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KRIM2956 – International Criminal Justice and Mass Violence

Final home exam, autumn 2024

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Choose either A or B:
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A:

On the syllabus you have articles addressing the perpetrators of international crimes by Baines, Houge, Rauschenback and Smeulers. Taking the core arguments of these four articles as a starting point, try to imagine and reflect on how Baines, Houge and Rauschenback might respond to the typology offered by Smeulers in the course readings.

B:

In May 2024, the ICC Prosecutor filed applications for arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and defense minister Yoav Gallant and Hamas leaders Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri, and Ismael Haniyeh based on reasonable grounds of them bearing criminal responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed on and after October 7th 2023 on the territory of the State of Palestine and Israel (https://www.icc-cpi.int/news/statement-icc-prosecutor-karim-aa-khan-kc-applications-arrest-warrants-situation-state). The Hamas leadership has since been killed, and no arrest warrants have been issued for the Israeli leadership, amidst continued military attacks in the Middle East. This has lead to widespread critique of the effectiveness and role of international criminal justice and its institutions.

Based on the course syllabus, present arguments for and against international criminal justice. Based on these arguments, discuss the role of international criminal justice in responding to international crimes in the Middle East.

*Note: we are not asking for detailed knowledge of the conflict, but to how the course literature can be applied to the conflict.

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