

Genocide and Genocide Prevention

A Historical Perspective

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Research Project on Genocide

Aims

- **Obtaining**
insights into various cases of genocide
- **Clarifying**
common and different features of genocide
in modern age
- **Integrating**
empirical evidence into a theoretical framework
towards sustainable prevention of genocide

UN-Definition of Genocide

killings or other related acts
committed with intent to destroy,
in whole or in part,
a national, ethnical, racial
or religious group

Genocide Convention 1948

Concept of Genocide

<div>Act</div> <div>Victim group</div>	Five punishable acts (physical, biological)	Cultural destruction
Four groups (national, ethnical, racial, religious)	Narrow definition of genocide (UN-definition)	Cultural genocide
Political groups, groups arbitrarily determined by the perpetrators	Broader definition of Genocide	

Modern-age Genocide

- **Nature and scale**
- **Characteristics of modernity**
 - * Progress in technology and science
 - * Development of nation state and nationalism
 - * Formation of mass democracy
 - * Establishment of colonialism and its reconfiguration etc.
- **Genocide in conjunction with darker side of modernity**

Genocide Purpose Analysis

● Four major types

1. Creation or reconfiguration of nation state
2. Exploitation of natural and human resources
3. Consolidation of the dictatorial power base
4. Ensuring victory in external or civil war

In reality:

Complex phenomena with multiple purposes

Preventing Genocide

The Report of the Genocide Prevention Task Force

Madeleine K. Albright & William S. Cohen, Co-Chairs

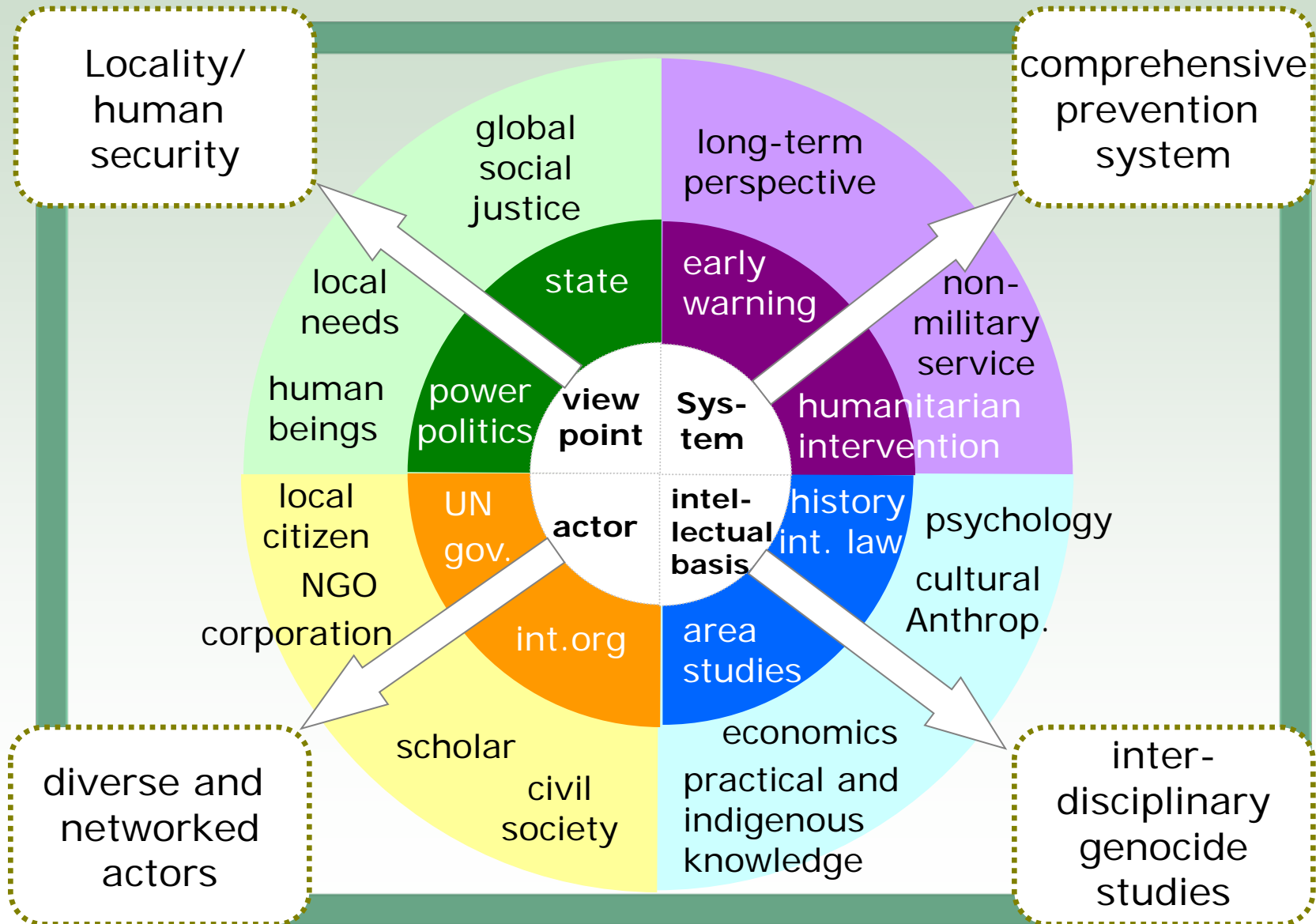
- * 34 recommendations for US-Policymakers
- * Genocide as a threat to American value
- * Genocide prevention as an achievable goal
- * Genocide prevention as US-defense doctrine
- * Genocide not as an inevitable result of “ancient hatreds”

Bottom Line of Preventing Genocide

● Long-term perspective

1. External factors
2. Close relations between war and genocide
3. Chain reactions of violence, Replacement of victim-perpetrator relations
4. Ubiquity

Sustainable Prevention of Genocide towards a Genocide-free World



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!

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