

# HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2016



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



We celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, enjoying another year of growth in members, partners and activities.

The dedicated work of our members resulted in significant research awards, nominations and prizes, in addition to a range of opportunities for learning and development. This annual report provides an overview that highlights some achievements and especially new initiatives and outputs. Amongst these is the innovative Summer School on the Arts & Human Rights; Indigenous Arts and Culture which built on our 2015 Symposium. Another important new output is the International Human Rights and Canada Database which finally provides a comprehensive one-stop, bilingual compilation of Canada's international obligations and commitments and related materials.

In 2016, we continued to build on earlier initiatives, notably our Human Rights Clinic, and we organized and hosted scores of events (as listed in this report). Again, we reached out and engaged new partners who joined arms with our network of scholars, advocates, civil society representatives and officials and diplomats in a range of human rights related activities. We also engaged actively in social media, multiplying our followers.

A major development was the appointment of Professor Meredith Terretta for a five-year term as the Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights. An expert in the history of human rights in Africa, she focuses currently on African rights claims in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century including the connection between Africans and Western activists and lawyers in advancing claims and arguments against colonialism in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Of course, the value of the HRREC cannot be reduced to particular activities or individuals, nor even to the composite of them. Rather, the HRREC is a collegial community sharing and radiating values of human dignity and well-being. As such, we prize our relationships and the spirit with which they are established, maintained and developed. We rejoice in the pursuit, generation and sharing of knowledge and, in doing so, we are aware of the privilege we enjoy and the responsibility we hold.

The wealth of activities and achievements has confirmed the wisdom of our choice to remain a centre for human rights in general – not limited to particular themes or geography. Our mandate and mission remain the promotion of human rights scholarship across and beyond the University. Our belief in collaboration has again yielded stimulating activity with rich insights for better policy, law and practice. 2016 proved again that we are able – with an open and positive spirit and the good will of partners – to pursue and achieve results across a wide spectrum of subjects.

We are grateful for the resources entrusted to us by the University of Ottawa, our partners and donors. Special appreciation is due to the small but dedicated staff of the HRREC without whom our plans and ambitions would remain only on paper. For my own part, it is a pleasure to work every day with so many inspiring people and impressive organisations.

