

To: Students enrolled in The Hague Summer Program for 2017
From: Professor Anna Han, Program Director
Re: News Bulletin #1 for the 2017 Program.
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Welcome to the 2017 Summer Program at The Hague. The program provides a great combination of fun, excitement and learning in a very inspiring setting. Many past participants have thought the experience “life changing”. We will be observing trials and learning about international criminal prosecutions at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL). We will also visit other legal venues in The Hague as time permits.

I am including, along with this Bulletin, a tentative schedule for this year's program. The availability of scheduled lecturers will depend upon court schedules that have not yet been released. This is just to give you a sense of the program but not final as these are being changed daily. We may have to switch the speakers or even courts on some of the days, but the dates are firm, and you can make travel plans accordingly. The program orientation will take place on Sunday, May 28 in the afternoon, so you should plan to arrive no later than that morning. I will be arriving on Saturday, and will be staying at a hotel in City Center near the station. Hotel Phone: 011 31 70 262 0330. Our farewell banquet will be the evening of Thursday, June 8, but our last session will be on Friday, June 9 until the early afternoon. You will be free to leave after that. The weekend of June 3 and 4 will be free. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Arrival:

You should fly into Amsterdam as that is the closest international airport. Transportation from the Amsterdam airport to The Hague is very easy. You can board a train for The Hague right at the airport, and it will take you to the Central Station in The Hague with one stop at Leiden. The trip takes about one hour, and the trains run quite often. Cost is around 11 euro one way. It is easiest to buy the tickets if you have a credit card with a chip. Otherwise, you need to go to the counter but it is still very easy.

When you get to the Central Station in The Hague, you will want to pick up a map of the tram lines and a ticket good for trams and buses for local travel. The public transportation is excellent, and very reasonable in cost. You buy a clip card and add money to it and you can top off. . For the very first time, if you have luggage, a taxi can be hailed at the train station.

ICTY and the best available housing are on Tram Line 1.

The tram stop for ICTY is called World Forum, for the convention center located next to the ICTY. The ICC is at Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK Den Haag and bus number 22 stops right in front. To catch the bus, the easiest location is the Central Station. Please use a map app and explore this before you book housing.

Housing:

You are free to make whatever hotel or housing arrangements you think will be most comfortable and affordable for you. In past years, students were generally pleased with the following alternatives but please note things change fast so please do not take this as anything but history:

A good starting point is this site <https://denhaag.com/en/>. It'll give you a sense of the city and suggest places to stay. Follow the "Tourism and Conventions" hyperlink, then follow the "Look and Book" hyperlink to see other suggestions. Scheveningen is a beach resort area close to the ICTY and the ICC, and we are there very early in the season, so bargain rates are often available. Being close to transit should be a priority unless you enjoy walking.

1. Aan de Zeekant. Family owned apartments on the beach at Scheveningen. One bedroom apartments with bathroom and a living/dining room area. Two twin sized beds, fully furnished. Small extra cost for linens. Four tram stops from ICTY. Website: <http://www.aandzeekant.com>.
2. Stayokay Den Haag. A Hostel with dormitory and private rooms available. Clean and secure, internet access and laundry facilities.
3. Hotel Bor. A string of six apartment houses all close to Tram Line 1 in Scheveningen. Some are big enough to accommodate 3 or 4 sharing. Website: <http://www.hotelbor.nl>, and email info@hotelbor.nl.
4. Many students used airbnb and found it inexpensive but do check the ratings very carefully.

Communication:

The law school has established a Facebook Group for our program, and we encourage you to add yourself if you have not already done so. It will provide a helpful tool for us to get to know each other better, even before we arrive at The Hague. I will be monitoring it on an occasional basis, but the only reliable way to communicate with me is directly through my email address, ahan@scu.edu. Feel free to contact me directly with any of your questions. I won't have a European cell phone before so email or calling my hotel is the best way. I will be getting a cellphone that works in The Hague but won't have that number until orientation. Please call the hotel or email me before that.

Reading:

I know this is a busy time in the semester for all of you, but if you have some time before you leave, there is lots you can do to prepare for the experience of observing the trials. First, all have excellent websites, which makes them some of the most transparent courts in the world. There is even a running video feed from the courtrooms available online. All documents relating to each of the cases is also available online. The ICC website is at

<http://www.icc-cpi.int>. The ICTY website is at <http://www.un.org/icty/>. The Special Tribunal for Lebanon is at <http://www.stl-tsl.org/>. There are also some excellent books available for background reading about the war in the former Yugoslavia. I recommend *Blood and Vengeance: One Family's Story of the War in Bosnia*, by Chuck Sudetic (Penguin, 1999). It focuses on the massacre at Srebrenica, which is the focus of one of the trials we may be observing. Chuck Sudetic is also the co-author of *Madame Prosecutor*, Carla Del Ponte's account of her tenure directing the Prosecutor's Office at ICTY. Also highly recommended are *Yugoslavia: Death of a Nation*, by Laura Silber and Allan Little (Penguin, 1996) and *The Key to My Neighbor's House*, by Elizabeth Neuffer (Picador, 2001).

Next month, you will be receiving a PDF of materials to bring with you to The Hague. We will post it online due to the length but please make sure you have access. It will include copies of the procedural rules governing ICTY trials, some information about the ICC, and, if possible, some information about the cases we will be observing. One student from last year told me that the students who did not print it beforehand regretted it and ended up going to local print shops. It was very useful to be able to review documents even while in the court. Note your PDF won't do you much good in court since you won't be able to bring your laptops and phones (see below).

Packing Tips:

There will be no need for suits or ties. The dress for the program is business casual. No shorts or tee shirts, but slacks or skirts with shirts or blouses will be acceptable for all court visits and dinners. For men, collared shirts please, no T shirts. Be sure to pack sweatshirts and jackets. The breeze from the North Sea can be quite chilling at this time of year. Rain gear is recommended as it does rain in the summer. The Hague is a good walking city but many pebbled streets so please consider your footwear accordingly.

Conduct:

If you are bringing laptops, cameras or cellphones, you **will not** be permitted to bring them into the courtrooms, and they will need to be left with security, which really slows down our admission to the courts. This will not be a problem for our orientation or any of our social events. I will let you know when cameras are permitted. But please do not bring any of this equipment to the courts so that our admission happens smoothly. The courts are very strict about this. You will be going through a metal detector each day. Paper and pens are the way to take notes. Hence the printing the reading material suggestion.

When in the courts, be respectful of the rules. There will be times when the court goes into closed session and we cannot see or hear. Nevertheless, the expectation is that you remain quiet as the court is still in session. We are there as guests and we want to be invited back. Our entry into each courtroom for observation is strictly timed and we can't wait for the late arrivals. We are required to enter as a group. Therefore, please take the time to figure out how to get to the courts. I will give you more guidance during orientation. For most days, after the court proceedings, we will have time to eat a lunch

on or off the premises before we start our afternoon briefings. You will need your passport (original) each day. Those who do not have it will not be admitted. This is the court's policy.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, May 28 for orientation. I will send you an email once I book the venue. Dinner will be served.
See you all at Den Haag!

Professor Anna Han, Program Director

Tentative Schedule- details will change but not the dates.

◀ May		May~ June 2017 ~		July ►	The Hague Program			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
May 28 Hague Orientation and welcome dinner 4-8 to be confirmed	29 STL	30 ICC Briefing in pm confirmed	31 ICTY	June 1 ICTY	2 ICC confirmed	3		
4	5 STL	6 ICTY	7 STL	8 ICC confirmed	9 ICJ End of program	10		