

The Virtual Tribunal Project

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What is the Virtual Tribunal Project?

- Background: The ICTY
 - Trial materials (video, transcripts) poorly organized
 - Many pieces of evidence and relevant information inaccessible or difficult to locate
 - No permanent UN archive of courtroom video
 - Limited technological and archival foresight



What is the Virtual Tribunal Project?

- Vision:
 - To recreate the courtroom environment as completely and accurately as possible
 - To preserve trial information in perpetuity
 - To present trial information in a logical, organized fashion for the benefit of educators, legal experts, future trial judges, and the public at large



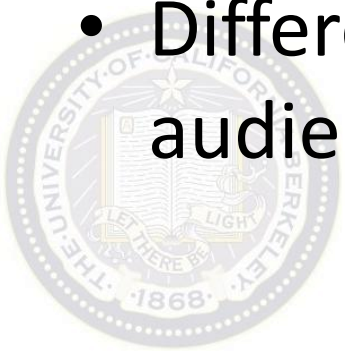
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- Preservation:
 - Collect the materials relevant to each tribunal in a permanent archive:
 - Trial videos
 - Courtroom transcripts
 - Court documents
 - Exhibits, statements, reports and other evidence
 - Relevant outside information (e.g. newspapers, photos)
 - etc



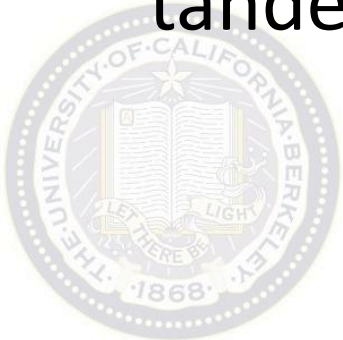
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- Presentation:
 - Organize each trial’s relevant materials into an intuitive, accessible presentation for use by:
 - Students
 - Legal professionals
 - Future tribunal judges
 - The public at large
- Different views of the information for different audiences and applications



What can we learn from Yugoslavia?

- Little information made available to the public
 - No video archive; only plain text transcripts
 - Many court documents only recently available
- Not much done with the information that was
 - No organization or linking of materials
- Can improve on this significantly by working in tandem with the courts from day one



What has the VTP done for the ICTY?

- Built a model for organizing the information left behind by the court:
 - Alignment of transcripts with courtroom videos to enable parallel viewing
 - Databases correlating hearings with relevant documents, videos and other materials
 - Searchable transcripts (e.g. by date, speaker, topic)



Cambodia: The Khmer Rouge Tribunal

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What will the VTP do for Cambodia?

- A new opportunity:
 - By archiving and compiling court materials (video, transcripts, documents, evidence and news) as they are produced, we can preserve the proceedings in their entirety
 - We are working together with ECCC in Cambodia to realize this goal



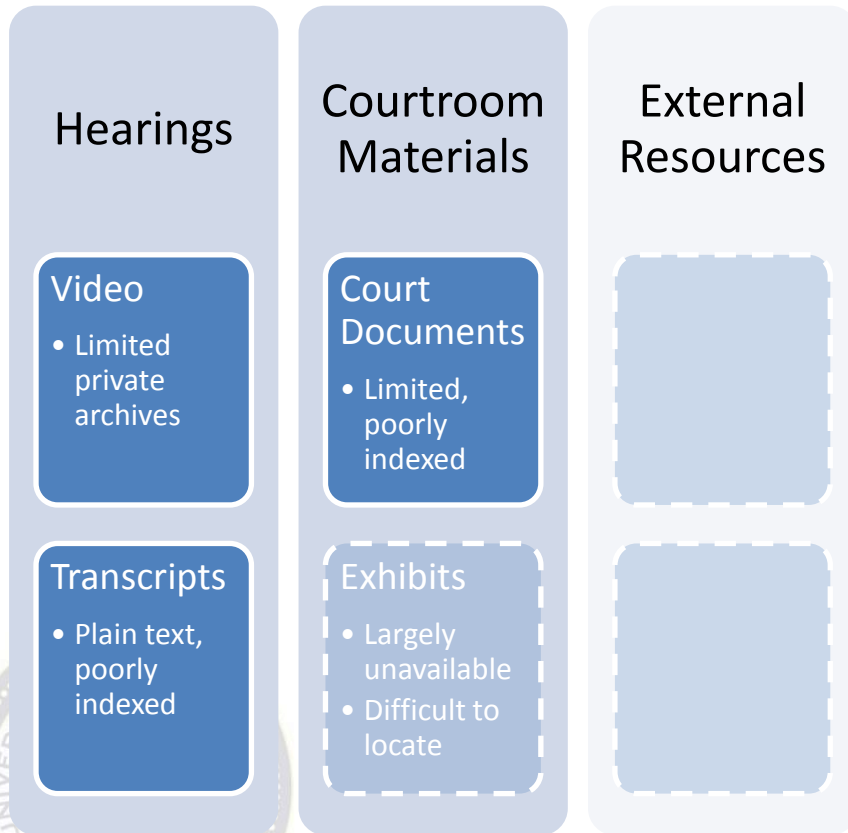
What will the VTP do for Cambodia?

- Future improvements to the project:
 - Intelligent question-answering search
 - Facial recognition for identifying speakers
 - Internationalization
 - Modularization



Yugoslavia vs. Cambodia

What the ICTY gave us:



What Cambodia will give us:

