

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2015



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FROM THE DIRECTOR



2015 was a year of substantial growth and innovation for the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC).

Long-established offerings were strengthened through innovations such as the addition of a day-long simulation to our annual International Humanitarian Law Summer School offered in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross. We also reached outside the box to host a Symposium on the Arts and Human Rights – not just about how the Arts are used to promote human rights, but to delve into the fundamental relationship between the two ideas, notably the

creative spark that significantly defines human nature and goes to the core of human dignity and rights.

In 2015, we reached out far and wide, entering into new partnerships, joining networks and building our relations. The responses were many and positive, confirming our belief in and commitment to collaborative endeavours. As this report shows, the range of subjects was wide reflecting our decision to remain interested in and supportive of human rights in general – open to however the field may evolve, to opportunities that arise, and following the interests and initiatives of our Members.

The HRREC was a busy place active year-round. This report provides an indicative overview of our community, interests, relations, activities, and some achievements which reflect the wide and substantial engagement of our Members in the field of human rights as scholars and as practitioners. While our institutional events and activities are indicated here, the impact is only fully appreciated with a closer look at all the outputs of our Centre and Members combined.

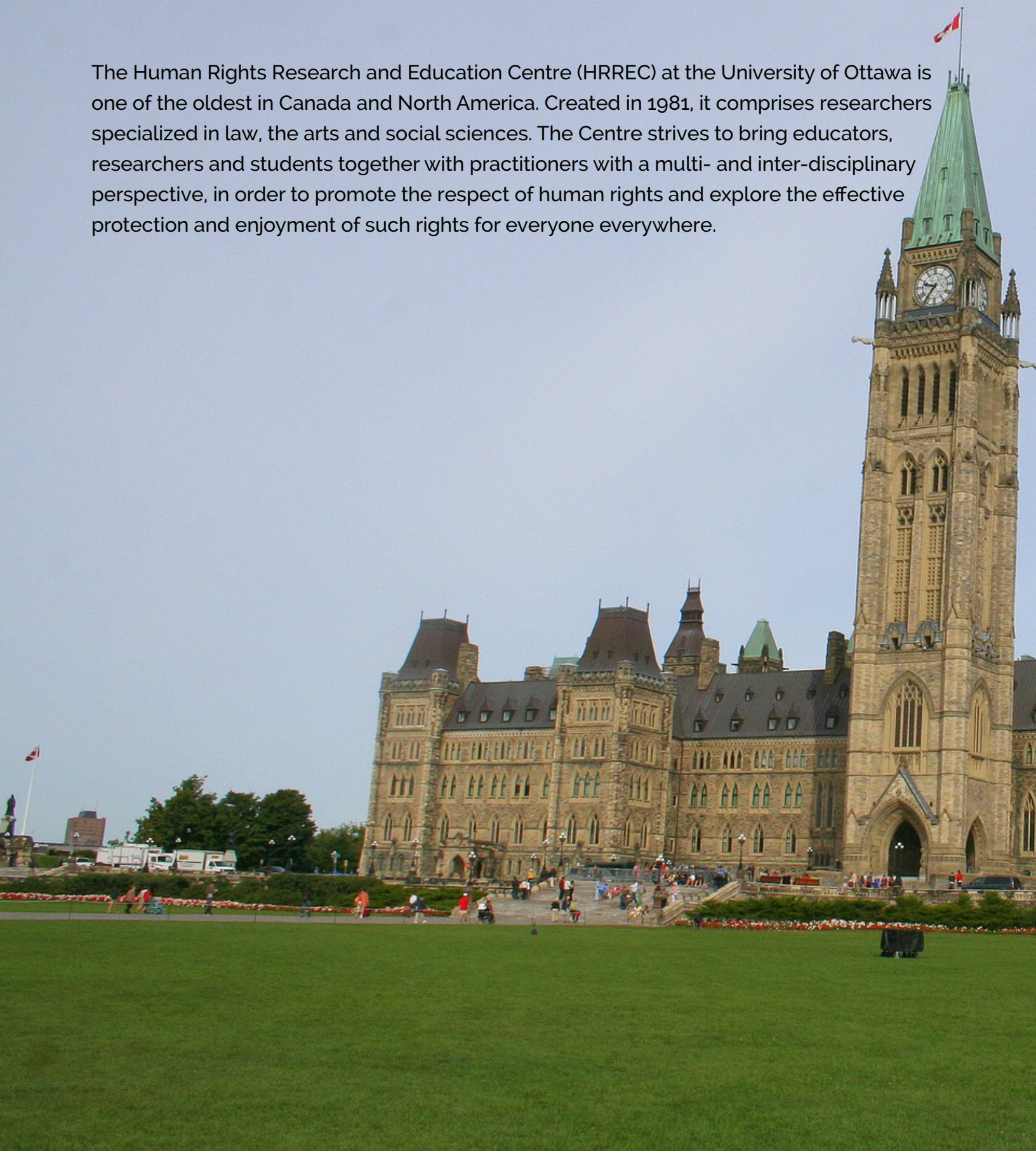
There is no doubt that there is a wealth of expertise and scholarly activity that is comprised of HRREC and our Members as well as stimulated and supported by our collegial community.

