

## Genocide, Restitution and Reparations: Expanding the Category

### Workshop

September 12, 2019

*Buchmann Faculty of Law, Trubowicz Building, Room 307*

This workshop will focus on the property-element of historic injustices and the possible implications this has for the growing field of transitional justice.

The workshop will be comprised of two panels:

The first panel will explore legal attempts to deal with materiality of the aftermath of genocide and other atrocities. We will attempt to connect these practices to a broader understanding of transitional justice mechanisms.

The second panel will put at its center the relationship between the practice of restitution and reparations for Nazi victims and the historiography of Nazi crimes.

Together, we hope to explore the mutual enrichment of the fields of law and history on our understanding of genocide and on the legal imagination.

#### **Program:**

9:45 – Gathering & Greetings, **Leora Bilsky**

10:00 – **First Panel: Materiality of Genocide and other Atrocities**

**Nicole Immler:** “The Afterlife of Restitution: An Examination of the Austrian General Settlement Funds”

**Natalie Davidson:** “When International Human Rights Law Goes Material: Monetary Damages and Public Deliberations about Responsibility”

**Itamar Mann:** “Population Exchange as ‘Transitional Justice’: The Greek-Turkish Precedent”

12:30 – Lunch Break

13:30 – **Second Panel: Restitution and Historiography**

**Daniel Siemens:** “Lawyers writing history? The *Vergangenheitspolitik* of the United Restitution Organisation (URO)”

**Iris Nachum:** “Good or bad for the Jews? The West German ‘Equalization of Burdens Law’ and Its Implication on Holocaust Compensation”

**Bianca Gaudenzi:** “Restitution as ‘second dispossession’? The restitution of Nazi-looted art in Austria, the German Federal Republic and Italy, 1945-1989”

15:30 – **Closing Roundtable**

Leora Bilsky, Daniel Siemens

