

# HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2014



uOttawa



# FROM THE DIRECTOR



2014 was a year of growth and new horizons for the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) adding new members, more and varied events, partnerships and outputs.

We marked anniversaries, including International Women's Day, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2004 Commission of Inquiry in relation to Maher Arar, and the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We organized and hosted major conferences on the Rule of Law in Latin America and on

National Security and Human Rights in Canada. We hosted exhibitions of photographs on the ground-breaking 1977 McKenzie River Pipeline Inquiry (aka the Berger Inquiry), and the Swiss Government on "War from the Victims' Perspectives – Photographs by Jean Mohr" celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Committee of the Red Cross. We presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival on the themes of mental health and women's rights featuring six films from six countries, and a workshop. We also expanded our online courses and launched an innovative multi-disciplinary Human Rights Clinic.

Looking to the future, we reached out beyond the University to hold consultations with a view towards elaborating a 5-year strategic plan and to achieving greater impact. We explored new vehicles to present our research outputs and we reconceived the Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights with tenure on a longer-term basis. We reviewed our methods of work, welcomed new staff, relaunched our website and added a strong social media presence. Not least, we enlarged our circle of partners, associates and friends and became the 50<sup>th</sup> member of the Association of Human Rights Institutes based in Copenhagen.

Our efforts resulted in a range of research outputs/publications and achievements, and our members attracted recognition in the form of grants, awards, prizes and appointments. As a demonstration of such esteem and confidence, we also created a new endowment, resulting from a gift from Human Rights Internet to support HRREC's initiatives and outreach activities.

With a spirit of energy and enthusiasm, the HRREC enjoyed a full year of achievements and we positioned ourselves for an even better year ahead.

Prof. John Packer  
Director (February 2014 – present)