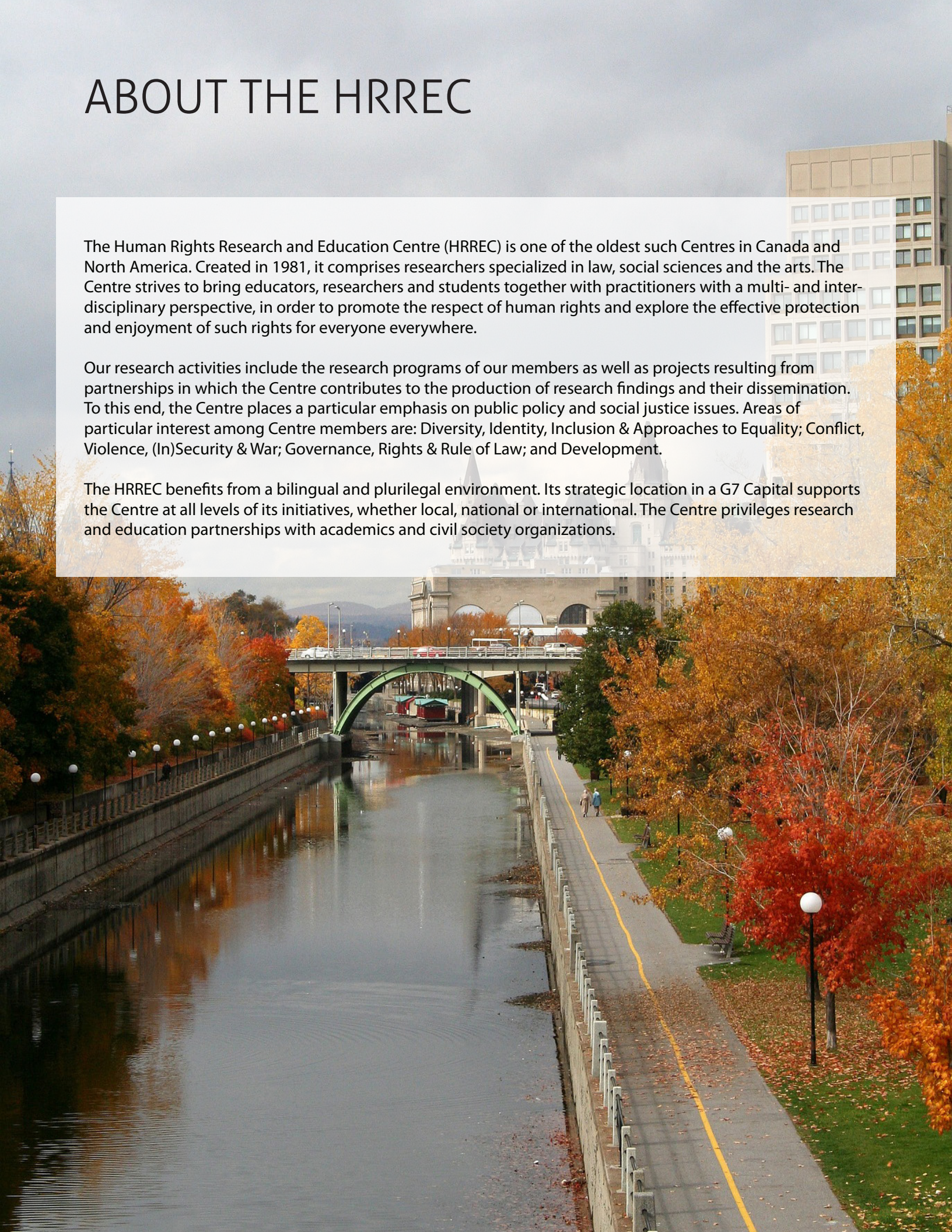
Prof. John Packer  
Director

# ABOUT THE HRREC

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) is one of the oldest such Centres in Canada and North America. Created in 1981, it comprises researchers specialized in law, social sciences and the arts. The Centre strives to bring educators, researchers and students together with practitioners with a multi- and interdisciplinary 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 Centre contributes to the production of research findings and their dissemination. To this end, the Centre places a particular emphasis on public policy and social justice issues. Areas of particular interest among Centre members are: 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 plurilegal 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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**Anna Lise Purkey**  
Gordon F. Henderson Post-  
Doctoral Fellow (2015-2016)

**Philip Leech**  
Gordon F. Henderson Post-  
Doctoral Fellow (2016-2017)

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Refugee Assistance Program  
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Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014)

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Communications and Events  
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**Monique Dallaire**  
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# SELECTED PROFILES

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



## 2016 FULBRIGHT CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Gloria Lopez

Gloria Lopez (Affirmative Action Officer at the State University of New York) came to uOttawa and HRREC as Fulbright Chair to look at the effects of international borders on indigenous people, finding suitable resolutions, and providing advocacy for the heritage, rights, and practices of indigenous peoples as a fundamental protection. While in Ottawa, she contributed to the 2016 edition of the Arts and Human Rights Summer School. At the State University of New York, she provides guidance on affirmative action matters to its 64 campuses.



## GORDON F. HENDERSON CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS (2016-2021)

### Meredith Terretta

Meredith Terretta is Associate Professor of History at uOttawa where she teaches and conducts research in African legal and human rights history. Her work examines transregional legal and rights activism, both past and contemporary. During her tenure as Gordon F. Henderson Chair of Human Rights, she will work in collaboration with researchers, students and activists to examine the history of international refugee law and the innovative ways that government officials, jurists, activists, and displaced populations have put it to use since its interwar origins. Meredith launched the Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History in Fall 2016.



## GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2015-2016)

### Anna Lise Purkey

Anna Lise Purkey successfully completed her Doctorate of Civil Law at McGill University. Her thesis, entitled "Legal Empowerment for a Dignified Life: Fiduciary Duty and Human Rights-based Capabilities in Protracted Refugee Situations", combined a modified version of the capabilities approach with the fiduciary theory of state legal authority to develop a human rights-based capabilities approach that constitutes a partial theory of justice. Anna's current research focuses on the role that refugee and other displaced communities can play in transitional justice processes and, in particular, on the importance of empowering individuals to access and to use the law to advance their rights and interests. Anna holds a B.C.L./LL.B. from McGill University as well as an LL.M. from University of Toronto. She accepted an Assistant Professor position at St. Jerome's University (Waterloo) during summer 2016.

