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On July 18, 1994, terrorists bombed the AMIA (Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina) in Buenos Aires, the central offices of the Argentine Jewish community, killing 85 people and injuring hundreds more. No one has ever been held criminally accountable for the crime. A former Argentine President, the original judge in the case and other senior Argentine officials are now on trial for participating in a cover-up, and a second Argentine President has been indicted for allegedly halting investigations into Iranian participation. In 2015, Alberto Nisman, the Argentine special prosecutor appointed to investigate the case, died of an alleged suicide, now presumed to be murder, just two days before he was scheduled to report to Congress on his investigation.

Southwestern's symposium includes leading attorneys, professors and Jewish Community leaders from Argentina and the United States who have participated in the investigations of the bombing, studied the failures in its investigations and dealt with the repercussions for the Argentine Jewish community of the bombing and resulting impunity.

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE • 3:00 - 5:45 PM

*Attendees may attend all or part of the symposium;
CLE credit is offered for the afternoon session only*

Susan Westerberg Prager, Dean and CEO, Southwestern Law School, "Welcome"

Alberto Zuppi, "Acting As Private Prosecutor in the AMIA Case"

Former Attorney for Memoria Activa – an organization formed by survivors and relatives of the victims of the AMIA bombing. (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Ph.D., Universität des Saarlandes, Germany; Robert & Pamela Martin Professor of Law, Paul M. Hebert Law Institute, Louisiana State University, 2003-2008)

Commentators: **Viviana Krsticevic**, Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law ("CEJIL"), and **Agustín Zbar**, President, AMIA

Agustín Cavana, "Legal Tools to Give a Voice to Victims: Lessons From the AMIA Bombing"

Assistant Federal Prosecutor (Argentina); former Assistant Prosecutor in the AMIA Prosecution Unit. (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; José Siderman Human Rights Fellow - Fulbright Fellow; LLM, Southwestern Law School)

Commentator: **Jonathan Miller**, Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School

Leonardo Filippini, "The Proper Role of Intelligence Services in the Criminal Investigation of a Terrorist Attack: Lessons from the AMIA Bombing"

Federal Prosecutor (Argentina); former Interim Prosecutor of the AMIA Prosecution Unit (after the death of Alberto Nisman). (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Masters, Universidad de Palermo; Hubert Humphrey Fellow, University of Minnesota; LLM, Yale Law School)

Commentator: **Máximo Langer**, Professor of Law, UCLA Law School

Gastón Chillier, "Representing AMIA Victims in International Forums: Obstacles to Obtaining Justice"

Executive Director, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales ("CELS") – a major Argentine human rights organization that represented victims of the AMIA bombing; Co-President, International Network for Civil Liberties Organizations. (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; LLM, Notre Dame Law School)

Commentators: **Claudio Grossman**, Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, American University Washington College of Law, and **Agustín Zbar**, President, AMIA

Luis Czyzewski, "Observations"

Luis Czyzewski lost his daughter, Paola, in the bombing

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES • 6:00 - 6:45 PM

EVENING SCHEDULE • 6:45 - 8:45 PM

*Music by the Daniel Rajjman Quartet provided by the
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UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music*

Lillian M. Wohl, "An Anthem for the AMIA: Song as Commemoration in León Gieco's *La Memoria*"

Assistant Director of Academic Research, Lowell Milken Fund for American Jewish Music, UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. (Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology, University of Chicago)

Viviana Krsticevic, "Evolving Strategies in the Fight Against Impunity: The Case of the AMIA Bombing"

Executive Director, CEJIL. (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Masters in Latin American Studies, Stanford University; LLM, Harvard University)

Luis Czyzewski, "Thoughts of the Father of a Victim"

Rabbi Marvin Hier, "Covering Up Our Worst Crimes: The Unusual Stories of Eduard Schulte, FDR's State Department, and the Bureaucrats Who Delayed the Bombing of the Tracks to Auschwitz"

Dean and Founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, its Museum of Tolerance and Moriah Films. (Rabbinical Ordination, Rabbi Jacob Joseph Theological Seminary – today part of Yeshiva University)

Rabbi Avi Weiss, "What Led Me to Smell a Cover-Up: My Experience with the AMIA Cover-Up and Its Aftermath"

Founding Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – the Bayit, Bronx, New York, and founder of the Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and Yeshivat Maharat Rabbinical Schools

Claudio Grossman, Keynote, "The Terrorist Attack Against AMIA and the Search for Justice: The Experience of an International Monitor"

Professor of Law, Dean Emeritus, and Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law, Member of the United Nations International Law Commission. (Licenciado en Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales, Universidad de Chile; Doctor in de Rechtsgeleerdheid, The University of Amsterdam)

Agustín Zbar, "The Evidence: Things That We Know About the AMIA Bombing Beyond a Reasonable Doubt"

President, AMIA. (Abogado, Universidad de Buenos Aires; LLM, Harvard University; former member of the National Congress of Argentina and former Attorney General of the City of Buenos Aires)

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