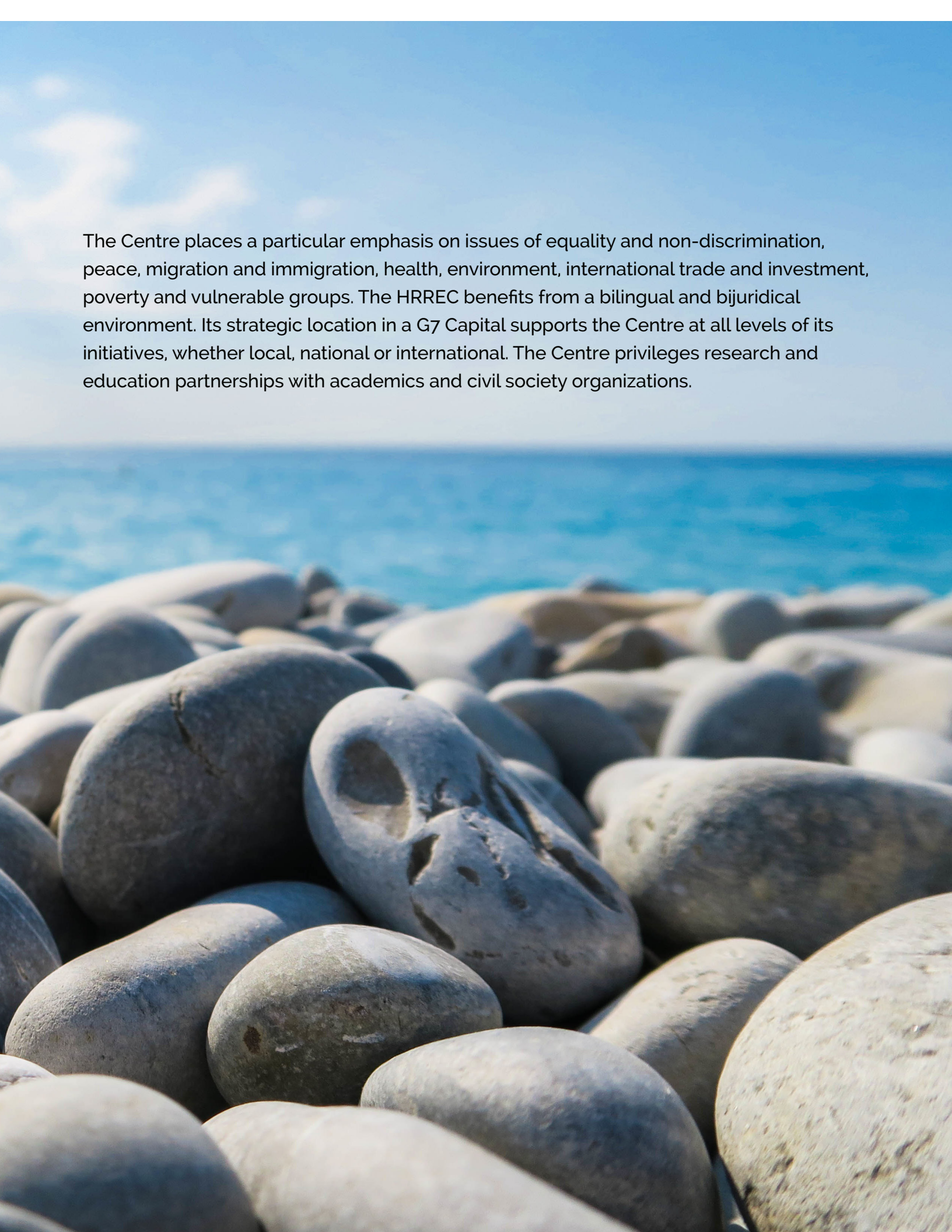


# ABOUT THE HRREC

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) at the University of Ottawa is one of the oldest in Canada and North America. Created in 1981, it comprises researchers specialized in law, the arts and social sciences. The Centre strives to bring educators, researchers and students together with practitioners with a multi- and inter-disciplinary perspective, in order to promote the respect of human rights and explore the effective protection and enjoyment of such rights for everyone everywhere.







The Centre places a particular emphasis on issues of equality and non-discrimination, peace, migration and immigration, health, environment, international trade and investment, poverty and vulnerable groups. The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and bijuridical environment. Its strategic location in a G7 Capital supports the Centre at all levels of its initiatives, whether local, national or international. The Centre privileges research and education partnerships with academics and civil society organizations.

# WHO WE ARE

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Gordon F. Henderson Post-  
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# SELECTED PROFILES

Our 50 members are academics, students and actors in the wider community.

## **GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2013-2014)**



### **Areli Valencia**

Born and raised in Lima, Peru, Areli obtained a Ph.D. in Law and Society from the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria. Her research project focused on human rights and extraction-based development in Ecuador. Her work looks at the intersection of human rights, environmental justice, critical legal studies and international development with an emphasis on the capability approach. Areli returned to Peru in 2015 and is currently working on a book project entitled "Human Rights Trade-offs in Times of Economic Growth: Long-Term Capability Impacts of Extractive-Led Development".

## **GORDON F. HENDERSON MASTER SCHOLAR (2013-2014)**



### **Joaquín Bardallo Bandera**

Joaquín grew up in Uruguay and Mexico. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Combined Languages as well as a Certificate in Globalization and Governance from the University of Alberta, a Master of Arts from the University of Ottawa and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Toronto. Joaquín's research focuses on the rule of law in Latin America.

## **RESEARCH CHAIR IN TAIWAN STUDIES (2012-2015)**



### **Scott Simon**

Full Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Research Chair in Taiwan Studies, Scott obtained a Ph.D. in Anthropology from McGill University. He specializes in the political anthropology of indigeneity and development in the Austronesian communities of Taiwan. He explores the meaning of indigeneity in Taiwan, with a particular interest in questions of political autonomy and rights to the management of wildlife.



# WHAT WE DO

In 2014, the Centre hosted 41 events including two art exhibitions, three book launches and three major conferences organized with 36 partners representing government agencies, research groups, foundations, national and international NGOs, law firms, student groups, etc. A number of our events drew significant media attention. For an overview of the Centre's events, see the complete list at the end of this document. Reports and outputs from these events are available on our website.

## SELECTED EVENTS

### Current Views on the Rule of Law, Transitional and Alternative Justice in Latin America: Shared Experience



This event was organized for the purpose of generating a public and collective reflection on specific challenges in Latin America. Participants came from across Latin America and Canada. The conference was funded by SSHRC, the Agence universitaire de la francophonie and the University of Ottawa, and was conducted trilingually (English, French and Spanish). A special issue of the Revue

Québécoise du Droit International published in March 2015 was dedicated to the conference.