# WHAT WE DO

In 2016, the Centre hosted 82 events including six (6) art exhibitions, five (5) book launches, six (6) major conferences and seven (7) film screenings organized with 36 partners representing government agencies, research groups, foundations, national and international NGOs, law firms, student groups, etc. The Centre launched in September 2016 a series called Human Rights Networking Events to provide opportunities for students and alumni interested in human rights to hear about notable practitioners who share their professional experience with them. A number of our events drew significant media attention. For an overview of the Centre's events, reports and outputs, see the complete list at the end of this document and visit our website.

## SELECTED EVENTS



### **To End a Civil War | January 13, 2016**

Book Launch with the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) and the School of International Development and Global Studies (SIDGS) at uOttawa with speakers Mark Salter, journalist and author, and Erik Solheim, former Norwegian Minister for International Development and for the Environment and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

### **Facilitating Mobility, Fostering Diversity:**

#### **Lessons from the Global North's Response to Migration Challenges | January 18, 2016**

Presentation with François Crépeau, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, Director of the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, and Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University.

### **2016 Human Rights Award | March 9, 2016**

José David González, recipient of the Human Rights Award 2016 conferred by the Central University of Venezuela's Center for Peace and Human Rights and by the Embassy of Canada in Venezuela.

### **Unlikely Heros: From Wallenberg to Today | March 16, 2016**

Presentation sponsored by the Embassy of Sweden in collaboration with the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship at Carleton University, and the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.

### **Shrinking Space for Civil Society?**

#### **Importance of Media Pluralism for Democracy in Eastern Europe and the Middle East | October 20, 2016**

Panel organised with the European Endowment for Democracy, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Ottawa in cooperation with the Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

### **Why Journalism Matters in the Fight for Human Rights | November 16, 2016**

Lecture by Mohamed Fahmy, award-winning journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia, in collaboration with the uOttawa Alumni Association and Amnesty International Canada.

### **Children's Rights: Making Canada Work Better for Young People | November 22, 2016**

Full day program with the uOttawa Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child.

### **The Participatory Making of a New Constitution: The Chilean Experience | November 23, 2016**

Full day workshop held in collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

# WHAT WE DO

## The Arts and Human Rights Program

This initiative seeks 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 held in 2016 were:

### SELECTED EVENTS



#### Road to Justice | February 4 to May 25, 2016

Exhibition co-sponsored with the Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre and the Chinese Canadian National Council (Ottawa Chapter). The Exhibit is the work of the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic based on its website ([www.roadtojustice.ca](http://www.roadtojustice.ca)) with funding from Unifor.

#### Cesar's Photos: Inside Syria's Secret Prisons | May 30, 2016

Exhibition organized in partnership with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity and the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS).

#### Indigeneity + Human Rights | June 20 to September 8, 2016

In the context of the first Arts and Human Rights Summer School, an art exhibition curated especially to complement the course was created under the title INDIGENEITY + HUMAN RIGHTS.

#### The Southeast Asian Refugee crisis and Canada's Response | September 9 to October 28, 2016

Exhibition organized in collaboration with the Planning Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of People of Canada's Nansen Medal.

#### This is Yemen 2016 | November 25, 2016 to January 31, 2017

Exhibition by photographer Thana Farooq, organized in partnership with the Sana'a Centre for Strategic Studies, the Forum of Federations and the Yemen Peace Project.

#### University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | December 1 to 4, 2016

The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival featured five films/documentaries highlighting compelling human rights issues around the theme of violence against women, and was a principal initiative within the 16 Days Campaign to Eliminate Violence Against Women in Canada, an international campaign which calls for the elimination of gender-based violence by raising awareness at the local, national, and international levels.

# TEACHING

In 2016, the Centre offered six (6) online courses (235 students in total). In addition, HRREC held the 10<sup>th</sup> Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) with 45 participants, launched the first Arts and Human Rights Summer School with 23 participants, and conducted 4 projects its Human Rights Clinic. The Clinic, started in fall 2014, offers skills development workshops for the participating students and receives support from the Law Foundation of Ontario.

## COURSES

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

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

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

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

**DCC 3512 | Droits de la personne et justice en Afrique : Théorie et pratique (offered in French)**

**DCC 3112 | Human Rights Justice in Africa: Theory and Practice (offered in English)**

## 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 an introduction to the fundamentals of IHL and opportunities to apply this knowledge through realistic case studies and a simulation exercise.

