, was with the late 2004 arrest, after an international investigation, of the businessman, F van Anraat. At 63, van Anraat had become the first man convicted in connection with alleged war crimes committed against Kurds in Iraq and Iran. Dubbed '*Chemical Frans*', and heading BBC World News articles with '*Saddam's Dutch Link*', van Anraat was accused of directly supplying thousands of tons of base materials for chemical weapons, some of which were allegedly used in the Halabja massacre, killing an estimated 5,000 civilians in a single day.

In 2010 Minks successfully prosecuted seven suspects known as the *Hofstad* group. As members of a terrorist organisation, they were convicted by the court of appeal and sentenced up to 13 years imprisonment. In 2011 Minks successfully prosecuted Trafigura, one of the largest oiltraders in the world. Trafigura exported illegal chemical slops to Ivory Coast. In 2012 he successfully prosecuted Somali pirates and in 2013 a person who wanted to fight in the civil war in Syria. Currently, Minks is handling another criminal case against Somali pirates and a criminal war crime case against Tamil Tigers.

He is a member of the General Board of the Jason Foundation – originally a NAVO youth movement involved in international security issues.

Minks is also vice chair of the Dutch section of the human rights organization ICJ.

In December 2013 he addressed the UN working group "Business and Human rights" in Geneva as speaker/panelist.



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