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A \$2,5 M GRANT AWARDED TO A PROJECT LED BY PROFESSOR FANNIE LAFONTAINE

A Partnership of leading Canadian academics and non-governmental actors – led by [Fannie Lafontaine](#) (Project Director) and to which participates [Julia Grignon](#) (co-investigator) - was awarded [\\$2,5 M for the next 5 years](#) by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to strengthen justice for victims of international crimes such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. This is the largest grant ever awarded to a project directed by a professor of Laval University's Faculty of Law.

This Canadian Partnership with a strong international focus and network will contribute to the effectiveness of the global effort to hold accountable those responsible of the most serious international crimes, while enhancing Canada's role as a global leader in this field.

It will link academic researchers, legal clinics and NGO partners across Canada to work on an interdisciplinary research program that focuses on different and complementary routes that victims of international crimes can take in Canada, in other states and before international institutions, to seek criminal, civil, and administrative or other remedies.

The Partnership will address issues such as sexual and gender-based violence, the place and role of victims in devising and implementing accountability mechanisms, strategic litigation in Canada and abroad, corporate liability, cooperation with international tribunals and between States in the fight against impunity, deportation of suspected war criminals and access to refugee status, among other issues. It is expected that hundreds of Canadian students will get involved in the project as research assistants and through internships, university-based legal clinics and in other ways.

Assisted by Jayne Stoyles of the Canadian Center for International Justice, who acts as Project Co-Director, professor Fannie Lafontaine will lead the scientific activities of a team of 22 academic researchers and NGO partners from 12 partner organizations while participating directly to the Partnership's research and activities. Professor Julia Grignon will also get involved as a co-investigator.

The [International Criminal and Humanitarian Law Clinic](#) and the [Canada Research Chair in International Criminal Justice and Human Rights](#) will be intimately involved in this project and will give the opportunity to dozens of students at Laval University to participate in a variety of activities. The [International and Transnational Law Center](#), the [Vice-Rectorate of Research and Innovation](#), and the [Laval University Library](#) will also contribute in kind or in cash to the Partnership.

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