## AHR SUMMER SCHOOL

**DCC 3113 + CML 4109 | Summer School on the Arts + Human Rights (offered in English)**

The goal of this course is to explore issues around the Arts as a manifestation of human rights and as an instrument for the promotion of human rights. The first edition of the summer school was launched in 2016 under the theme **Indigenous Arts and Culture**.

# EXPANDING OUR REACH

## SCHOLARS AT RISK

The Centre is the lead unit on campus for the Scholars at Risk (SAR) Ottawa Program, a joint initiative of the University of Ottawa and Carleton University since 2014. This international network of higher education institutions is dedicated to protecting threatened scholars, preventing attacks on higher education communities and promoting academic freedom worldwide. The SAR Ottawa Program welcomed its first scholar in the 2015-2016 academic year, Iranian lawyer Hossein Raeesi, and hosted or co-organized nine events to raise awareness on the values of academic freedom.

The SAR Canada Section convened during the 2016 Global Congress: Universities in a Dangerous World, hosted by McGill University (June 7-10) and elected a Steering Committee composed of representatives from the Universities of Windsor, Carleton, McGill and Ottawa. The Section also sponsored high profile events in Ottawa, including a keynote Session on "Science, Human Rights and Academic Freedom" featuring the Hon. Irwin Cotler, Prof. Homa Hoodfar (Concordia University), Viviana Fernandez and Ian Semeniuk (Journalist) in the context of the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Science Policy Conference (November). On December 8, Canadian MPs Gary Anandasangaree, Peter Kent and Murray Rankin co-hosted a panel discussion involving three scholars-at-risk, moderated by the Hon. Irwin Cotler. The scholars and the work of the Network were recognized in the House of Commons during Question Period. That afternoon, a public event, entitled "Academic Freedom in a Volatile World", was held at uOttawa featuring the three scholars-at-risk hosted by Canadian Universities.

## VISITING SCHOLARS

HRREC welcomed Bruce Campbell, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), as holder of the Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship from the Law Foundation of Ontario. Bruce furthered his study of the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster of July 6, 2013, and organized several presentations and a large conference in December 2016. The Centre also hosted Audace Gatavu, a Burundian human rights lawyer, LL.M. in International Human Rights Law (*cum laude*) from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Audace received a Dean's Award for a project titled "Accountability for Gross Violation of Human Rights". In recognition of his accomplishments at Notre Dame Law School, he received the Center for Civil and Human Rights Fellowship to conduct research on the peace process and accountability for human rights violations in Burundi at HRREC during the summer and fall of 2016.

## FOSTERING GRADUATE RESEARCH

The Centre supported student members' presentations at academic conferences including: "Exploring Law and Change through Interdisciplinary Research", "New Legal Realism and Other Perspectives" (Toronto, February); Conference on "Requirements for an independent and effective judiciary" (Nairobi, Kenya, February); "Legislating and Judging History: Memory Laws in Comparative Perspective" Conference/workshop hosted by the University of Amsterdam Faculty of Law and Access Europe (Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June).

The "**Research Dialogues**" series, which offers occasional (monthly or so) talks by Centre Members about their on-going research, scheduled six presentations during 2016.

Members contributed to the "**Working Papers Series**" available in the electronic portal uOResearch managed by uOttawa.

Student Amani Delbani (Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section) collaborated with Director John Packer during the year for a book entitled **Language Rights** to be published by De Gruyter Mouton (Berlin), and the 2015 edition of the **Canadian Yearbook of Human Rights**.

# FUNDING APPLICATIONS, RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS & PUBLICATIONS

The Centre is actively engaged in six (6) research partnerships resulting from successful funding applications to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The themes and principal investigators are listed below:

"Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership" led by Professor Fannie Lafontaine (Université Laval) including HRREC members Professors **Jennifer Bond**, **John Packer**, **Penelope Simons**, and **João Velloso**.

"Rape Culture in Universities" led by Professor Shaheen Shariff (McGill University) and including HRREC members Professors **Jane Bailey** and **Valerie Steeves**.

"Accès au droit et à la justice" (ADAJ) led by Professor Pierre Noreau (Université de Montréal) and including HRREC member Professor **João Velloso**.