2015 also saw completion of a full change (since 2014) in the small but dedicated staff of the HRREC who are essential to ensure our mission is actively pursued and our undertakings are fulfilled.

Prof. John Packer
Director

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.



Our research activities include the research programs of our Members as well as projects resulting from partnerships in which the HRREC contributes to the production of research findings and their dissemination. To this end, the HRREC emphasises public policy and social justice. Areas of particular interest among our Members include: Diversity, Identity, Inclusion & Approaches to Equality; Conflict, Violence, (In)Security & War; Governance, Rights & Rule of Law; and Development.

The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and pluri-juridical environment. Our strategic location in a G7 Capital supports the HRREC at all levels and initiatives – whether local, national or international. The HRREC privileges research and education partnerships with academics and civil society organizations.



WHO WE ARE

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(September to December)

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Administrative Assistant
(January to August)

SELECTED PROFILES

Our 60 Members are academics, students and actors in the wider community.

GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2014-2015)

Graciela Jasa Silveira



Graciela received her Doctor of Civil Law degree from McGill University in 2013. Her thesis examined the comparative law implications of implementing women's rights in cohabitation and divorce law in Mexico and Québec. Her research discovered previously unknown connections between the two jurisdictions regarding how family law is governed. Graciela's research focuses on the interactions between the different normative levels, with specific attention to federalism and implementation of international law in the areas of family and environmental law. In the past, Graciela held positions as a tenured Law Professor at the Universidad de Sonora in Hermosillo, Mexico. She has also served as a consultant with the tri-lateral Commission for Environmental Cooperation and on international family law matters.

GORDON F. HENDERSON MASTER SCHOLAR (2014-2015)

Guyanne Courchesne



Guyanne holds a Bachelor of Civil Law degree from the University of Ottawa. A Member of the Québec Bar, Guyanne worked 3 years for the Department of Justice Canada, mostly on claims filed by survivors of Indian residential schools. Concerned by the situation and rights of Aboriginal women in Canada, she analyzes the recent Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act (S.C. 2013, c. 20) from a postcolonial feminist perspective. Her research is supervised by Professor Sophie Thériault.

HELPING REFUGEES IN CANADA

Jennifer Bond



Jennifer holds degrees in law, literature, and business and has been called to the Bars of Ontario and British Columbia. She completed her graduate work at Yale Law School as a John Peters Humphrey Fellow in International Human Rights Law. Professor Bond clerked with the Honourable Justice Michel Bastarache at the Supreme Court of Canada and at the Alberta Court of Appeal. She served with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Damascus, Syria, and sat on the founding national executive of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL). At uOttawa, Jennifer co-directs the University of Ottawa's Refugee Assistance Project (UORAP), leads the University of Ottawa's Refugee Hub and created the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program in response to the refugee crisis arising in 2015. More recently, she provided strategic advice to Canada's Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Refugees.

WHAT WE DO

In 2015, the HRREC hosted 66 events including two art exhibitions (one launched in 2014), seven book launches, two major conferences/symposiums and seven film screenings 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 our events, see the complete list at the end of this document. Reports and outputs from these events are available on our website.

SELECTED EVENTS

February 12, 2015

Gender and Sexual Violence in Conflict



This event marked the end of the exhibition "War from the victims' perspective – Photographs by Jean Mohr" organized with the Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa and the Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, in the context of the festivities of the 150th Anniversary of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the First Geneva Convention, as well as celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the International Prisoners-of-War Agency. Partners included OXFAM Canada, ICRC Canada, and the Canadian Red Cross.

March 10, 2015

European Court of Human Rights Delegation

In collaboration with the Civil Law and Common Law Sections of the Faculty of Law, the HRREC organized a panel on "Treatment of Discrimination and Equality" presented by Justice Dean Spielmann, President, and Justice Guido Raimondi, Vice President, of the European Court of Human Rights followed by a reception in their honour.



October 15, 2015

How to Address Islamophobia? From Hate Speech to Hate Crime: The Spectrum of Intolerance



The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Advisor on Intolerance against Muslims, Mr Marwan Muhammad, presented the organization's priorities for 2015 which included working with the media in order to improve the way Muslims are portrayed, as well as Muslim women's access to education and work. Mr. Muhammad described ongoing assistance to NGOs and Muslim communities across Europe, Central Asia and North America, through training and capacity building activities.

November 6, 2015

Women, Refugees, Sexual Orientation and Violence in International Law A panel at the CCIL 2015 Conference

The panel was organized in memory of Professor Nicole Laviolette, who taught in the French Common Law Section of the Faculty of Law (uOttawa) until her passing in May 2015. Presenters included Furio De Angelis (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' representative in Canada), Nathalie Ricard (Université Laval) and Sarah Taylor (Human Rights Watch).



