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William Schabas to Deliver Lodhi Lecture in Human Rights “Fifteen Years of Global Justice? – The International Criminal Court”

William Schabas will speak about International Criminal Courts when he delivers the Lodhi Lecture in Human Rights on Feb. 16 at 7 pm in Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall at St. Thomas University.

“The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court entered into force on 1 July 2002, fifteen years ago,” Schabas said. “This year, amendments to the statute that complete the initial document should become fully operational.”

“Although the first trials have only concerned situations in Africa, the prosecutor is now actively considering undertaking proceedings against several of the most powerful states in the world respecting the conduct of their armed forces, including three permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Several challenges, both legal and political, confront the institution as it finds its place within the global system.”

Schabas is professor of international law at Middlesex University London, professor of international criminal law and human rights at Leiden University, and emeritus professor of human rights law at the National University of Ireland Galway.

He is the author of books and articles on the abolition of capital punishment, genocide, human rights, and the international criminal tribunals.

Schabas was a member of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Chairman of the UN Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a member of the Royal Irish Academy, and holds several honorary doctorates.

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