"The eQualityProject" led by Professors **Valerie Steeves** and **Jane Bailey**.

"The Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society" led by Professor Lorne Dawson (University of Waterloo).

"Gender, Migration & the Work of Care" led by Professor Ito Peng (University of Toronto) and including HRREC member Professor **André Laliberté**.

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Some of our members also were awarded research funding:

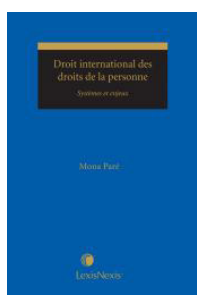
Professor **Jennifer Bond** received an Early Researcher Award (ERA) from the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation for a five-year project entitled "Access to Justice in Canada's Refugee System."

Professor **Sophie Thériault** is part of a team of researchers who were awarded \$2.5 million over six years from SSHRC for a project on mining and Indigenous peoples entitled "Knowledge Network on Mining Encounters and Indigenous Sustainable Livelihoods: Cross-Perspectives from the Circumpolar North and Melanesia/Australia (MinErAL)".

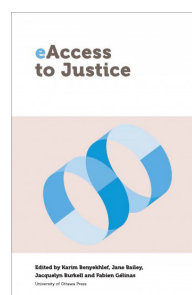
Ph.D. student member **Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** was a co-applicant in a successful SSHRC Insight Development Grant competition. His project focusses on "Regional and National Courts and Africa's Economic Integration: A Study of the East African Community".

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Here are selected publications by our members in 2016:



Professor **Mona Paré** published a book entitled **Droit international des droits de la personne : Système et enjeux** (LexisNexis).



Professor **Jane Bailey** co-edited the book **eAccess to Justice** (University of Ottawa Press).

# AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

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

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA'S COLLEGE OF NEW SCHOLARS, ARTISTS & SCIENTISTS

Professor **Jane Bailey** was selected as a new member of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Jane also received the Canadian Bar Association's (CBA) 2016 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the law or legal scholarship in Canada.

## NOMINATION TO HEAD IGO INSTITUTION

Professor **John Packer** was nominated by the Hon. Stéphane Dion PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to be the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – the highest nomination of a Canadian in the 40 year history of the OSCE.

## CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE INNOVATION (CIGI) AWARD

Ph.D. student member **Uchenna Ijoma** received a CIGI award for her research project entitled "Leveraging the Multilateral Patent Regime to Advance Food Security: Implications of the EU-ECOWAS Economic Partnership Agreement", supervised by Professor Chidi Oguamanam.

## ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Student member **Melisa Handl** was granted an Ontario Graduate Scholarship for her Ph.D. project entitled "Gender Equality in the Context of Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) in Argentina: Are Women Being Empowered or Entrapped?" supervised by Professor Angela Cameron.

## AUDREY J. BOYCE GRADUATE LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Student member **Aboubacar Dakuyo** was granted the Audrey J. Boyce Graduate Law Scholarship for his Ph.D. project entitled "Justice transitionnelle et responsabilités pour crimes internationaux : Élaboration d'un cadre normatif d'imputabilité conjuguant répression et paix" supervised by Professor **Pacifique Manirakiza**.

## RAOUL BARBE & YOLANDE LAROSE SCHOLARSHIP ON THE STUDY OF THE JUDICIARY

Ph.D. student member **Jessica Dufresne** was granted the Raoul Barbe and Yolande Larose Scholarship on the Study of the Judiciary for her doctoral project entitled "Les rôles de l'État et de la société civile dans la protection du droit à l'alimentation au Canada : Complémentarité ou rupture ?" supervised by Professor **David Robitaille**.

## ORDER OF ONTARIO

Professor **Jennifer Bond** was appointed to the Order of Ontario for her work on refugee law, criminal law and human rights law, and contributions to legal and policy reform in support of vulnerable persons through advocacy and litigation, including the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program (SSP). Jennifer was also named Chair of the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative.

## SCHOLARS AT RISK CANADA SECTION

HRREC Assistant Director, **Viviana Fernandez**, was elected to the Canadian Section for Scholars at Risk (SAR) Committee during the 2016 Global Congress held at McGill University in June.

