

Dear Students,

Orientation in The Hague is just over three weeks away. I am looking forward to our time together there. Below is some additional information that will help you prepare for the program.

Orientation

Orientation is at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 27, at The Penthouse, Rijswijkseplein 786. Please plan to arrive in the Hague on Saturday, May 26, so that you will be there in time for orientation.

[The Penthouse Restaurant](#) and business suites are located at the top of The Hague Tower, a tall office building next to Den Haag Holland Spoor Train Station. When you enter the lobby of The Hague Tower building, there will be a reception desk. Tell the receptionist you are there for Santa Clara University, and she will direct you to the elevator and the appropriate floor for the business suite in which the orientation will take place.

Traveling within the Netherlands:

This web site has information about train tickets in the Netherlands. <https://www.ns.nl/en/travel-information/traveling-with-the-ov-chipkaart>. I suggest that you purchase an OV-chipkaart when you arrive at the airport in Amsterdam.

This web site provides additional information about the OV-chipkaart system. See <https://www.htm.nl/english/the-public-transport-smartcard-ov-chipkaart/>. Please be sure that you check in and check out every time that you get on and off a tram or bus. Police will come onto trams and buses to inspect. You will be fined if you have not checked in.

This is the handiest site to help you get around within the city of The Hague. <https://9292.nl/en>. Use it to plan your travel by bus and tram within the city.

On time Arrival

I will repeat this more often than you would like to hear it, but it is critical to be on time for all the site visits. We must enter as a group and exit as a group. The courts we are visiting are secure sites; they are part of the UN system. No photos are allowed inside. Bringing a phone or laptop means that you must check it at security, which will delay everyone. If you must bring a phone or laptop, please arrive early to allow sufficient time for security processing. If you are late, we will go ahead without you.

Passport

You will need your ORIGINAL passport to enter the courtrooms. A copy will NOT suffice. Please remember to bring your passport with you for every site visit (including repeat visits to the same institution).

Fun Stuff

If you plan to go away for the weekend, especially to Amsterdam, there are lots of activities and museums. The one I would recommend to all of you is the Anne Frank House/Museum. It can be almost impossible to get admission without an advance booking and tickets. The tickets can be purchased online; I recommend that you do so as early as possible if you plan to go there. Even then, the lines are long, so you should plan to arrive early.

How to Contact Me

My US cell phone will be working in The Netherlands. The number is 408 569-6932. If there is an emergency, please call or text me at that number. For non-emergencies, you can reach me via e-mail at dlsloss@scu.edu. I look forward to meeting all of you on May 27.

David Sloss

Reading Assignments

1. For Kosovo Specialist Chambers (Monday, May 28)
 - a. Read Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Report of 7 January, 2011, available at <https://www.scp-ks.org/en/documents/council-europe-parliamentary-assembly-report-inhuman-treatment-people-and-illicit>.
 - b. See also the web site for the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office at <https://www.scp-ks.org/en>
2. For International Criminal Court (Tuesday, May 29)
 - a. Read the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, available at https://www.icc-cpi.int/nr/rdonlyres/ea9aeff7-5752-4f84-be94-0a655eb30e16/0/rome_statute_english.pdf
 - b. Spend some time on the ICC web site. See <https://www.icc-cpi.int/>
 - c. Review some of the materials related to the Ongwen case. See <https://www.icc-cpi.int/uganda/ongwen>
3. For UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) (May 30-31)
 - a. Read UN Security Council Resolution 827 (1993) and the Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, both available at <http://www.icty.org/en/sid/135>
 - b. Read Security Council Resolution 1966 (2010), available at <http://www.unmict.org/en/basic-documents>
 - c. Spend some time on the MICT web site. See <http://www.unmict.org/en>
 - d. Review some of the materials related to the Stanišić and Simatović case. See <http://www.unmict.org/en/cases/mict-15-96>
4. For the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (Friday, June 1)
 - a. Spend some time on the STL web site. See <https://www.stl-tsl.org/en/>
 - b. Read the Statute of the Tribunal and Security Council Resolution 1757 (2007), available at <https://www.stl-tsl.org/en/documents/statute-of-the-tribunal>
 - c. Review some of the materials related to Ayyash et al. (STL-11-01), available at <https://www.stl-tsl.org/en/the-cases/stl-11-01>

5. For the International Criminal Court (Tuesday, June 5)
 - a. Read about the Trust Fund for Victims at <https://www.trustfundforvictims.org/en/home>
 - b. Read about the Gbagbo and Blé Goudé case at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/cdi/gbagbo-goude>
6. For the International Court of Justice and Permanent Court of Arbitration (Tues., June 5)
 - a. Spend some time on the web sites for both institutions. See <https://pca-cpa.org/en/home/> and <http://www.icj-cij.org/en>
 - b. Read the Statute of the International Court of Justice, available at <http://www.icj-cij.org/en/statute>
 - c. I will distribute some additional reading material to help you prepare for our session with Judge Donoghue. She is expecting students to be well prepared for that session.
7. For the ICC (June 6-7)
 - a. Review the Rules of Procedure and Evidence for the ICC, available at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/resource-library#coreICCtexts>
 - b. Spend more time reviewing materials for the Ongwen case at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/uganda/ongwen> and the Gbagbo and Blé Goudé case at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/cdi/gbagbo-goude>.
 - c. Read about the ICC Judges at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/about/judicial-divisions>
 - d. Read about the Registry at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/about/registry>
 - e. Read about the Office of the Prosecutor at <https://www.icc-cpi.int/about/otp>
8. For the OPCW (Friday, June 8)
 - a. Spend some time on the web site for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, at <https://www.opcw.org/>
 - b. Read about Syria and the OPCW at <https://www.opcw.org/special-sections/syria/>