

The American NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ICC), the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition and the American Friends Service Committee are organizing a conference to raise awareness of the ICC's work in Darfur and the U.S. policy toward the ICC:

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: DARFUR AND BEYOND

March 7 @ 7:15 p.m.
American Friends Service Committee Building
65 Ninth Street (between Mission and Market Streets)
San Francisco, CA 94103

In the interests of international peace and justice and in the face of the horrific crimes and mass murder of the 20th century, the international community created the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2002 to prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Despite overwhelming support for the ICC in the United States and abroad, the U.S. government continues to oppose the court. The situation in Darfur, however, has opened a rift in the government's policy. The Bush Administration recently decided to allow an ICC investigation in Darfur. This creates an unprecedented opportunity for activists to seek for U.S. support for the ICC.

This year will be a pivotal year for the ICC as investigators and prosecutors work to uncover the truth of the crimes in Darfur, build cases against those responsible for inciting and committing these crimes, and bring a sense of justice to thousands of Darfur victims.

Speakers

Santa Clara Law School Professor Beth van Schaack, formerly with the Office of the Prosecution of the International Criminal Tribunals for Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, author of the article "Darfur and the Rhetoric of Genocide" and Acting Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability from November 2000 to May 2001.

Hastings College of the Law Professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza, former European Community Fulbright Scholar, researcher at the United States Institute of Peace and the MacArthur Foundation and author of "The Pinochet Effect: Transnational Justice in the Age of Human Rights" and "Impunity and Human Rights in International Law and Practice."

T. Sean Butler, international business transactions attorney, president and co-chair of the International Criminal Court Alliance and chair of the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

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