WHAT WE DO

The Arts and Human Rights Program

In recognition of the Arts as a central aspect of a full life and as integral media of learning and expression, in 2014 the HRREC developed "The Arts and Human Rights Programme". The objective of this initiative is to raise awareness and engage in a multidisciplinary exploration 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 2015 were:

June 26, 2015

Symposium on the Arts and Human Rights



This international symposium addressed the broad topic of "The Arts and Human Rights" and included participants from Canada, The Netherlands, Spain, the UK and the USA. The participating scholars, artists and practitioners exchanged perspectives and initial reflections and together worked to identify key elements of the relationship between the Arts and Human Rights (with a focus on Indigenous arts and culture), notably in terms of an analytical framework, parameters, language, and a possible typology. The exchange informed issues and questions to be explored in the context of a future summer school (offered in 2016).

November 4, 2015

Human Rights Watch Photo Exhibit - The Unfinished Revolution

For more than five years, Human Rights Watch researcher Samer Muscati documented some of humanity's darkest acts, focusing his attention on the violation of the rights of women and girls around the world. This exhibition pulled together some of the highs and lows to which Muscati has borne witness, offering a moving account of the shifting fates of women and girls in a period of profound global transition.



November 2015

The UNIVERSAL GAME - One Flag to Connect Us All



The HRREC unveiled "The UNIVERSAL GAME – One Flag to Connect Us All" on International Human Rights Day, as an outreach art project conceived and produced by visiting Spanish (University of Seville) artist 233. The concept entailed putting together pieces of flags reflecting the nationalities of uOttawa students on a large canvas displayed in a central location within campus. HRREC invited the uOttawa community to participate in a "Jigsaw Day, Let's Play!" – an unscripted collective art performance whereby passing persons stopped for some time to participate in creating a composite "flag" with pieces of existing or real national flags and some other universally recognised symbols. The message is one of unity and diversity, as well as rich global exchange and inclusivity.

December 3-6, 2015

University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2015

The 3rd edition of the uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival featured seven films/ documentaries highlighting compelling human rights issues around the theme of violence against women, together with a workshop conducted by award-winning Dutch film company IF Productions on the use of film for human rights advocacy.



TEACHING

In 2015, the Centre offered five online courses and a Directed Readings Course on International Criminal Law (116 students in total). In addition, HRREC held the 9th Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) with 33 participants and continued working on applied projects through its Human Rights Clinic.

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.

DCC 3112 Human Rights Justice in Africa: Theory and Practice

This course offers an analysis of the ways that human rights and conceptions of justice have been applied, interpreted and debated in the context of contemporary Africa. Relationships are explored between the Western origins and 'universality' of human rights and retributive justice, cultural relativity arguments and the needs of transitional societies.

HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

This project-based initiative, under the academic guidance of uOttawa faculty members, aims 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 from the Faculties of Law, Social Sciences and Arts. The Clinic also offered skills development workshops for the participating students. The Clinic is directed by Salvador Herencia under the overall responsibility of Professor John Packer.

IHL SUMMER SCHOOL

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

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 and a simulation exercise.

TRAINING PROGRAM ON PREVENTION OF MASS ATROCITIES

The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS) at Concordia University, in cooperation with the HRREC, organized a two-and-a-half-day professional training program on the prevention of mass atrocity crimes, held at uOttawa on June 15-17, 2015. This program was tailored for mid- to senior-level professionals interested in the prevention and interdiction of mass atrocity crimes.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

SCHOLARS AT RISK

Scholars at Risk (SAR) is an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to protecting threatened scholars, preventing attacks on higher education communities and promoting academic freedom worldwide. The University of Ottawa and Carleton University joined the SAR network in 2014 and jointly hosted the first scholar in the 2015-2016 academic year, Iranian lawyer Hossein Raeesi. HRREC is the lead unit for the SAR uOttawa Program, and Assistant Director Viviana Fernandez became a member of the Canadian Section for the SAR Interim Committee. The SAR program and visiting scholar Hossein Raeesi were honoured in the House of Commons on International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2015, when Gary Anandasangaree (MP for Scarborough-Rouge Park) took the opportunity of his maiden speech to Parliament to highlight the work that Carleton University and the University of Ottawa are doing through the SAR program.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY: NEW DEPARTURES - HUMAN RIGHTS

In light of the newly elected Government of Canada under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and on the initiative of the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at the University of Ottawa, HRREC Director John Packer co-chaired a group of experts who elaborated a report on how Canada might better address human rights in its foreign policy published on November 9, 2015. The co-chairs of the group, Professors John Packer and David Petrasek, launched the report and presented its recommendations in an event chaired by uOttawa President Allan Rock.