March 24-25 2014

### Arar + 10: National Security and Human Rights a Decade Later

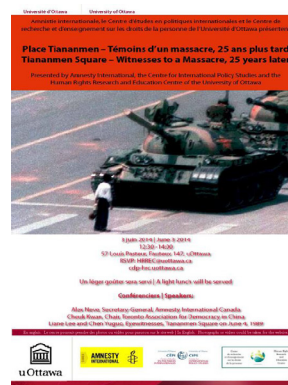


The conference marked the 10-year anniversary of the Maher Arar case and included 21 speakers, organized in 6 panels, with 200 participants. The event featured a keynote lunchtime panel of the three judges who presided over judicial inquiries dealing with national security in Canada over the last ten years. It garnered significant media coverage and is summarized in a report

available on our website. CPAC videos of the conference are also available.

October 29 2014

### Tiananmen Square, Witnesses to a Massacre, 25 Years Later



On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, the HRREC joined in the commemorations held around the world. The event told the story of the massacre of June 4, 1989, through the authentic voices of two eyewitnesses. Guest speakers also included the Secretary-General of Amnesty International (Canada) Alex Neve, and Cheuk Kwan, Chair of the Toronto Association for Democracy in China.

June 3 2014

### Aboriginal Rights & Refusing Life-Saving Treatment for Children



The HRREC, in collaboration with the Centre for Health Law, Policy & Ethics, presented scholars Larry Chartrand, Vanessa Gruben, Darren O'Toole, and Bryan Thomas discussing the Ontario Court ruling in favour of a First Nations girl and her family who stopped chemotherapy to treat her acute lymphoblastic leukemia choosing traditional medicine

instead.

November 28 2014

# WHAT WE DO

## The Arts and Human Rights Programme

In recognition of the Arts as a central aspect of a full life and integral media of learning and expression, HRREC launched The Arts and Human Rights Programme. The objective of this initiative is to raise awareness and engage in a multidisciplinary experiment of human rights issues framed through the various forms of creative artistic expression such as visual, performance, media, cinematographic, musical and literary arts, and to reflect upon the Arts as essential for human dignity. Some events inspired by this programme held in 2014 were:

### University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival



The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival was produced in collaboration with the Canadian Film Institute. Its programme featured six films highlighting compelling human rights issues around the themes of mental health and women's rights, together with a workshop on the use of film for action research and human rights advocacy.

October 2-5 2014

### Exhibition "War from the Victims' Perspectives" – Photographs by Jean Mohr

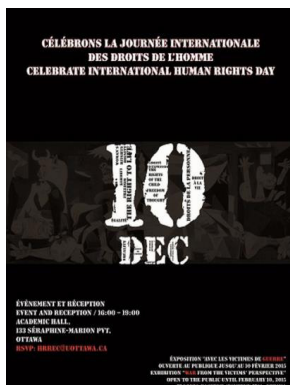


To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the First Geneva Convention, as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Prisoners-of-War Agency, the Swiss Embassy to Canada supported a photo exhibition of famous human rights photographer Jean Mohr. The exhibition was viewed by more than 1,500 people and garnered media attention.

October 30 2014

February 17 2015

### Human Rights Day



Celebrating the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this event encompassed presentations touching on subjects linked with violence against women and was the closing event of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence in Ottawa. The presentations were accompanied by artistic performances, artworks, notable poems and music.

December 10 2014



# TEACHING

In 2014, the Centre offered five online courses and a Directed Readings Course on International Criminal Law (116 students in total). In addition, HRREC held the 8<sup>th</sup> Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) with 33 participants and launched a Human Rights Clinic in fall 2014.



## COURSES

**DCC 2703 Dimensions juridiques des droits de la personne (offered in French)**

**DCC 2303 Legal Aspects of Human Rights (offered in English)**

These courses explore the origins and foundations of International Human Rights Law.

**DCC 3110 Inter-American System of Human Rights (offered in English)**

This course presents an introduction to the Inter-American system of human rights protection by subject areas including women's rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, democratic rights and social rights while focusing on the institutions of the Organization of American States.

**DCC 4522 Thème choisi: Environnement et droits humains (offered in French)**

This course explores the links between human rights and the environment and analyzes environmental issues from a human rights perspective. It provides students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the historical integration of the link between the environment and human rights, both in domestic and international legal instruments.