## BEST #SPANISHARTIST

HRREC member **Ramon Blanco-Barrera** was recognized among the 32 Best #SpanishArtist under 35 years of age for the 1st @FLAMANTES\_LIBRO: #BookOfArtists. Ramon visited our Centre during the fall of 2015 and is an active contributor in the Arts & Human Rights Program. From October to December 2016, Ramon was a Scholar-in-Residence at the Art Practice Department of the University of California (Berkeley).

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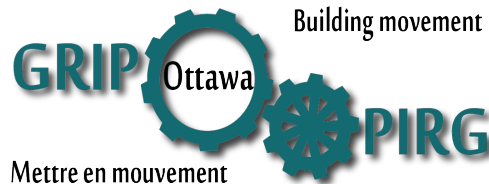
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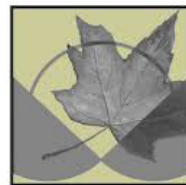


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# OUR ENGAGEMENTS

A selection of our engagements in 2016.

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**John Packer  
Leads Canadian  
Academics' Visit  
to Taiwan**

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Gaudreau  
Scholarship in  
IHRL

Innovative  
Summer School on  
Indigenous Arts &  
Culture

Meredith Terretta  
Appointed Gordon  
F. Henderson Chair  
in Human Rights

HRREC Members  
Address the Death  
Penalty at Cornell  
Law School

Siobhán Airey  
Participates  
in Workshop  
on Women &  
International Law  
in Australia

Anna Purkey Named  
a Grotius Research  
Scholar at Michigan  
Law School

# EVENTS 2016

## JANUARY

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### **To End a Civil War**

Mark Stalter (Journalist, Analyst and Writer); Erik Solheim (Former Norwegian Minister for International Development and for the Environment, Chairperson of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - OECD)

**Partners:** Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa; School of International Development and Global Studies (SIDGS), Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

(Book Launch | 45 participants)

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### **Facilitating Mobility, Fostering Diversity: Lessons from the Global North's Response to Migration Challenges**

François Crépeau (UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, Director, McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, and Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University)

**Partners:** International Commission of Jurists Canada (ICJ Canada); Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

## FEBRUARY

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### **Meet Our Scholar**

Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk 2015-2016)

(Scholar at Risk uOttawa Event | 11 participants)

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### **Pushing the Diversity Agenda Forward in the Legal Profession: Learning from Global Perspectives and Opportunities**

Audra Golding (Partner, Fragomen Worldwide)

**Partners:** Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women & the Legal Profession; Cavanagh LLP Professionalism Speaker Series; Law and Social Justice Group; Black Law Students Association, uOttawa

(CML Speaker Series & Black History Month Activity | 45 participants)

3

### **Road to Justice: The Legal Struggle for Equal Rights for Chinese Canadians**

Avvy Go (Clinic Director of Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic); Yew Lee (Plaintiff); Jamie Liew (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre; Chinese Canadian National Council (Ottawa Chapter)

(Exhibition Launch | 65 participants)

9

**Mines et Autochtones : Enjeux | Indigenous People and Mining: Challenges**

Marie-Josée Massicotte (School of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Sophie Thériault (Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Karine Vanthuyne (School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Moderator: Indrid Hall (Department of Anthropology, Université de Montréal)

**Partner:** School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

11

**The Refugee Crisis and Mental Health**

Hossein Raessi (Scholar at Risk 2015-2016); Renos K. Papadopoulos (Professor and Director, Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees, University of Essex); Doug Gruner (Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care); Colleen Flood (Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section & Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics)

**Partners:** Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (HLPE); Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine; Brain and Mind Research Institute (BMRI); Refugee Hub, uOttawa

(Scholars at Risk uOttawa Event | 40 participants)

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**Special Presentation: The Refugee Crisis and Mental Health**

Renos K. Papadopoulos (Professor and Director, Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees, University of Essex)

**Partners:** Brain and Mind Research Institute (BMRI); Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, uOttawa

(Public Presentation | 45 participants)

24

**Statelessness Summit**

Several speakers.

**Partners:** Canadian Centre on Statelessness; University of Ottawa; Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG-Ottawa); UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

(Conference | 100 participants)

**MARCH**

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**The Problem Is Getting There: Learning about Mobility, Justice, and Hope from Refugee and Host Community Networks**

Nadia Abu-Zahra (Associate Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

(Public Presentation | 10 participants)

4

**Activism in the Shadows of Universalism: Where Is Human Rights, Then and Now?**

Meredith Terretta (Associate Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa)

(Public Presentation | 13 participants)

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**Human Rights and the Public Sphere in Africa** with several speakers.

