
The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention

Annual Report

2021



**Lemkin Institute for
Genocide Prevention**
Home of the Iraq Project



Creating a shared global language of genocide prevention

OVERVIEW

WE ARE A YOUNG BUT RAPIDLY GROWING GENOCIDE PREVENTION NGO THAT OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE

The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention (LIPG) works with people around the world to promote genocide prevention, human security, restorative dialogue, mental health literacy, and peace-building education and training as well as to offer tools for grassroots responses to conflict. In the process, we seek to inform the world about global grassroots efforts to end the cycle of genocide. We are driven by the belief that the most important prevention work happens at the grassroots level. Our approach to human security is based in the observation that true long-term human security grows from the grassroots and is built over time through broad-based internal social and cultural commitments to justice.





ABOUT OUR WORK

WHO WE ARE

The Lemkin Institute is an independent non-profit organization working directly with people from all walks of life to create the knowledge and tools necessary for genocide prevention in local, national, regional, and international contexts. We are feminist, anti-racist, and non-aligned in the work that we do.

MISSION

Connecting the global grassroots with the tools of genocide prevention.

VISION

A world consensus to abstain from genocide.

VALUES

We work according to our 11 Principles of Genocide Prevention. Every project that we undertake is measured in accordance with these principles and we hold our partners to the same high standard.





ACTIVITIES

2021 was a year of rapid growth for the Institute. We became registered in the US state of Pennsylvania as a charity and are in the process of obtaining official 501(c)(3) recognition as a non-profit in the US.

The start of the global Coronavirus pandemic in 2020 encouraged us to become creative in using online media to do our work.

In March 2021 we revamped our website and initiated new projects that would allow us to continue our genocide prevention outreach and education in the limited physical world of social distancing.

These projects included two podcasts (The Anti-Genocide Coffee Break: A Multinational Podcast and Genocide News Now!); the web-based Genocide Prevention Toolbox; social media "microcourses"; statements; reports; a website-based newsfeed; a free, online genocide prevention course called "

Genocide Prevention: The Basics"; and other online educational resources. As part of our new programs, we began to conduct outreach outside of Iraq, emphasizing regions that were facing troubling stressors and threats, including the USA, Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Colombia, Ethiopia, Myanmar, and Sudan.

We developed partnerships with many NGOs working on genocide prevention and commemoration, including Genocide Watch, the Darfur Women Action Group, the Shlomo Organization for Documentation, Justice for the Victims of the 1988 Massacre in Iran, the Bangladesh Liberation War Museum, and several human rights activists working in conflicts around the world.

We employed 11 student interns from three different universities. They included graduates of Keene State College's Holocaust and Genocide Studies major; undergraduates at Keene State College; graduate students at New York University; and graduate students at George Mason University's Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Statistics

*Our achievements since March 2021,
in numbers*

14

STATEMENTS & REPORTS

Published a total of eleven statements, one red flag alert, and three reports in the past year.

20

PODCASTS

Released twenty podcasts since launching the "Anti-Genocide Coffee Break: A Multinational Podcast".

6

ONLINE COURSES

Created and posted five separate online courses in the past year, and two that is forthcoming.

126%

SOCIAL MEDIA

Increased our social media reach by 126% in the past year, demonstrating the tangible growth of this organization.



OUR PUBLICATIONS



1. *Statement on Turkish Withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention (March 28, 2021)*
2. *Statement on Tatmadaw Violence in Myanmar (April 6, 2021)*
3. *Statement on Israeli Violence in Jerusalem (May 8, 2021)*
4. *Statement on Mass Graves of Indigenous Children Found in Canada (July 1, 2021)*
5. *Statement on the Continued Inhumane and Illegal Detention of Armenian POWs (July 17, 2021)*
6. *Statement on US Withdrawal from Afghanistan and Taliban Takeover of Kabul (August 15, 2021)*
7. *Statement on Ongoing Chaos in Afghanistan (September 1, 2021)*
8. *Statement on Recent Attacks on Women's Rights in the USA (September 7, 2021)*
9. *Statement on the Crisis at the Belarusian Border with Poland (November 12, 2021)*
10. *Red Flag Alert - Azerbaijan (December 4, 2021)*
11. *Statement on LGBTQ+ Persecution in Afghanistan (December 25, 2021)*
12. *Statement on Bangladesh Genocide of 1971 (December 31, 2021)*

