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**Former Prosecutor of the ICTY to discuss Milosevic's death at the
McGill Faculty of Law this Friday**

MONTREAL, QC, March 20, 2006 - The McGill International Law Society (MILS) will present **Dr. Payam Akhavan, 'The Death of Slobodan Milosevic: What Next for the Hague War Crimes Tribunal?'** on Friday March 24, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the Faculty of Law of McGill University.

In light of the recent events surrounding the death of the former Yugoslav president months before a verdict in his war crimes trial, Dr. Payam Akhavan will explore the origins of his indictment, the politics surrounding his extradition and prosecution, and the potential consequences of his death for the former Yugoslavia and, more broadly, for the international community.

Dr. Payam Akhavan served as Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor's Office of the International Criminal Tribunal of former Yugoslavia (1994-2000), where he advised on the prosecution of leadership targets including Slobodan Milosevic. He has also served as Special Advisor to the United Nations on international criminal law matters in Cambodia, Guatemala, and East Timor, and Rwanda, and has represented sovereigns before international courts and tribunals. He was previously appointed as Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto, Yale Law School, and Leiden University in the Netherlands. He has published numerous articles on international law and human rights in leading scholarly journals and was selected by the World Economic Forum to attend the Davos Forum in 2006 as a Young Global Leader.

Payam Akhavan currently holds the Maxwell Boulton Senior Fellowship at the Faculty of Law of McGill University.

This event will be held this Friday, at 3 p.m. in the Moot Court of the Faculty of Law. A reception will follow.

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