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The Role of the ICC as a Justice Mechanism: Does It Enhance the Prospects of Israeli-Palestinian Peace?

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The event will take place at The Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (Room 307) at The Faculty of Law, Trubowicz Building

17:15 Gathering

17:30 Chair: **Leora Bilsky**, Director of The Minerva Center for Human Rights, Tel-Aviv University Keynote Speaker: **Prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni**, Emeritus, Professor Law, DePaul University Respondent: **Prof. Yoram Dinstein**, Professor Emeritus Tel Aviv University

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M. Cherif Bassiouni is Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University where he taught for 45 years (1964-2009). He was a founding member, and later served as President and Emeritus President of the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University. In 1972, he was one of the founders of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) in Siracusa, Italy, where he served as Dean from 1974-1988 and then as President to date. He also served as the Secretary-General and President of the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal in Paris from 1974-2004. Professor Bassiouni pursued his legal education at the University of Cairo, Dijon University, France, and in the U.S. where he obtained his S.J.D.

at George Washington University. He has been a member and chair of a number of U.N. and National Commissions of Inquiry into the conflicts of: the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Bahrain.

He is the author of many books and law review articles in several languages. He is often referred to at the "father of international criminal law."

In 1999, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his seminal work in the establishment of the ICC. He was the cochair of the Committee of Experts drafting the U.N. Anti-Torture Convention and has held several other U.N. positions. He has lectured at many Universities the world over, and has received numerous awards as well as fourteen medals from various countries and received ten honorary degrees from various universities around the world.