**CML 3351 International Criminal Court Legal Tools Project**

The HRREC offers a practical course to develop legal tools which intend to equip users with legal information, digests and softwares required to contribute effectively to the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC). This project was funded by a Partnership Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council awarded to the Canadian Centre for International Justice (CCIJ), the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, the HRREC and the Faculty of Law at Laval University.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

This project-based initiative, under the academic guidance of uOttawa faculty members, is aimed at strengthening the protection of human rights, by promoting research, advocacy, training and technical assistance, emphasizing their effective implementation. Four interdisciplinary projects started in September 2014 involving 38 student volunteers who worked in support of, for example, the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing and the UN Secretary General's Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. The Clinic offered skills development workshops for the participating students.

## IHL SUMMER SCHOOL

**DRC 4521 Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (offered in French and in English)**

This course is organized in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross and aims to offer students and professionals the fundamentals of IHL and opportunities to apply this knowledge through realistic case studies.



# EXPANDING OUR REACH

HRREC supported student members' presentations at academic conferences such as: the Canadian Political Sciences Association Annual Conference (St Catharines, May); 20<sup>th</sup> Encuentro de la Asociacion Mundial de Justicia Constitucional (Cartagena, Colombia, May); Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Latin American Studies (Quebec City, May); International Political Science Association (Montreal, July); and the 2014 Biennial Research Conference of the American Society of International Law (Denver, USA, November).

In September 2014, HRREC launched the "Research Dialogues Series" which offers regular talks by Centre Members about some aspect of their on-going research. The series seeks to develop and maintain a collegial community of multi-disciplinary scholars. Six presentations took place during the fall term.

The Centre received a one-time donation of over \$155,000 from Human Rights Internet (NGO) to which the University agreed to match funding of 50% for a total of some \$235,000. Half of the funds were endowed and the rest is to be used in support of initiatives such as the University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival.



# FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

The Centre actively engaged in developing research partnerships during 2014. Some of these resulted in successful funding applications.

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During fall 2013 and winter 2014, the Centre participated in four funding applications under the leadership of Prof. **Sébastien Grammond**, then Dean of the Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law, to support the conference "Current Views on the Rule of Law, Transitional and Alternative Justice in Latin America: Shared Experiences" held in March 2014. The Agence universitaire de la francophonie (AUF), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the University of Ottawa (Interdisciplinary Initiatives and Conferences in Campus Funds) awarded over \$42,000 for this project.

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HRREC participated in two successful Letters of Intent for the SSHRC Partnership Grants Program (of seven years duration). The first one is led by Profs. **Daniel Hiebert** (University of British Columbia) and **Lorne Dawson** (University of Waterloo) with the title "The Canadian Network for the Study of Terrorism, Security, and Society". The second is called "The e-Quality Project", led by Profs. **Valerie Steeves** and **Jane Bailey**, both from uOttawa. Both projects were invited to submit a full proposal and were subsequently approved, to begin their work in summer 2015.

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The Centre also supported the successful application of Ms. **Leilani Farha** to become the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing. She began an initial three years mandate in July 2014. HRREC received a €25,000 grant from the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany in support of her mandate.

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The Centre continued to play an important role in the SSHRC Partnership Development Grant titled "International Criminal Court Legal Tools Project: Canadian Partnership", led by **Jayne Stoyles** from the Canadian Centre for International Justice. The grant was awarded in 2012 and lasted until 2014 with total funds of \$120,000. HRREC managed the funds for the project and offered a Directed Readings course that complemented the work done by the Legal Clinic at Laval University.



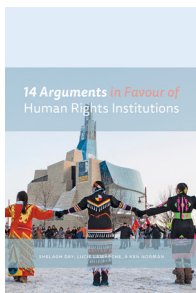
# PUBLICATIONS

Selected publications by our members in 2014.



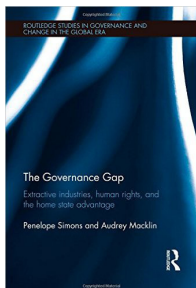
Prof. **Karine Vanthuyne** published the book "**La présence d'un passé de violences. Mémoires et identités autochtones dans le Guatemala de l'après-génocide**" (Presses de l'Université Laval). This book highlights the limitations of this type of transitional justice initiatives, drawing on a "double ethnography", an extensive field study conducted both within the non-governmental organizations which orchestrated the case against General José Efraín Ríos Montt and the communities of survivors of the Guatemalan internal armed conflict (1960-1996). The book identifies obstacles to the democratization of societies emerging not only from wars but also from long histories of economic marginalization and political domination.

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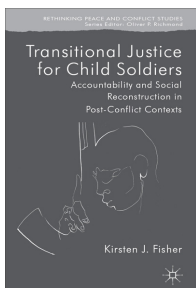
Prof. **Lucie Lamarche** co-edited the book "**14 Arguments in Favour of Human Rights Institutions**" (Irwin Law). The authors argue in support of a range of Canadian human rights institutions, including the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights. These arguments debunk challenges to human rights commissions and tribunals. Further, the book chronicles the ways in which governments have backed away from the project of growing a culture of human rights, and of maintaining human rights commissions and similar bodies to promote and protect human rights.

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Prof. **Penelope Simons**, former HRREC Director, co-authored the book "**The Governance Gap: Extractive Industries, Human Rights, and the Home State Advantage**" (Routledge). The book explores the persistence of a governance gap with respect to the human rights-impacting conduct of transnational extractive corporations operating in zones of weak governance. The authors launch their account with a fascinating case study of Talisman Energy's experience in Sudan, informed by their own experience as members of the 1999 Canadian Assessment Mission to Sudan (Harker Mission).

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**Kirsten Fisher**, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2012-2013), authored "**Transitional Justice for Child Soldiers: Accountability and Social Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Contexts**" (Palgrave Macmillan). Children are recruited to fight around the world and violent cruelty characterizes many of the conflicts in which children participate. Some children are perpetrators of some of the worst acts of depraved murder, disfigurement, and terrorism. They then struggle to reintegrate into communities that were victims of the violence. Taking into account the interests of children and other victims of conflict, and considering the needs of post-conflict communities, this book examines and offers suggestions for how transitional justice practices should conceptualize and address the problem of child soldiers in violent collective harm.



# AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Notable awards and nominations received by our members.

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## **Jacques Gaudreau Memorial Prize**

Every year the Centre selects the most outstanding mark or essay in the area of international human rights law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa. In 2013-2014, the prize was awarded to **Antoine Lavoie**.

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## **Nicole Senécal Graduate Scholarship 2013-2014**

Awarded annually to an LL.M. or Ph.D. student who plans to conduct field research in a developing country, or an international student who comes from a developing country. In 2013-2014, the scholarship was awarded to Ph.D. candidate **Olabisi Delebayo Akinkugbe** (from Nigeria).

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## **International Global Law and Policy Doha Writing Workshop, Harvard Law School**

Ph.D. student members **Siobhán Airey** and **Olabisi Delebayo Akinkugbe** along with **Areli Valencia**, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014), participated in the International Global Law and Policy Doha Writing Workshop from Harvard Law School held in February 2014. They were selected among 450 applicants from 86 countries and awarded all costs.

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## **Human Rights Commission of Inquiry into South Sudan**

Prof. **Pacifique Manirakiza** was appointed to the African Union's Commission of Inquiry charged with investigating human rights violations committed during the armed conflict that erupted in South Sudan in mid-December 2013. Pacifique is currently a Commissioner at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights based in Banjul, The Gambia. He specializes in international criminal law, including the fight against international crimes before national and international tribunals.

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## **The Royal Society of Canada**

Prof. **Lucie Lamarche**, former HRREC Director, was named a member of the Royal Society of Canada in recognition of her work on the rights of women to social protection and equality in particular the impact of public policy.

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## **European Centre for Minority Issues**

As a recognized expert on the protection of minorities and peace and security, HRREC Director **John Packer** was appointed to the Advisory Council of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) – a trilateral body established in 1996 by the Governments of Germany, Denmark and the German Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein. ECMI conducts practice- and policy-oriented research, provides information and documentation, and offers advisory services concerning minority-majority relations across Europe and beyond.

