Class: *International Criminal Law*

Guest Lecturer: *His Excellency Judge Fausto Pocar*, Professor of Law at the University of Milan and former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), has been teaching in our program since the spring of 2011.

Biography

Judge Fausto Pocar is Professor of International Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Milan, where he has also served as the Dean of the Faculty of
Political Sciences and as the Vice-Rector. He is the author of numerous publications on International Law, including human rights and humanitarian law, Private International Law and European Law. He has lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law and is a member and treasurer of the prestigious Institut de Droit International.

Italian law professor Fausto Pocar has served as the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia from November 17, 2005 until November 16, 2008, after a term as Vice-President between March 2003 and November 2005. Judge Pocar has been a Tribunal judge since 1 February 2000, re-elected twice by the UN General Assembly in 2001 and 2005. Since his appointment to the ICTY, Judge Pocar has served first as a Judge in a Trial Chamber, where he sat on the first case concerned with rape as a crime against humanity, and later in the Appeals Chamber of the Tribunal, where he is still sitting. As a Judge of the Appeals Chamber, he is also a Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). On appeal, he has participated in the adoption of the final judgments in several ICTY and ICTR cases, heard both at The Hague and in Arusha, Tanzania.

Judge Pocar has also served for 16 years (1984-2000) as a member of the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and has been its Chairman (1991-92) and Rapporteur (1989-90). Further, he was appointed Special Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for visits to Chechnya and the Russian Federation during the 1995-6 conflict.

He has also chaired the informal working group that drafted, within the Commission on Human Rights, the Declaration on the rights of people belonging to national or ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities, adopted in 1992 by the General Assembly. He has also been for a decade the Italian delegate to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee.