



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Witness Biographies

Accountability for Russia's War Crimes and Aggression Against Ukraine

Panel I



David J. Kramer, a native of Massachusetts, is the Managing Director of Global Policy at the George W. Bush Institute, where he oversees the Institute's work on human freedom, global health and women's empowerment. He also is a Senior Fellow at the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University. Previously, he was Senior Director for Human Rights at the McCain Institute for International Leadership,

President of Freedom House from 2010-2014, and a Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund. He worked for eight years in the U.S. Department of State under the George W. Bush Administration, including as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. He received his M.A. in Soviet Studies from Harvard University and his bachelor's degree in Soviet Studies and Political Science from Tufts University.



Professor Jane Stromseth is the Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law at Georgetown University specializing in post-conflict justice and accountability, as well as international human rights. Dr. Stromseth served in government as the Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State from 2013-2015. She also served as Senior Advisor on the Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy at the U.S. Department of Defense, and as Director for Multilateral Affairs at the National Security Council. She received her doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and her law degree from Yale University.



David M. Crane was the founding chief prosecutor of the international war crimes tribunal in West Africa called the Special Court for Sierra Leone. The world's first hybrid international war crimes tribunal, the Special Court for Sierra Leone successfully prosecuted those who bore the greatest responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity, to include the first sitting African head of state in history, President Charles Taylor. He recently published a book on his experience there called *Every Living Thing*, the first time a prosecutor has written about his daily experiences seeking justice for victims of atrocity.

Dr. Crane served thirty years in the US federal government prior to his selection by Kofi Annan to be the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court, the first American since Justice Robert H. Jackson. A member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States, he retired from federal service as the Director of the Office of Intelligence Review in the Department of Defense where he oversaw on behalf of the Secretary of Defense and the Intelligence Committees of the US Congress, 80% of the US Intelligence Community organizations.

Since leaving West Africa, Dr. Crane has been a leading force in seeking justice for the people of Syria through the Syrian Accountability Project and assisting in the creation of the International, Impartial, and Independent Mechanism for the Republic of Syria. The Syrian Accountability Project is part of the Global Accountability Network (which he founded) that also houses the Yemeni Accountability Project and the newly created Venezuelan Accountability Project, as well as the Uyghur and Ukrainian Accountability Projects.

He recently retired as a professor at Syracuse University College of Law where he founded Impunity Watch. Dr. Crane currently is a distinguished scholar in residence at Syracuse University and an adjunct professor with the Washington College of Law of American University where he teaches international criminal practice.