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From Northern Ireland to Burundi, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Tunisia or Guatemala, countries throughout the world struggle to deal with the aftermath of violent conflict or oppressive rule. What does it mean for a society to come to terms with mass atrocities, such as genocide and ethnic cleansing? How can the rule of law be re-established in a country shattered by wide-scale violence? What are the legal obligations and standards relevant to societies trying to turn the page on a history of political violence? How can the competing demands of peace and justice be balanced in the aftermath of such traumatic events? What can realistically be expected from measures such as trials, truth commissions, reparation programmes and institutional reform?

The Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law (MTJ) is a one-year full-time postgraduate degree designed for highly qualified and open-minded candidates interested in acquiring high-level academic education and practice in the field of transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law. One of the very few programmes on this subject world-wide, its cross-disciplinary approach combines legal, political, historical, anthropological, philosophical and field perspectives and promotes both academic excellence and independent critical thinking.

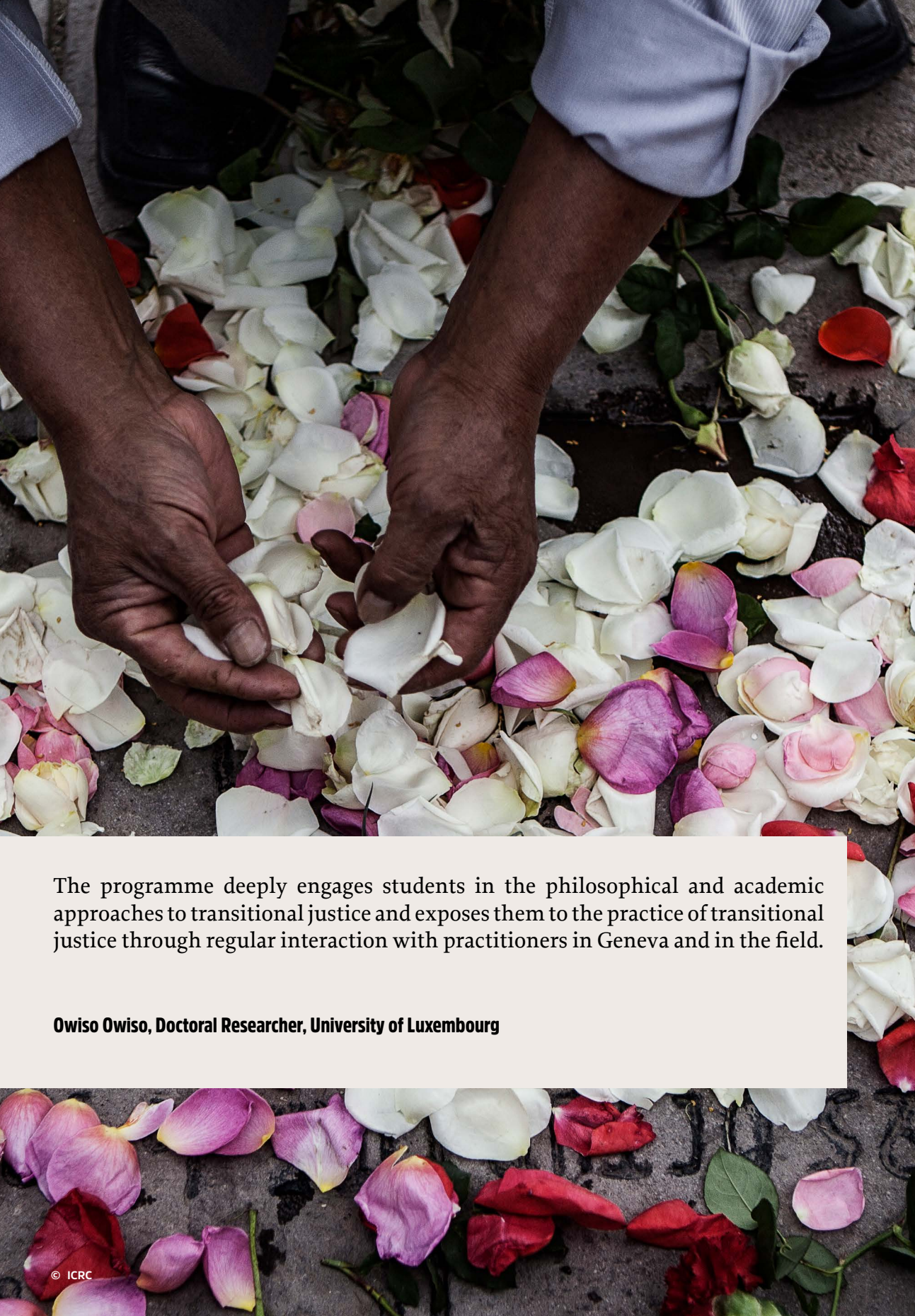
Throughout the year, students have access to a prestigious faculty composed of leading academics and renowned experts and practitioners working for international organizations and NGOs who are in touch with the latest developments and debates.

An ongoing focus on practice via exchanges with practitioners, work on concrete case scenarios, a study trip and clinical work allows students to develop the transferable skills necessary to succeed in the professional world and take up responsibilities in the field of transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law.



For me as a practitioner, the Master in Transitional Justice not only allowed me to acquire a more solid legal background in criminal justice, theories of transitional justice or international human rights law, but it also provided me with a more holistic view on transitional justice and new perspectives I can use daily in my work.

Marija Ristic, Programme Director, Balkans Investigative Reporting Network



The programme deeply engages students in the philosophical and academic approaches to transitional justice and exposes them to the practice of transitional justice through regular interaction with practitioners in Geneva and in the field.

Owiso Owiso, Doctoral Researcher, University of Luxembourg

THE PROGRAMME

The MTJ (60 ECTS credits) is structured around the following components:

CORE COURSES

Core courses are mandatory and run over the two semesters. They are structured in six clusters that cover central theoretical and practical issues in the fields of transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law.

SPRING TERM TRACKS

During the Spring Semester, three different tracks – Thematic Focus, Clinical Work or Academic Research – allow students to tailor their studies according to their particular interests.

MASTER'S PAPER

The master's paper gives students an opportunity to investigate a subject of special interest to them, deepening their knowledge and expertise through research as well as exchanges with experts, scholars and practitioners.

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE CAFÉS

In this series of events, leading experts and practitioners discuss with students topical issues and concrete situations in the field of transitional justice.

STUDY TRIP

In the second semester students go on a study trip to familiarize themselves with the history of transitional justice.

AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT


The MTJ is organized around small and intimate learning communities. This creates an exceptional learning environment where students from all over the world and with a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds, experiences and motivations have access to a world-renowned faculty at the cutting-edge of transitional justice issues and challenges.

As a human rights hub, Geneva offers a broad range of conferences and public events featuring key experts and topics, as well as providing access to leading actors in the field.

With more than 70 public events, expert seminars and conferences organized every year, we host some of the world's leading academics and practitioners who share their research, views and experiences with our students and directly touch upon topics addressed in the programme.

THE FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

The MTJ provides the necessary legal and practical skills for a successful career in inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with transitional justice, human rights, the rule of law, peace negotiations or international criminal justice, as well as in public administration, international tribunals or academic institutions.



More focused attention is needed today to meet the challenges of transitional justice. Critical normative and practical thinking is required to properly grasp and address what is at stake in societies emerging from conflict and authoritarian rule.

Pablo de Greiff, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence



The Master in Transitional Justice provided me with theoretical knowledge in transitional justice mechanisms and processes, as well as with the ability to deeply question notions which are commonly used. I also had the opportunity to acquire right insights on transitional justice as a field of work.

Solène Berthelier, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the United Nations Development Programme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

TUITION FEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fee is 18,000 Swiss Francs.

We offer full scholarships that are allocated through a highly competitive process based on criteria established by the scholarship donors, and which notably include academic merit, extracurricular achievements and the candidate's financial needs. These allow talented young people with limited means from the Global South and Eastern Europe, to study at the Geneva Academy.

ADMISSION

Candidates who apply to the MTJ must have:

- A degree in law or an equivalent degree in a field relevant to transitional justice, such as international relations, political science, philosophy, sociology, anthropology or history
- A solid academic record
- A demonstrable interest in transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law
- A sound command of English

Each application is considered in its entirety, including transcripts, extracurricular and voluntary activities, work experience, personal background, letters of recommendation, personal statement and language skills.

10 REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE MTJ

- 1** A **Leading institution** in the field of transitional justice and human rights
- 2** Acquisition of a **solid and unique expertise** in the different facets of transitional justice (legal, political, historical, philosophical) and developments in this field
- 3** **Forms high-level professionals** in the field of transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law, qualified to work as academics, staff members or field workers for inter-governmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations
- 4** Familiarity with a **wide range of thematic, country/regional and comparative approaches**
- 5** Combination of **theory and practice**
- 6** A **personal teaching style** that encourages interaction between students and lecturers
- 7** **Specialized supervised research** for the master's thesis
- 8** **Career counselling and advice** by one of our parent institution, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- 9** Ties with **leading actors** in the field of transitional justice and human rights
- 10** A **unique human experience** during which all those involved (students, faculty and resident staff) develop long-term bonds



The MAS in Transitional Justice gave me the legal tools and conceptual framework to contextualize and integrate my work on specific issues like housing, land and property in Syria in a broader transitional justice project.

Amr Shannan, HLP Expert, German Development Agency (GIZ)



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