# OUR PARTNERS



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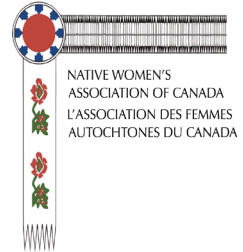
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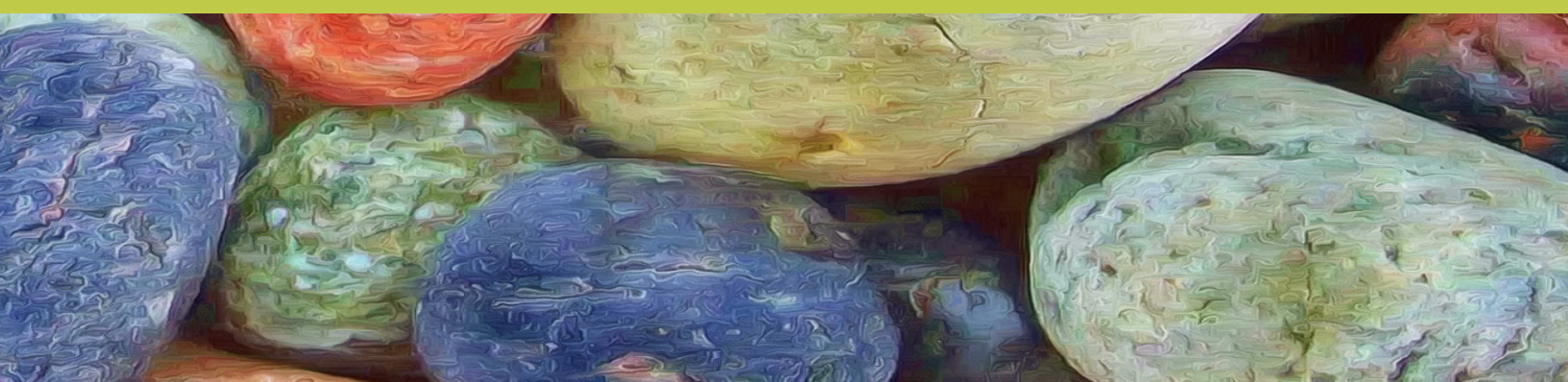
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African Studies  
CARLETON UNIVERSITY



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# EVENTS 2014

## JANUARY

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Latin America Brown Bag Lunch Series | **Homophobia in the Inter American System on Human Rights**  
Douglas Janoff, First Secretary at Canada's Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States in Washington D.C.

(Presentation | 25 participants)

## FEBRUARY

3

**Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry - Art Exhibit Opening**

Drew Ann Wake, Curator of the Exhibition

**Partner:**

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Art Exhibition | 26 participants and hundreds of visitors)

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**Confronting Threats to the Rights and Survival of Indigenous Peoples: The Case of Colombia**

Frederico Guzmán Duque, Deputy Justice, Council of State in Colombia & María Patricia Tobón Yagari, Embera Indigenous Lawyer, National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC)

**Partner:**

Alain Roy, Director of Campaigns and Activism, Amnesty International Canada

(Public Lecture | 25 participants)

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Environmental Law Lunch Series | **Subaltern Environmentalism: Women, Indigenous Peoples and Envisioning a Post-Extractive Society in Peru and Ecuador**

Areli Valencia, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014)

**Partners:**

Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability, uOttawa

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 50 participants)

24

**Three Young Legal Scholars Reflections on Global Law, Economic Policy and Social Justice. IGLP Doha Workshop - Reflections**

Areli Valencia, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014); Olabisi D. Akinkugbe, Ph.D. Candidate in Law, uOttawa & Jerusa Ali, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University

(Public Lecture | 10 participants)

25

**The Human Rights Situation in Venezuela**

Carlos Nieto Palma, Winner of the Embassy of Canada in Venezuela's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Award

**Partner:**

Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, Government of Canada

(Public Lecture | 22 participants)

26

Common Law Speakers Series | **Preventing Genocide in a Changing World: Risk, Resilience and Responsibility**

Adama Dieng, UN Under Secretary-General & Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

**Partners:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa  
Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 70 participants)

26

**Dialogue with HRREC Members - By invitation only**

Adama Dieng, UN Under Secretary-General & Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

(Private Meeting | 15 participants)

28

**Refugee Night: Navigating the Road to Safety**

Three Refugee Claimants whose stories gave a different perspective on what it means to seek refuge in Canada.