VISITING SCHOLARS

During the autumn term of 2015, HRREC hosted Professor Markku Suksi of Åbo Akademi University, Finland (supported by the Swedish-speaking Cultural Foundation and Åbo Akademi University) and visual artist Ramon Blanco-Barrera [a.k.a. 233] of the University of Seville (supported by the University of Seville under its 5th Research Plan). Professor Suksi was in residence for two months and worked on research dealing with the distribution of law-making powers between Canada's federal and provincial authorities, comparing the division of powers with that between the Government of Finland and the autonomous Åland Islands. A book launch was organized on November 27, 2015, for his co-edited compilation titled *First Fundamental Rights Documents in Europe* (Cambridge: Intersentia). As noted above, the artist 233 focussed on the project "The Universal Game" which was conducted from September to mid-December 2015, and he advised the HRREC on inclusion of the arts in HRREC activities.

FOSTERING SCHOLARSHIP

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

The HRREC continued the Research Dialogues Series which offers occasional talks by HRREC Members about their on-going research; eight presentations were held during 2015.

In 2015, the HRREC created an online Working Papers Series for Members to publish and disseminate advanced work-in-progress through the electronic portal uOResearch managed by the University of Ottawa. The Series has ISSN number 2368-7266.

During 2015, the HRREC hosted two co-op students from the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences, respectively: Christine El-Nouni and Vannaro Diep. The HRREC also welcomed Julia Burchett (Université de Grenoble) and Amani Delbani (Civil Law Section, Faculty of Law) for three-month internships.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

The HRREC actively engaged in developing research partnerships during 2015. Some of these resulted in successful funding applications.

HRREC participated in two successful SSHRC Partnership Grants applications (each of seven years duration). The first, called "The e-Quality Project", is led by HRREC Members Professors **Valerie Steeves** and **Jane Bailey**. The second is led by Professors **Daniel Hiebert** (University of British Columbia) and **Lorne Dawson** (University of Waterloo), entitled "The Canadian Network for the Study of Terrorism, Security, and Society". Both projects began their work in summer 2015.

In addition, a SSHRC Partnership Grant led by Professor **Fannie Lafontaine** (Université Laval), entitled "Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: a Canadian Partnership", was invited to submit a complete proposal in November 2015, and was subsequently approved in 2016 for a period of five years.

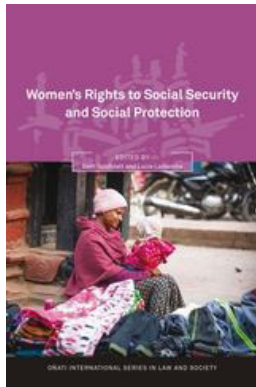
Another SSHRC Partnership Grant led by Professor **Shaheen Shariff** (McGill University) and HRREC Members Professors **Jane Bailey** and **Valerie Steeves**, entitled "Rape Culture in Universities", was invited for full submission in November 2015.

A joint application between the Faculty of Law, HRREC and **Bruce Campbell** (Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives) for a Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship offered by the Law Foundation of Ontario was approved for the whole next calendar year (2016) with HRREC to host Mr Campbell as a Visiting Scholar.

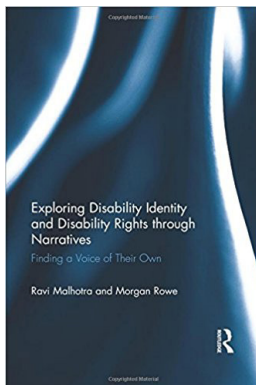
The HRREC supported two Fulbright Chair applications for 2015-2016. The application from Professor **Mwalim Morgan James Peters** (Director of African and African-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) was approved, but the visit did not take place due to ill health.

PUBLICATIONS

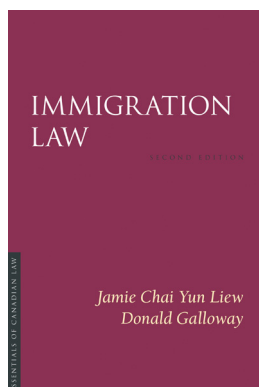
Selected publications by our members in 2015.



On March 18, Professor **Lucie Lamarche**, former HRREC Director, with her colleague Beth Goldblatt, launched their co-edited book "**Women's Rights to Social Security and Social Protection**", which emphasises the need to address women's poverty and exclusion within a human rights framework that takes account of gender. The collection engages with shifts in global discourse on the role of social policy and the way in which ideas of 'crisis' and 'austerity' have been used to undermine rights with harsh impacts upon women.



On May 14, Professor **Ravi Malhotra** and Morgan Rowe launched their co-authored book entitled "**Exploring Disability Identity and Disability Rights through Narratives**", which underscores how both physical and attitudinal barriers by educators, employers and service providers complicate the lives of disabled people. The book focuses on political economy and changes to the labour market to help explain the marginalization and oppression of people with disabilities.



On November 3, Professors **Jamie Liew** and Donald Galloway (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria) launched the second edition of their co-authored book "**Immigration Law**" supported by the Race, Migration and Citizenship Network (RMCN) and the Faculty of Law at uOttawa.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Notable awards and nominations received by the members of our Centre.

JEAN-PAUL BRODEUR AWARD

Professor **João Velloso** was awarded the Jean-Paul Brodeur Award for his article "Au-delà de la criminalisation : l'immigration et les enjeux pour la criminologie" published in the journal *Criminologie* (46, 1, Spring 2013: 55-82). The award is given for an exceptional student contribution published within the last two years.

