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# Preface

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The Human Rights Module has been prepared for those teaching human rights courses or seminars who wish to supplement whatever other materials they are using in order to assure adequate, up-to-date exploration of the “core” international crimes most often associated with human rights infractions. “Core” crimes addressed here include attention to crimes against humanity, genocide, other crimes against human rights (such as torture, criminalized race discrimination, apartheid, hostage-taking, and disappearances), and war crimes. There is also a separate chapter on Sanctions Against Karadzic that provides attention to application of many of the core crimes in both criminal and civil sanctions arenas (before the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia and U.S. federal courts) with respect to one setting, the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Module should also prove useful as supplemental material for other international law courses or seminars where a focus on crimes against humanity, genocide, and other crimes against human rights, and/or war crimes is desired - perhaps a course or seminar on counter-terrorism addressing the law of war and human rights in particular. The Module is self-contained, providing needed cases and materials as well as a separate Documents Section in Part Two of the Module.

Some who use the Human Rights Module might prefer to concentrate on Chapters 1-3 and avoid inclusion of Chapter 4 on war crimes. Others might prefer to use the first four chapters and not Chapter 5 (which addresses both criminal and civil sanctions against former Bosnian-Serb leader Karadzic and the first Supreme Court case to address the Alien Tort Claims Act) and some might prefer to use all five chapters in their course or seminar. Especially after the first AALS Workshop on Human Rights, held in 1999, it is our understanding that most law professors who teach human rights courses or seminars supplement assigned textbooks with other materials or find that present textbooks preclude adequate or more detailed and up-to-date attention to areas of special interest, such as those reflected in the special focus of the Module. The Module was prepared in part to meet such needs and to provide a self-contained set of cases, materials and documents that can be used in a few weeks.

We hope that you find the Module especially useful and we are eager to receive your comments and suggestions for improvement.

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