



THE HAGUE ACADEMIC COALITION

PROGRAMME

8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FROM PEACE TO JUSTICE

Peace diplomacy, global justice and international agency

Rethinking human security and ethics
in the spirit of Dag Hammarskjöld
(1905-1961)

9-10 November 2011
Venue: Peace Palace,
The Hague

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Scope

Fifty years ago former United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld passed away in a plane crash, on his way to peace negotiations with the leaders of Katanga province of the Congo.

Dag Hammarskjöld advocated a community-based vision of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security. In his last Annual Report to the General Assembly, he argued that this objective would only be achieved on the basis of four fundamental principles, namely: **(i)** equal political rights, both sovereign and individual; **(ii)** equal economic opportunities, through higher standards and also conditions conducive to economic and social advancement; **(iii)** a firm framework of the rule of law, which should underpin all activities of the international community; and **(iv)** the prohibition of the use of force, where it is contrary to the other three principles.

Today, these same principles remain at the core of the UN's efforts to maintain global peace and security, and the international institutions that emerged. The recent Arab Spring uprisings pose new challenges for the UN's capacity to respond, support and engage with a regional civilian revolt against repressive governance. UN Security Council Resolutions 1970 and 1973 on Libya, and their reference to the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), mark an important moment in the Security Council's approach to the maintenance of peace and security, and the UN's interaction with other international actors (e.g., the International Criminal Court, NATO, Arab League, African Union).

These events, and the development of a collective security system, raise intriguing questions as to what extent contemporary approaches are still consistent with Dag Hammarskjöld's vision of the UN. The conference will examine whether and how Dag Hammarskjöld's legacy can be used as a vehicle in reviewing these recent initiatives of the international community, both due to his achievements as Secretary-General of the UN and because of his deeply felt ethical and philosophical approach to international service. His commitment was coupled with a strong and timely belief in preventive, peace diplomacy.

This commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld is a tribute to his pioneering thought and to the inspiration he gave to those committed to justice and peace, in a time of rapid global change.

Objectives

1. To improve our understanding of the critical relationship between justice, peace and democracy;
2. To investigate Dag Hammarskjöld's ideas about the UN and their continuing relevance today;
3. To learn lessons from specific conflict situations, about how to make efforts towards national and international peace and justice more effective and sustainable;
4. To reflect on how the international community can improve its practice in line with these principles.



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DAY I 9 November 2011

Academy Hall, Peace Palace

15.30 **Tea/coffee, registration**

16.00 **Welcome**

- Carsten Stahn, Conference Chair
- Sam Muller, Chair of The Hague Academic Coalition

Opening Words

- Ingrid van Engelshoven, Deputy Mayor of The Hague
- Peter Kooijmans, Minister of State of The Netherlands

16.30 **In Commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld**

- Hans Corell, Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs
- Film in commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld
- Henning Melber, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

17.00 **Key-note speech by Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the ICC**

Panel/Q&A

18.00 **Closing**

- Håkan Emsgård, Ambassador of Sweden

Reception



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DAY II 10 November 2011

Small Court Room, Peace Palace

Participation is on invitation

8.30 Coffee and registration

9.00 Opening
Carsten Stahn, Conference Chair

9.15 Dag Hammarskjöld: Intellectual Legacy and Leadership
Chair of the Panel: Henning Melber
Speakers: Monica Bouman, Maria St. Catherine De Grace Sharpe,
Lena Lid Falkman, Ove Bring

11.15 Legacies and Lessons: The Deaths of Hammarskjöld and Lumumba
Chair of the Panel: Leo de Haan
Speakers: Mohamed Salih, Jean Omasombo, Serena Cruz, Helen Hintjens

13.00 Lunch

13.45 Hammarskjöld and the role of the UN Secretary-General
Chair of the Panel: Hans Corell
Speakers: Alanna O'Malley, Aoife O'Donoghue, Manuel Fröhlich,
Jan Anne Vos

15.45 Intervention, Responsibility and the Politics of R2P
Chair of the Panel: Louk de La Rive Box
Speakers: Willem F. van Eekelen, Craig Barker, Francis Kofi Abiew and
Noemi Gal-Or, Diane Marie Amann, Steven Blockmans

17.45 Concluding Reflections

18.00 Informal drinks