JACQUES GAUDREAU MEMORIAL PRIZE

The HRREC selects every year the recipient of this prize for either the top grade or the best essay in the area of international human rights law within the Faculty of Law at uOttawa. For the academic year 2014-2015, the prize was awarded to **Christopher Kreutzner** for his essay entitled: "Anxious for Treatment: How and Why Human Rights Law is Failing Mental Health".

NICOLE SENÉCAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to an LLM 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 2014-2015, the scholarship was awarded to Ph.D. candidate in Law **Siobhán Airey** (from Ireland).

YOUTH LEADER AWARD

Tenille Brown, Ph.D. candidate and Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Law, uOttawa, received a "Youth Leader Award" at the Canadian Open Data Summit 2015, supported by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation's RECODE initiative. The Canadian Open Data Summit was held as part of this year's 3rd International Open Data Conference.

SHIRLEY GREENBERG SCHOLARSHIP

Ph.D. candidate **Sharmila Mahamuni** received the Shirley Greenberg scholarship. This one-year scholarship, valued at \$10,000, is offered to an outstanding LLM or Ph.D. candidate who is pursuing graduate studies in law with a focus on feminist analysis of law and/or advancing women's equality.

VISITING SCHOLAR

Former interim HRREC Director, Professor **Penelope Simons**, was invited to be a visiting scholar at the Centre de Recherche sur les Droits de l'Homme et le Droit Humanitaire at l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2) from January through mid-May 2015.

ANNUAL (2015) SEMINAR PROPOSAL COMPETITION

Omid B. Milani, a Ph.D. candidate in Law, won the University of Ottawa Annual Seminar Proposal Competition. This allowed Omid to design and teach a course for Faculty of Law students and postgraduate students in other faculties. His course was entitled "Human Rights, the State, and the Use of Violence".

INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL LAW & POLICY DOHA WRITING WORKSHOP - HARVARD

Ph.D. candidate **Siobhán Airey** returned to Doha where she attended the 2015 Harvard Law School's IGLP Workshop. Hosted by Hamad bin Khalifa University, supported by the Qatar Foundation, the workshop brought over 100 doctoral, post-doctoral scholars, and junior faculty together with a core group of senior IGLP faculty from around the world for a unique series of lectures and intensive interdisciplinary debates on innovation in the fields of global governance and economic policy. Siobhán presented aspects of her doctoral research on a critical analysis of the current international legal framework governing overseas development aid. This is the second consecutive year that Siobhán was selected to participate in this programme.

THE INDEPENDANT COMMISSION ON MULTILATERALISM

HRREC Director **John Packer** was named to the expert working group on "Social Inclusion, Political Participation and Effective Governance in Challenging Environments" which was one of fifteen issue areas treated by the Independent Commission on Multilateralism (ICM) organised by the International Peace Institute and supported by the Governments of Norway and Canada. Professor Packer also contributed to the expert consultation on "Justice, Human Rights, and the International Legal System". For more on the ICM and all of its reports, see: www.icm2016.org.

WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CANADA

HRREC Assistant Director, **Viviana Fernandez**, joined the Board of Women in International Security (WIIS) Canada. Her nomination and expertise will contribute in furthering WIIS Canada's objectives and strengthening it as an institution, notably with regard to strategic planning and outreach, as well as expanding WIIS' regional and linguistic representation across the country.

OUR PARTNERS



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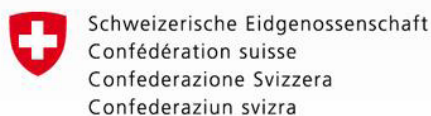
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OUR ENGAGEMENTS

A selection of our engagements in 2015.

Venezuelan Human Rights Defender Visits

HRREC Director
Addresses Second
UN-ASEAN
Dialogue
in Myanmar

Pacifique Manirakiza Appears
Before African Court Defending
the Ogiek People

HRREC Director contributes to the first
International Conference on Mediation

HUMAN RIGHTS
CLINIC PRESENTS
AT THE INTER-
AMERICAN
COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS

**Arar + 10: Conference
Report Released**

Welcome Hossein Raeesi,
the first Scholar at Risk at uOttawa

Valerie Steeves &
Jane Bailey
Receive
Multi-Million Dollar
Partnership Grant

João Velloso
Receives the
Jean-Paul
Brodeur Award

HUMAN RIGHTS
CLINIC AMICUS
TO MEXICAN
SUPREME COURT

Scholars at Risk Program Honoured
in House of Commons

EVENTS 2015

JANUARY

14

Série de conférences en droit international - International Law Speaker Series | **La responsabilité des organisations internationales : Un bilan des travaux de la Commission de droit international?**

Pierre Klein (Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles); Yves Le Bouthillier, Pacifique Manirakiza & John Packer (Professors, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partner:

International Law Group (Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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La présence d'un passé de violences : Mémoires et identités autochtones dans le Guatemala de l'après-génocide