**Partner:** Institute of African Studies (Carleton University)  
(Conference | 125+ participants)

8

**International Women's Day 2016 — Happy Feminist New Year: Because it's 2016!**

**Partner:** International Women's Day Ottawa (IWD Ottawa)  
(International Women's Day | 200+ participants)

8

**Panel # 2: Overcoming Violence against Women: Strong Communities, Legal Protection, and Crime Prevention**

Adelle Blackett (Professor of Law & William Dawson Scholar, McGill University); Veronica Martinez-Solares (Latin American Program Director, International Organization for Victim Assistance); Donny Meertens (Retired Professor, Javariana University in Bogota); Moderator: John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partner:** International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

(International Women's Day | 100+ participants)

9

**Border Disruptions of Indigenous Peoples: The Impact of the Canada-US Border**

Gloria Lopez (2016 Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice)

**Partners:** Fulbright Canada; Office of the Vice-President, Research; Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(CML Speaker Series | 15 participants)

9

**Investigating War Crimes in Syria – In Search of Accountability**

William Wiley (Founder and Director, Commission for International Justice and Accountability); Nerma Jelacic (Director of External Relations and Communications, Commission for International Justice and Accountability)

**Partner:** Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Public Presentation | 55 participants)

10

Research Dialogues | Dialogues de recherche: **Auras of Legality: Juridical Osmosis in the Global Governance of Official Development Assistance**

Siobhan Airey (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

11

**Empowering People with Disabilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Prospects and Perils**

Ravi Malhotra (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

(Public Presentation | 11 participants)

14

**The Human Rights Situation in Crimea**

Dmitri Makarov (International Youth Human Rights Movement, Russia); Tetiana Pechonchyk (Human Rights Information Centre, Russia); Olga Skrypnyk (Crimea Human Rights Group, Ukraine); Zoryan Kis (Freedom House, Ukraine); Moderator: Dominique Arel (Chair of Ukrainian Studies, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Chair of Ukrainian Studies, uOttawa; Freedom House

(Public Presentation | 40 participants)

15

**The Due Process Errors in Courts in the State of Mexico & The State of Human Rights in Mexico**

Sergio Javier Medina Peñaloza (Chief Justice of the Judiciary of the State of Mexico); Arturo Argente (Dean, Law Faculty, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Toluca Campus)

**Partner:** Faculty of Law - Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Public Presentation | 40 participants)

15

**Dying for a Better Life: Refugees and the Laws of Armed Conflict**

Catherine Gribbin (Sr. Legal Advisor, IHL, Canadian Red Cross); Jamie Chai Yun Liew (Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Nadia Abu-Zahra (Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Furio De Angelis (UNHCR Representative in Canada); Susan Johnson (Deputy Secretary General & Vice-President, Canadian Red Cross); Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Svetlana Ageeva (Advisor, IHL, Canadian Red Cross)

**Partner:** Canadian Red Cross; University of Ottawa

(Conference | 80 participants)

16

**Unlikely Heroes: From Wallenberg to Today. A panel discussion on the legacy and lessons from Raoul Wallenberg, and their relevance for today's Syrian refugee crisis.**

H.E. Ambassador Per Sjögren (Embassy of Sweden); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Ingrid Carlberg (Author & Journalist from Sweden); Honourable Louise Arbour (UN Special Representative for International Migration); Honourable Irwin Cotler (former Minister of Justice); Jennifer Bond (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Nadia Abu-Zahra (Associate Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship, Carleton University; Embassy of Sweden in Ottawa; Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights; Hachette Book Group

(Book Launch | 60 participants)

17

**Why Would People Want to Move to a Strange Country Like Canada?**

Denise Chong (Author of "Lives of the Family – Stories of Fate & Circumstances")

**Partner:** Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre (OCCSC); Chinese Canadian National Council (Ottawa Chapter)

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

21

**The Refugee Crisis – Local Responses to a Global Problem**

Filippo Grandi (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

**Partners:** Refugee 613; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Public Event | 200 participants)

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**Canada in Global Affairs: New Challenges, New Ways**

Several speakers.

