Justice and Negotiation

In the past months we have seen important negotiations end in gridlock or extremely ambiguous and weak agreements, bound to be broken sooner or later. Examples include: Hamas-Israel, Ukraine-Separatists-Russia-the EU-the US, Assad regime-Syrian National Coalition. The reasons for failure are numerous and each case has its own characteristics, but a disturbing undercurrent seems to be that the parties rely on completely different perceptions of what is just. The troubling side of this development demonstrates how different concepts of justice can be difficult to overcome during the negotiations since they are often directly linked to fundamental identity issues.

The above are examples of hefty life and death situations, but perceptions of justice also impede on more normal diplomatic negotiation processes, ranging from climate change, to non-proliferation and trade. It leads to negotiations which are no longer about the exchange of interests, but a discussion of entitlements and demands of writing the wrong, while that wrong is not even recognized by the other party. Issues of sustainability might be overcome if the negotiations take place in a well-functioning regime with an agreed rule-set. Unfortunately, pressures on such regimes are rising.

The Hague Institute, Clingendael, and the Clingendael PIN Program are honored to welcome two of the most renowned experts, Dr. William Zartman and Dr. Cecilia Albin, for a timely discussion on the notion of justice as an important element of conflict negotiation processes.

**Date**  Tuesday 4 November 2014  
**Time**  9.30h – 11.00h  
**Venue**  The Hague Institute for Global Justice  
Sophialaan 10, 2514 JR The Hague  
Meeting Room 1

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Welcome Remarks

Dr. Abiodun Williams was appointed the first President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice on 1 January 2013. From 2008 to 2012 he served at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in Washington, DC, first as Vice President of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, and later as Senior Vice President of the Center for Conflict Management leading its work in major conflict zones such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia and Egypt.

From 2001 to 2007 Dr. Williams was Director of Strategic Planning for United Nations Secretaries-General Ban Ki-Moon and Kofi Annan in New York. He gained valuable field operational experience, serving with the United Nations from 1994 to 2000 in peacekeeping operations in the Balkans and Haiti, in senior political and humanitarian roles. He served as Associate Dean of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University in Washington, DC, and held faculty appointments at Georgetown, Rochester, and Tufts universities, winning several awards.

Dr. Williams is the Chair of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS), and a member of the Executive Board of the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts. He has published widely on conflict prevention and management. He holds MA’s from Edinburgh University and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a Doctorate in International Relations from the latter.

Panelists

Dr. I. William Zartman is the Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of The Johns Hopkins University in Washington, and member of the Steering Committee of the Processes of International Negotiation (PIN) Program.

He has been a Distinguished Fellow of the United States Institute of Peace, Olin Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, Elie Halévy Professor at Sciences Pô in Paris, and holder of the Bernheim Chair at the Free University of Bruxelles, and received a lifetime achievement award from the International Association for Conflict Management. He was also president of the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies (TALIM), and was founding president of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies and past President of the Middle East Studies Association. His doctorate is from Yale (1956) and his honorary doctorate from Louvain (1997).

Dr. Cecilia Albin is Professor of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, and member of the Steering Committee of the Processes of International Negotiation (PIN) Program.

Prior to this, she held faculty positions at the University of Cambridge and the University of Reading, UK. Her current projects focus on international negotiations, justice and issues of effectiveness. She has held visiting research positions at Harvard University, the Hebrew University, Stanford University, University of Queensland and (spring 2014) Oxford University, and has also been a research scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria.