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ATROCITY CRIMES AND  
THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
PROTECT IN  
INTERNATIONAL LAW



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The VUB has the honour to welcome em. prof. dr. David Scheffer from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (Chicago) to participate in a series of seminars as part of the scientific programme called "[International Francqui Chairs](#)". One of these seminars will take place on **21 April 2022 at 3 pm** at the VUB and will be chaired by prof. dr. Stefaan Smis. It will have the purpose of stimulating intense interaction and discussion, and will follow the following format:

- An introductory lecture by em. prof. dr. David Scheffer;
- A response by dr. Marco Longobardo (University of Westminster);
- A response by dr. Mathias Holvoet (University of Amsterdam);
- A response by drs. Ezéchiél Amani Cirimwami (VUB);
- A response by Ms. Elise Rooseleers (VUB);
- A general Q&A session with the registered participants.

The seminar will be about "Atrocity crimes and the responsibility to protect in international law". It will examine the centrality of atrocity crimes and criminality in general in the development and definition of the Responsibility to Protect ("R2P") of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document (A/RES/60/1). The growing number of governments that publicly acknowledge the value of R2P is encouraging, but the issue remains of the principle's actual enforcement. The strengths and weaknesses of R2P will be examined with a pragmatic assessment of its contemporary and future applications.

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Registration is required [via this link](#). All practical matters can be send to Ms. Eline Labey ([eline.labey@vub.be](mailto:eline.labey@vub.be)).

**When?** Thursday 21 April 2022, at 3 pm

**Where?** Room I(i)2.02, Pleinlaan 9, 1050 Brussels  
(Online or in-person)

**Registration:** [www.vub.be/events/2022atrocities-crimes-and-the-responsibility-to-protect-in-international-law](http://www.vub.be/events/2022atrocities-crimes-and-the-responsibility-to-protect-in-international-law)





**Main speaker:**  
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**Chair :**  
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