2021 STATEMENTS & REPORTS



PODCASTS 1-11



1. *Episode 1: Pope Francis's Visit to Iraq* (March 11, 2021)
2. *Episode 2: Turkish Foreign Policy* (March 16, 2021)
3. *Episode 3: Interview with Dr. Guren Petrossian on the Artsakh War* (March 25, 2021)
4. *Episode 4: The Pandemic and Inequality* (April 1, 2021)
5. *Episode 5: Expert Yeghia Tashjian on the Grey Wolves Terrorists and Turkish Foreign Policy* (April 4, 2021)
6. *Episode 6: Interview with Dr. Amy Beam on the Regional and Global Responsibility for the Yezidi Genocide* (April 8, 2021)
7. *Episode 7: Representing Genocide in Azerbaijan with Luciana Minassian* (April 15, 2021)
8. *Episode 8: Interview with Maung Zarni on Violence in Myanmar and Being a Scholar-Activist* (April 21, 2021)
9. *Episode 9: Interview with Dr. Anahit Khosroeva on US President* (May 2, 2021)
10. *Episode 10: Conversation with Maung Zarni on the Coup in Myanmar and the Emergence of a New Civil Society* (May 7, 2021)
11. *Episode 11: Genocide, Palestine and Lessons from Iraq* (May 13, 2021)

2021 PODCASTS



PODCASTS 12-20



12. *Episode 12: Ezidi/Yezidi Children Born of War and Genocide, with Dr. Amy Beam and Farhad Shamo Roto, President of Voice of Ezidis* (May 24, 2021)

13. *Episode 13: The Meaning and Importance of Cultural Heritage, with Dr. Marina Mchitarian Lazaridou* (June 6, 2021)

14. *Special Episode on Palestine with Fadi Quran* (June 6, 2021)

15. *Episode 14: Genocide Prevention in Iraq, with Ranin Taher* (July 7, 2021)

16. *Episode 15: Genocide, Colonialism, and Settler Colonialism - IPG Discussion of Recent News, with Raffi Zarzatian* (August 1, 2021)

17. *Episode 16: War and Peace in Colombia with Louise Winstanley of ABColombia* (August 29, 2021)

18. *Episode 17: The Meaning of Genocide Prevention in the End Times* (September 27, 2021)

19. *Episode 18: Genocide Never Ends, Let's End Genocide* (November 28, 2021)

20. *Episode 19: Talking About Darfur and Genocide Prevention with Peacemaker Niemat Ahmadi* (December 18, 2021)

2021 PODCASTS



SOCIAL MEDIA MICRO-COURSES



1. *The Ezidi Genocide in Iraq*
2. *The German Judicial Decision in the Ezidi Genocide Case*
3. *Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide (December 9)*
4. *The Uyghur Tribunal's Judgment*
5. *International Human Rights Day (December 10)*
6. *The 1971 Genocide in Bangladesh*
7. *The Destruction of the Arab Christian Town of Iqrit in Israel-Palestine*
8. *We Charge Genocide*

2021 MICRO-COURSES





NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

WHAT'S NEXT?

For 2022, our goal is to attain funding for our work that will allow us to employ a full-time project manager and scale up our work. If the pandemic permits, we plan to resume travel to threatened countries (Iraq, Armenia, Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan/Chad, India) to conduct genocide prevention trainings across a variety of organizations and groups and in order to build local capacity. We also plan to expand our online and in-person resources and produce them in several languages other than English, including Mandarin, Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, and Hindi. We plan to step up all of our current projects, increasing them in number and in reach, and will add new projects, such as quarterly online conversations, symposia, and conferences on difficult subjects in genocide prevention and human security.