**Partners:**

uOttawa Refugee Assistance Program  
Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)

(Public Event & Performance | 275 participants)

## MARCH

14

**Law as Ally or Enemy in the War on Cyberbullying**

Wayne Mackay, Professor, Yogis & Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Partner:**

Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 17 participants)

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**Current Views on the Rule of Law, Transitional and Alternative Justice in Latin America: Shared Experiences**

20 Speakers from Canada and Latin America.

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**Partner:**

Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa

(Conference | 240 participants)

## APRIL

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**Resource Extraction, Conflict and Community Rights**

Bruce Broomhall, Professor, UQAM; Marie-Josée Massicotte, Professor, uOttawa; Karine Vanthuyne, Professor, uOttawa & Penelope Simons, Professor, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 37 participants)

3

**The Governance Gap: Extractive Industries, Human Rights and the Home State Advantage**

Penelope Simons, Professor, uOttawa; Audrey Macklin, Professor, University of Toronto; Bruce Broomhall, Professor, UQAM & Alex Neve, Amnesty International Canada

(Book Launch | 65 participants)

24

**Naming, Blaming, and Legal Framing: Barriers to War Crimes Investigations**

Shiri Krebs, Christiana Shi Stanford Interdisciplinary Fellow, Stanford University Zuckerman Fellow

**Partner:**

International Law Group, Common Law Section, Faculty of Law, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 9 participants)

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Latin American Brown Bag Lunch Series | **Criminal Military Society Nexus**  
Joaquin Bardallo Bandera, Gordon F. Henderson Master Scholar (2013-2014)

(Public Lecture | 11 participants)

## MAY

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**Venezuelan-Canadian Community: Presenting the Case for a Political Transition in the Country under the Constitution and Respect of Law**

Maria Corina Machado, Member of the Venezuelan National Assembly & the International Spokesperson of the Venezuelan Democratic Opposition

**Partner:**

Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum

(Public Lecture | 150 participants)

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**Venezuela: Transition to Democracy**

Ariel Segal, Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Peru; Alfredo Lascoutx Ruiz, Nelson Dordelly Rosales & Jorge Lazo-Cividanes, uOttawa

**Partner:**

Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum

(Public Lecture | 13 participants)

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**Presentation**

Jan Wouters, Professor, KU Leuven University

(Public Lecture | 20 participants)

## JUNE

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**Tiananmen Square: Witnesses to a Massacre, 25 Years Later**

Alex Neve, Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada; Cheuk Kwan, Toronto Association for Democracy in China; Liane Lee & Chen Yuguo, Eyewitnesses, Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989

**Partners:**

Amnesty International Canada  
Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 80 participants)

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**14 Arguments in Favour of Human Rights Institutions & Speaking Out on Human Rights Debating Canada's Human Rights System**

Lucie Lamarche, Professor, UQAM; Shelagh Day, President & Senior Editor of the Canadian Human Rights Reporter; Ken Norman, Professor, University of Saskatchewan; & Pearl Eliadis, Professor, McGill University

**Partners:**

McGill-Queens University Press  
Irwin Law  
Mental Health Commission of Canada  
Canadian Human Rights Commission  
Canadian Commission for UNESCO

(Book Launch and Reception | 60 participants)

## JULY

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**LGBT Rights**

Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera, Founder and Executive Director of Freedom & Roam Uganda

**Partners:**

The Refugee Hub, uOttawa | Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, Government of Canada

(Public Lecture | 26 participants)



## SEPTEMBER

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Research Dialogue Series | **Human Rights by Numbers in International Human Rights Law: Reflections on the Stakes of the "Indicator-isation" of the Right to Development**  
Siobhán Airey, Ph.D. Candidate in Law, uOttawa

(Lecture by Invitation Only | 10 participants)

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### **Where Are We Now?**

Women's Rights Activists & Experts from Native Women's Association of Canada, FAFIA and uOttawa

### **Partners:**

Native Women's Association of Canada  
Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA)  
University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 50 participants)

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### **Responding to Canada's Human Rights Backlash: Rhetoric and Reality**

Pearl Eliadis, Professor, McGill University

(Book Launch | 33 participants)

## OCTOBER

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival**

### **Partners:**

Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, uOttawa  
Canadian Film Institute; Institute of African Studies, Carleton University  
University of Ottawa

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(Film Festival | 352 participants)

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### **Research Dialogue Series | Human Rights and Extractive Activities: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Indigenous People and the Protection of Collective Property Rights**

Salvador Herencia Carrasco, Ph.D. Candidate in Law, uOttawa

(Lecture by Invitation Only | 10 participants)

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Rendez-vous Ottawa Conference

### **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons**

John Packer, Director, HRREC; Mines Action Canada and others.