Karine Vanthuyne & Stephen Baranyi (Professors, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

Partner:

School of International Development and Global Studies (Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

(Book Launch | 30 participants)

FEBRUARY

12

A Right to Mental Health Treatment or a Right to Jail: The Supreme Court Decision of Rv. Conception

Jennifer Chandler (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa) & Dr. Jonathan Gray (The Royal Ottawa Hospital)

Partner:

Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics

(Public Lecture | 60 participants)

12

Gender and Sexual Violence in Conflict: Confronting Contemporary Humanitarian Challenges

Barbara Schedler Fischer (Swiss Embassy in Canada); Doris Buss (Professor, Carleton University); Isabelle Daoust (Canadian Red Cross); Julia Lafrenière (OXFAM Canada) & Robert M. Young (International Committee of the Red Cross)

Partners:

Swiss Embassy in Canada

International Committee of the Red Cross

(Public Lecture | 75 participants)

23

The Situation of Human Rights in Venezuela

Marino Alvarado Betancourt (Coordinator of the Programa Venezolano de Educación-Acción en Derechos Humanos)

Partner:

Department of Foreign Affairs Trade and Development Canada

(Public Lecture | 20 participants)

25

Common Law Speaker Series - Série de conférences du Common Law | **Child's Right to Identity and the Erosion of the Traditional Boundaries of Legal Parenthood in Mexican Family Law**

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

Partner:

Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 25 participants)

27

In Conversation with Ocean Lady Passenger Ilamaran Nagarasa

Ilamaran Nagarasa (Freelance Journalist)

(Public Lecture | 18 participants)

27

Refugee Night!

Ilamaran Nagarasa (Freelance Journalist) & Doug Gruner (Refugee Health Advocate)

Partner:

University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project

(Public Event | 80 participants)

MARCH

2

Un débat sur les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels : L'injustice sociale est-elle la principale cause de l'insécurité en Amérique latine?

Jânia Maria Lopes Saldanha (Professor, Universidade Federal de Santa Maria, Brazil); Thomas Collombat (Professor, Université du Québec en Outaouais) & Pierre-Gilles Bélanger (HRREC)

(Public Lecture | 50 participants)

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Je Suis Scholar

Baktybek Beshimov (Professor, Université Northeastern)

Partners:

Carleton University

Scholars at Risk Network

(Closed Round Table | 5 participants)

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Je Suis Scholar

Farai Gonzo (Professor, Centennial College); Baktybek Beshimov (Professor, Université Northeastern); Allan Thompson (Associate Professor, Carleton University)

Partners:

Carleton University
Scholars at Risk Network

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

5

International Women's Day

Partners:

Inter-Pares
OXFAM
PLAN Canada
Planned Parenthood
Amnesty International et al.

(Show and Activist Fair | 180 participants)

7

Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) Open House

John Packer (Director, HRREC) & Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC)

(Open House | 80 participants)

9

International Women's Day - Art and International Women's Day

Artists Carmel Whittle, Jamie Koebel, Kirsten Van Houten & Susan McMaster

(Public Event | 100 participants)

10

European Court of Human Rights Seminar

Dean Spielmann (President, European Court of Human Rights) & Guido Raimondi (Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights)

(Public Event | 60 participants)

12

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | **Rethinking the Role of Law in the Economic Community of West African States Trade Agreement of 1975**

Olabisi Delebayo Akinkugbe (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

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Legal Rights of the Poor

Naresh Singh, Ph.D. (International Development Advisor)

Partner:

School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

(Book Launch | 12 participants)

18

Women's Rights to Social Security and Social Protection

Lucie Lamarche (Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal)

Partner:

Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(CML Speaker Series & Book Launch | 33 participants)

19

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | Ontario Heritage Resource Governance and Engagements with Descendent Indigenous Communities

Joana Berry (JD/MA Candidate, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

19

ITF Enhancing Human Security

Damjan Bergant (Director, ITF Enhancing Human Security)

Partners:

The Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

University of Ottawa Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Canada

(Public Lecture | 8 participants)

19

Evolution of the Current Situation in Venezuela

Angel Alvarez (Professor, Universidad Central de Venezuela); Feliciano Reyna (Founder of Accion Solidaria); Nelson Bocaranda (Journalist); Alfredo Michelana (Sociologist) & Isaac Nahon-Serfaty (Associate Professor & Chair of the Department of Communication, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa)

Partner:

Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum

(Public Lecture | 59 participants)

24

Un débat sur les droits civils et politiques : La crise des droits et libertés de la personne au Mexique est-elle une controverse conjoncturelle ou récurrente?

