

ISCI Annual Lecture

Beyond Death: Genocide as the Reorganisation of Collective Identities

Professor Daniel Feierstein, University of Buenos Aires

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Lecture Theatre

GO Jones Building

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The International State Crime Initiative (ISCI) is excited to host Professor Daniel Feierstein to deliver its 2016 Annual Lecture. Professor Feierstein is a renowned genocide scholar, and his books and articles have been critical in the qualification of the crimes committed in Argentina as genocide, established by 9 different tribunals from 2006 on. His conceptual work on genocide was central to the development of ISCI's research on the genocide of the Rohingya in Myanmar.

This lecture will move beyond the common conception of genocide as mass killing, developing instead an understanding of the phenomenon as a technology of power. Through the 'machinery' of networks of concentration camps, distributed throughout the whole of society, terror spreads betrayal and mistrust in order to break the solidarity and reciprocity necessary to create and reinforce social ties. Following some of the central insights of Raphael Lemkin (the Polish Jewish lawyer who invented the term "genocide"), Professor Feierstein will discuss how and why genocide can be usefully understood as a tool to destroy, transform and reorganise collective identities.

Speaker Biography

Professor Daniel Feierstein is a researcher at Argentina's National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) and a senior lecturer at the National University of Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), and the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). He directs the UNTREF Centre for Genocide Studies, the first Genocide Studies Research Center in Latin America, founded in 2007. He was also the founder of the Genocide Chair at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) in 2001.

Professor Feierstein is the author of several books on genocide, including *Genocide as Social Practice: Reorganizing Society Under Nazism and Argentina's Military Juntas, 2014*. He previously served as the President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (2013-2015), and has been a consultant for the United Nations on a number of projects on Human Rights. He was a Judge in various sessions of the Permanent People's Tribunal dealing with the cases of Sri Lanka (2010 and 2012) and Mexico (2014), among others.

» This event will be followed by a drinks reception to which all attendees are invited.

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