### **Partner:**

Mines Action Canada

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(Conference | 60 participants)

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### **Screening of "El Huaso" | World Mental Health Day**

### **Partners:**

Canadian Film Institute  
Brain and Mind Research Institute, uOttawa

(Public Event | 20 participants)

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### **ARAR+10: National Security and Human Rights a Decade Later**

### **Partners:**

Amnesty International Canada  
International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group  
Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Conference | 200 participants)

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Research Dialogue Series | **Inextricably Linked? A Comparative Examination of the Implementation of Children's and Women's Rights in Mexican Family Law**

Graciela Jasa Silveira, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2014-2015)

(Lecture by Invitation Only | 6 participants)

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**The Moral World of the Police: An Ethnographic Account of Law Enforcement**

Didier Fassin, Professor, James D. Wolfensohn Professor of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton

**Partners:**

School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, uOttawa  
Department of History, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 45 participants)

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**War from the Victims's Perspectives - Photographies by Jean Mohr Opening**

Ambassador Beat Nobs, Swiss Embassy & John Packer, Director, HRREC

**Partners:**

Swiss Embassy in Canada  
Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne (Switzerland)

(Art Exhibition | 40 participants and hundreds of visitors)

## NOVEMBER

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**The Max Stern Art Restitution Project: Encouraging Collaboration through Moral and Legal Suasion**

Clarence Epstein, Professor, Concordia University & Rainer Schultze, Professor, University of Essex

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)

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**Healthcare in Danger**

Isabelle Daoust, Senior Advisor, Office of Director General, International Operations & Movement Relations – Canadian Red Cross; Heather Thomson, Doctors Without Borders Canada; & Robert M. Young, Senior Delegate – International Committee of the Red Cross

**Partners:**

Swiss Embassy in Canada  
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)  
Canadian Red Cross

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)

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**Ethnic, Linguistic, and Religious Minorities in Europe: Rising Intolerance?**

John Packer, Director, HRREC; Knut Vollebæk, UN High Commissioner on National Minorities; & Andrew Cohen, Professor of Journalism, Carleton University

**Partners:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa | Royal Norwegian Embassy in Canada

(Public Lecture | 120 participants)

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**They Called Me Number One**

Chief Bev Stella

**Partners:**

Professor Wendy Parkes, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 20 participants)

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**Panel - Natural Resources, Human Rights and Conflict**

Areli Valencia, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014); Alex Neve, Amnesty International Canada; Daniel Cerqueira, Due Process of Law Foundation; & John Packer, Director, HRREC

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**Partners:** Amnesty International Canada | Due Process of Law Foundation

(Conference | 80 participants)

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**Deconstructing the Promise of "Inclusive Equality" in the Context of New Extractivism: Lessons from Peasant Women's Activism in Ecuador**

Areli Valencia, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014)

(Public Lecture | 38 participants)

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**Changing Challenges & Opportunities for Human Rights in a Politically Tumultuous Middle East**

Ghanim Al Najjar, Professor of Political Sciences, Kuwait University; &amp; Mariz Tadros, Research Fellow, Participation Team, Institute of Development Studies

**Partners:**Arab Human Rights Fund  
Click Consultants

(Public Lecture | 8 participants)

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**Research Dialogue Series | The Role of Soft Law in Minority Rights Protection and Diversity Management**

John Packer, Director, HRREC

(Lecture by Invitation Only | 10 participants)

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**Aboriginal Rights & Refusing Life-Saving Treatment for Children**

Larry Chartrand, Vanessa Gruben, Darren O'Toole, Professors, Faculty of Law, uOttawa; &amp; Bryan Thomas, Research Associate, uOttawa

**Partner:**

Centre for Health Law, Policy &amp; Ethics (HLPE), uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 50 participants)

**DECEMBER**

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**Journée internationale des droits de l'homme | International Human Rights Day**

Leilani Farha, UN Special Rapporteur; Holly Johnston, FAFIA; Urooj Mian, WIIS Canada; and others

**Partner:**Swiss Embassy in Canada  
Women in International Security Canada (WIIS Canada)

(Public Event &amp; Reception | 50 participants)



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