Marie-Christine Doran (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Iliana Rodriguez Santibañez (Director, Department of Law and International Relations, Tecnológico de Monterrey) & Graciela Jasa Silveira (HRREC)

(Public Lecture | 50 participants)

26

Indigenous Rights in Taiwan and Hokkaido

Teruki Tsunemoto (Professor, Hokkaido University)

Partner:

Chair of Taiwan Studies

(Public Lecture | 75 participants)

30

Toward a New Era in Canada's Arctic

Marie Simon, OC (Fellow, Arctic Institute of North America)

Partner:

Wendy Parkes

(Private Lecture | 20 participants)

APRIL

1

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | **La Loi sur les foyers familiaux situés dans les réserves et les femmes des Premières Nations : Quand le compromis compromet**
Guyanne Courchesne (Gordon F. Henderson Scholarship Recipient)

7

Café Scientifique - Taking It to Court: Refugee Health Care & the Law

Martha Jackman & Nathalie Des Rosiers (Professors, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners:

Refugee Hub

Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics

(Public Event | 80 participants)

9

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | **Vers la création d'une Cour pénale africaine ou l'Africanisation de la justice pénale internationale**

Pacifique Manirakiza (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

10

Online Courses Open House

Miguel Sanchez (Master Student, Faculty of Law, uOttawa); Sharmila Mahamuni (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa); Ryan Mayele (Student, Faculty of Law, uOttawa), John Packer (Director, HRREC) & Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC)

(Open House | 15 participants)

15

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | **Just Sign Here: Spaces of Data Protection Exceptionalism in disaster Response**

Erica See (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

MAY

14

Exploring Disability Identity and Disability Rights through Narratives

Ravi Malhotra (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa) & Morgan Rowe, J.D. (Labour and Human Rights Lawyer)

(Book Launch | 40 participants)

21

Mental Health and Human Rights

Partner:

Brain and Mind Institute, uOttawa

(Workshop | 15 participants)

26

Comparative Experiences with Indigenous Peoples: Canada and Chile

Andrés Jouanet (Universidad de la Frontera in Temuco) & Jose Marimán (University Alberto Hurtado)

Partner:

Embassy of Chile

(Public Lecture | 17 participants)

JUNE

4

Meeting - Laboratoire de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les droits de l'enfants

Marvin Bernstein (Chief Advisor of Advocacy, United Nations Children's Fund Canada) & Members of the Laboratoire

Partner:

Laboratoire de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les droits de l'enfant

(Private Meeting | 10 participants)

5

Academic Freedom

Laetitia Atlani-Duault (Professor, University Nanterre Paris X); Karine Vanthuyne (Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa) & Marie-Ève Sylvestre (Professor, Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section, uOttawa)

(Workshop | 8 participants)

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MIGS - 3rd Annual Professional Training Program on the Prevention of Mass Atrocity Crimes

Partner:

Montreal Institute for Genocide & Human Rights Studies

(Workshop | 45 participants)

26

Opening Event for the Arts and Human Rights Symposium

Yvonne Donders (Professor, University of Amsterdam); Allan Ryan (Professor, Carleton University) & Performers

(Private Dinner at the Wabano Centre | 61 participants)

27

Arts and Human Rights Symposium

(Symposium | 20 participants)

SEPTEMBER

9

The Dalhousie Dentistry Scandal and the Legal Profession: What Have We Learned?

Jane Bailey; Joanne St. Lewis, Teresa Scassa and Don McRae (Professors, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners:

Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession

Centre for Law, Technology and Society

Cavanagh LLP Professional Speakers Series

Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Policy

(CML Speaker Series | 110 participants)

16

Hossein Raeesi's Experience

Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk hosted at uOttawa) & Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC)

Partner:

Risk and Insurance Management Society

(Private Lecture | 20 participants)

23

L'État de droit en Amérique latine et au Canada

Jean Paul Ruskowski (President, Parliamentary Centre of Canada); Me Mario Enrique Figueroa Matuz (Lawyer); Sébastien Grammond (Professor, Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Pierre-Gilles Bélanger (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa), Marie-Ève Sylvestre (Professor, Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners:

Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section, uOttawa

Quebec Journal of International Law | Revue Québécoise de Droit International

(Book Launch | 60 participants)

26

Screening of "The Last River" - One World Film Festival 2015

Victoria Lean (Film Director); Ugo Lapointe (Mining Watch Canada) & Darren O'Toole (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners:

One World Film Festival

MiningWatch

Professor Marina Pavlovic

(Film Festival | 200 participants)

OCTOBER

8

Conducting the Venezuelan Parliamentary Elections of December 2015

Eugenio Martinez (Journalist); Angel Alvarez (Universidad Católica Andrés Bello); John Packer - Moderator (Director, HRREC)

Partner:

Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum

(Public Presentation | 35 participants)

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Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | Challenges of Legal Continuity and Constitutional Design, Nobably for Transitional Arrangements

John Packer (Director, HRREC)

13

Refugees and Immigration: Beyond Borders and Walls

Patti Tamara Lenard (Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs); Luisa Veronis (Professor, Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics); Luc Turgeon, Vincent Mirza, Larisa Kurtovic and Karine Vanthuyne (Professors, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

Partner:

School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, uOttawa

(Roundtable | 25 participants)

15

The Current Crisis and Yemen: Causes and Prognosis

John Packer (Director, HRREC); George Anderson (United Nations Mediation Support Unit); Grant Kippen (The Hillbrooke Group) & Marie-Joelle Zahar (Professor, Université de Montréal)

