

Dear Students,

As we get closer to our time in The Hague, I am sending this to you to help you get to and around in the city.

Also, I am including some reading for you to do at the end of this letter. Please do these. It is so much more meaningful for your visit if you understand the cases and the backgrounds. I could send you 400 pages as I have done in the past but experience says that directing you to the websites of the various tribunal are the easiest to get you the background info. Upon reading, please think about good questions you would ask the people who are giving us briefings. I cannot emphasize enough how unusual it is to have the kind of access that we will have. Prosecutors, defense, judges and other court personnel will not only share their experiences but are open to questions. It is truly once in a lifetime. This is especially so as we are visiting the very last year of the ICTY as it has been winding down for some time now.

Schedule: The revised schedule (as of April 18, 2017) has been posted on the website. It should be stable but I will stress that court dates and other events can intervene so stay flexible. Please have it available to know where you need to be but I will also remind you each day. Our goodbye dinner will be on Thursday, June 8. I will announce the time and place on site.

Getting around:

Getting around. See this site to buy a train and bus/tram ticket at the train station located right in the airport in Amsterdam.

<http://www.ns.nl/en/travel-information/traveling-with-the-ov-chipkaart>

This website tells you how the tickets work. For short visits, just buy an anonymous card but note that if you lose it, the stored value is also lost. Please don't skip the check in and out steps when you embark and disembark. I have seen police come on buses and check. You will be fined if you have not checked in.

<https://www.htm.nl/english/the-public-transport-smartcard-ov-chipkaart/>

This is the handiest site to help you get around within the city of The Hague. Use it to plan to get to each court site ON TIME please.

<http://9292.nl/en>

Housing:

I have already recommended sites on my last newsletter but the key to location is actually proximity to buses and tram lines. The courts are all over the city so there is no "best" location except ones near transportation. I am staying at city center for that reason so I can get on most all the buses and trams from there.

Orientation

Our orientation is on Sunday, May 28 at 4 pm. (note you lose a day traveling to Europe so should leave the U.S. by May 26 to get there on the 27). The orientation will last 2 hours with a speaker from the ICC. From 4-5 pm, we will get to know each other, share practical info, get you used to the process of visiting

the courts. At 5, our speaker from the ICC, Elizabeth Little, will provide you with an overview of international criminal law. At 6 pm, we will have a welcome dinner at the same location. Dress is business casual as is all our court visits.

The orientation is at The Penthouse, which is the tallest building in the city. We will be in Suite 3 for the orientation and Suite 4 for dinner. Address: De Haagse Toren, Rijswijkseplein 786, 2516 LX Den Haag, Netherlands Phone: +31 70 305 1000

You can use the 9292 app/site to figure out how to get there on time.

On time:

I will sound like a broken record (if you have ever seen one of those) by the end of this trip but being on time is critical for our visits. We must enter as a group and exit as a group. These courts are secured sites and part of the UN. No photos are allowed inside so bringing your phone and laptop just means you must check it in and delay everyone. If you must bring them, please come earlier to get processed and check your bag. If you are late, as a group, we either all miss the court viewing or we go in without you. This is the rule of one court see <http://www.icty.org/en/sid/12>. Others are similar.

Passport:

You will need your ORIGINAL passport to enter the courtrooms. A copy will NOT do. Please remember to bring it with you and a repeat visit is not exempted from this process. Some may accept a driver's license but I have never been able to determine which officer will be relaxed and which one will be strict.

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 near impossible to get into without an advance booking and tickets. The tickets can be purchased [online](#) and I recommend that you do so as early as possible if you plan on going. Even then, the lines are long so even with your specific entry time so get there early.

I look forward to meeting all of you on May 28. In the meantime, questions can be emailed to ahan@scu.edu

Best,

Anna Han

Assignment: Suggest you print the pages you wish to reference at the court as you will not have access to electronic devices or the net while inside the courts.

Readings BEFORE court attendance:

The trials at the ICTY. The cases are of special interest as the defendants were acquitted. The prosecution refiled. (Think double jeopardy)

http://www.icty.org/case/stanisis_simatovic/4

Also read the rules as they are a fascinating combination of civil and common law procedure.

<http://www.icty.org/en/sid/136>

Here are the two cases at the ICC we will observe. Note first the charges, then review the documents submitted.

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/cdi/gbagbo-goude>

Laurent Gbagbo and Charles Blé Goudé are charged with crimes against humanity - murder, rape, serious injury and persecution committed in Abidjan following the presidential elections in Côte d'Ivoire in 2010.

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/uganda/ongwen>

Dominic Ongwen was born in the village of Coorom, Kilak County, Amuru District, Northern Uganda. He was the alleged former commander of the Sinia Brigade which is one of the four brigades of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). As one of the highest commanders of the LRA, Dominic Ongwen was allegedly a member of "Control Altar", the central command of the LRA responsible for devising and implementing the LRA's military strategy. An arrest warrant for war crimes and crimes against humanity was issued against him in 2005. After almost a decade escaping justice, Dominic Ongwen was transferred to the custody of the ICC on 21 January 2015. He is charged with 70 counts of war crimes and crimes against Humanity.

The case at STL has multiple defendants: Salim Jamil Ayyash, Mustafa Amine Badreddine, Hussein Hassan Oneissi, Assad Hassan Sabra and relates to the attack on the former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and others on 14 February 2005. The most interesting aspect of the STL is that the defendants are tried in absentia. (Think about our system)

<https://www.stl-tsl.org/en/the-cases/stl-11-01>