3rd Lalish Conference for Peace and Coexistence

"Civic State Guarantees the Sustainable Peace"

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The American University of Kurdistan

Registration & Tea		**09:00 – 09:30**
Welcome Speech	**Dr. Michael Mulnix, AUK President**	**09:30 – 09:35**
Organizing Committee Speech	**Dr. Honar Issa, AUK Provost**	**09:35 – 09:45**
Keynote Speaker	**Mr. Drs. Simon Minks** Senior Public Prosecutor at The Hague Court of Appeal Topic: *Prosecuting Atrocity Crimes and Terrorism: A Worldwide Obligation*	**09:45 – 10:10**

Panel ONE - Revisiting Genocide Experience: Recognition and Protection – Moderated by Dr. Bayar Mustafa **10:10 – 12:00**

Panelists	Position	Topic
Dr. Elisa von Joeden-Forgey Dr. Irene Massimino	Assistant Professor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Stockton University; Co-Secretary-Treasurer Lawyer, Assistant Professor, University of Buenos Aires	Prevention Not Intervention: Social Justice & Empowering the Grassroots
Dr. Chinar Saad	Former MP and Minister of Martyrs and Anfal Affairs	Challenges for Documenting Crimes of Genocide
Prof. Gregory H. Stanton	Founding Chairman of Genocide Watch, Research Professor in Genocide Studies and Prevention at the George Mason University	President of genocide watch
Dr. Birgül Açikyildiz-Şengül	Research Associate, CRISES, Paul-Valéry University	The Yezidis at the Crossroads: Quo Vadis?
Dr. Abdulrahman K. Darwesh	**x**	Strategic Motivations for the Genocides Committed against the Kurds

Panel TWO - Self-determination, Conflict Resolution and Coexistence – Moderated by Kevin Suleiman 13:30-15:40

Panelists	Position	Topic
Dr. Behar Ali Dr. Naznaz Qadir	**Director of Emma organization for human development** **Adviser in the ministerial council**	Independence of Kurdistan from the Perspective of Women's Rights
Dr. Dilshad Hama Khidhir	**X**	Kurds and the Complex of Statelessness
Dr. Vala Fareed	Kurdish MP	The Independence of Kurdistan Region in Light of International Peremptory Norm
Dr. Seevan Saeed	University of Exeter	Independence and Sovereignty: State and Non-State Actors: The Case of Iraq
Dr. Akbar Valadbigi	Department of Sociology, Yerevan State University	Social Trust: The Missing Link of Community Development a Comparative Encounter with Social Trust Among the Yezidis of Armenia and North Iraq
Dr. Abdulsamih M. Rahman Dr. Khetab Azeez Dr. Jihad K. Othman Dr. Sangar Y. Salih	**x** **x** University of Cincinnati	Peaceful Coexistence between Majority and Minority Religious Groups: An Examination of Muslim's Responsibilities from Religious Minorities' Perspectives

Panel THREE - Effects of War on Women – Moderated by TBA 16:00-18:10

Panelists	Position	Topic
Dr. Nikki Marczak	Deputy Director, Nadia's Initiative, Australia Director, Yazda	Genocidal enslavement of Yazidi women, and 'Nadia's Initiative'
Dr. Muna Yohanna Yaqo	University of Salahaddin	The Legal Protection of Minorities Women: The Case of the Iraqi Women after ISIS from the Perspective of Iraqi Constitution and International Conventions
Dr. Niemat Ahmadi	Founder and President of Darfur Women Action Group	War Against Women and the Pursuit of Peace and Justice: the Case of Darfur
Dr. Thomas McGee	Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR	Born of War: The Future for Children of Yazidi Survivors in Kurdistan
Dr. Idah Muema	Gender advisor United Nations Missions to Iraq (UNAMI)	Addressing Sexual Violence