Partner:

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Presentation | 20 participants)

15

How to Address Islamophobia? From Hate Speech to Hate Crime: The Spectrum of Intolerance

Marwan Muhammad (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe)

Partners: ICJCanada & Association of Progressive Muslims of Canada

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

21

Death Penalty: Current Reflexions

Omid B. Milani & Lilou Jiang (Ph.D. Candidates in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa); Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk) & Alex Neve - Moderator (Amnesty International Canada)

Partners:

Carleton University
Amnesty International Canada
Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(CML Speaker Series | 35 participants)

23

The Law of the People and Indigenous Nationalism

Robert Innes (Associate Professor, University of Saskatchewan)

Partners:

Aboriginal Resource Centre
Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies
Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Presentation | 35 participants)

NOVEMBER

3

The Future of Immigration Law in Canada

Donald Galloway (Professor, University of Victoria) & Jamie Liew (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners:

Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Book Launch | 50 participants)

3

The Future of Immigration Law in Canada - Public Session "Meet the Authors" & Networking

Donald Galloway (Professor, University of Victoria) & Jamie Liew (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

(Public Event | 20 participants)

4

The Unfinished Revolution

Allan Rock (President, uOttawa); John Packer (Director, HRREC) & Samer Muscati (Human Rights Watch)

Partners:

Human Rights Watch
EmondHarnden LLP/SRL

(Launch of the Exhibition | 90 participants)

5

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | **Distribution of Legislative Powers in a Sub-State Context - A Comparison between Canada, Denmark and Finland with Some Notes from a Human Rights Perspective**

Markku Suksi (Professor, Åbo Akademi University & Visiting Professor at the HRREC)

6

Women Refugees, Sexual Orientation and Violence in International Law: Raising Voices and Expanding Protection (panel in memory of Professor Nicole LaViolette)

Furio De Angelis (UN High Commissioner for Refugee in Canada); Nathalie Ricard (Université Laval); Sarah Taylor (Human Rights Watch) & John Packer - Chair (Director, HRREC)

Partners: UNHCR & Human Rights Watch

(Panel - 44th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council on International Law | 65 participants)

9

Human Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy: New Departures

Speakers: Members of the Centre for International Policy Studies - International Human Rights Working Group: Professors John Packer (Faculty of Law); David Petrasek (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs) & Allan Rock - Moderator (President, uOttawa)

Partner:

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Launch Event of the Report | 50 participants)

9

Meeting - Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Western Countries

Corinne Packer (Researcher at the School of Epidemiology and Public Health, uOttawa) & Ron Labonté (Professor and Holder of the Canada Research Chair in Contemporary Globalization and Health Equity)

Partner:

Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics

(Private Meeting | 7 participants)

16

Refugee Connections**Partners:**

Refugee Hub

(Luncheon by Invitation Only | 45 participants)

19

Research Dialogues - Dialogues de recherche | La mise en place du "droit pénal de l'ennemi" via configurations plurinormatives : Notes sur la pénalisation des manifestants

João Velloso (Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

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The Universal Game - One Flag to Connect Us All

Ramon Blanco-Barrera, 233 (Visiting Artist, HRREC)

Partners:

Department of Visual Arts
uOttawa Community Life
University of Seville

(Art Workshop #1 | 5 participants)

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(Art Workshop #2 | 5 participants)

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(Artistic Performance | 50 participants)

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First Fundamental Rights Documents in Europe - Commemorating 800 Years of Magna Carta

Markku Suksi (Professor, Åbo Akademi University & Visiting Researcher at HRREC)

(Book Launch | 7 participants)

30

Challenges of Human Rights Defenders

Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk) with Host Alan Neal (CBC Radio)

Partner:

Carleton University

(Scholars at Risk Speakers Series | 50 participants)

DECEMBER

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6**3rd University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2015**

Several screenings followed by discussions

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International Development research Centre

Dutch Embassy in Canada

Community Life - University of Ottawa

(Film Festival | 289 participants)

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Launch of the banner created for International Human Rights Day through the UNIVERSAL GAME - One Flag to Connect Us All

Visiting Artist Ramon Blanco-Barrera, 233

(Public Event | 20 participants)

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International Human Rights Day - Workers' Rights Are Human Rights. Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value: One Union's Struggle for Pay Equity

Katherine Lippel (Professor, Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Andrée Côté (Women's and Human Rights Officer, Public Service Alliance of Canada); Robyn Benson (National President, Public Service Alliance of Canada); Nicole Turmel (Former National President, Public Service Alliance of Canada)

Partners:

Workers' History Museum

Public Service Alliance of Canada

Raven Law

Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa (APUO)

Canadian Union of Public Employees 2626 (CUPE 2626)

Canadian Labour Congress

(Public Event | 50 participants)

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The Making of The UNIVERSAL GAME - One Flag to Connect Us All

Visiting Artist Ramon Blanco-Barrera, 233

(Public Lecture | 15 participants)

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