**Partners:** International Commission of Jurists Canada; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS); Executive Office of the President, uOttawa; The Hague Institute for Global Justice

(Conference | 125+ participants)

30

**Meet Our Scholar**

Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk 2015-2016)

(Scholars at Risk uOttawa Event)

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Research Dialogues | Dialogues de recherche: **La mise en œuvre d'une justice transitionnelle fondée sur les normes communautaires locales : Cas d'études des normes Dinka et Nuer au Soudan du Sud**

Aboubacar Dakuyo (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

## APRIL

6

**Open House: Human Rights Clinic**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Salvador Herencia (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

(Open House | 20 participants)

7

Research Dialogues | Dialogues de recherche: **Les réponses institutionnelles aux abus contre les travailleuses domestiques migrantes : Une comparaison multi-scalaire entre Shanghai, Hong Kong et Taiwan**

André Laliberté (Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

12

**Capital Punishment in China and Iran: Current Practices and Prospects for Reform**

Hossein Raeesi (Scholar at Risk 2015-2016); Sandra Babcock (Professor, Cornell Law School); Omid Milani (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa); Lilou Jiang (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

(Public Presentation at Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY | 50 participants)

13

**Children's Rights in the Service of Education**

Angela Aucoin (Professor, Université de Moncton); Virginia Caputo (Professor, Carleton University); Dr. Gilles Julien (Fondation du Dr. Julien); Vincent Kazmierski (Professor, Carleton University); Richard Maclure (Professor, Faculty of Education, uOttawa); Cornelia Schneider (Professor, Mount St. Vincent University)

**Partners:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC); Chaire de recherche en Éducation et Francophonie, uOttawa

(Conference | 80 participants)

25

**Human Rights Research and Education Centre Annual General Assembly**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

(Meeting for HRREC Members | 23 participants)

## MAY

2

**Reclaiming the Blue Helmet: Canada's Role in Peacekeeping and UN Accountability**

Mario Joseph (Managing Attorney, Bureau des Avocats Internationaux – BAI); Beatrice Lindstrom (Staff Attorney, Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti); Stephen Lewis (Co-founder and Co-Director, AIDS-Free World); Peggy Mason (President, Rideau Institute); Allan Rock (President, uOttawa); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partner:** AIDS-Free World

(Public Presentation | 55 participants)

4

**Land and Social Justice in the Colombian Peace Process – A conversation with Alfredo Molano on the critical elements for an inclusive peace**

Alfredo Molano (Colombian Sociologist, Writer & Journalist); Benoit Andre (Executive Director, Peace Brigades International Canada); Nelson Arturo Ovalle Diaz (Part-time Professor, uOttawa); Ed Bianchi (Chair of the Board, Peace Brigades International)

**Partner:** Peace Brigades International Canada

(Public Presentation | 21 participants)

10

**Canada's Origin Story**

Kathleen Mahoney (Professor of Law, University of Calgary)

**Partner:** Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

(Public Presentation | 15 participants)

11

**Perspectives on the Crisis in Venezuela**

Luis Florido & Williams Dávila (Comisión Permanente de Política Exterior, Soberanía e Integración, Asamblea Nacional); Luis Emilio Rondon & Freddy Guevara (Deputies of the Asamblea Nacional de Venezuela); Moderator: Isaac Nahon-Serfaty (Professor, Department of Communication, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum

(Public Presentation | 98 participants)

16

**Mining Conflicts in Peru**

Fabiana Li (Professor, University of Manitoba)

(Private Meeting by invitation only)

17

**The Netherlands and Canada: Partners for Peace – UN Peacekeeping Seminar**

The Hon. Lt. Gen. Roméo Dallaire; Dutch Maj. Gen. Patrick Cammaert; Carolyn McAskie (Senior Fellow, uOttawa); Walter Dorn (Professor, Canadian Forces College)

**Partners:** Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Global Affairs Canada; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

(Seminar by invitation only | 80 participants)

18

**Meeting with Mustafa Djemilev & Screening of “A Struggle for Home: The Crimean Tatars” (film directed by Christina Paschyn)**

Mustafa Dzhemilev (Former Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People and Member of the Ukrainian Parliament since 1998); Moderator: Richard French (Graduate School for International and Public Affairs, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Chair of Ukrainian Studies, uOttawa; Embassy of Ukraine in Canada; Ukrainian Canadian Film Festival

(Screening and Public Presentation | 75 participants)

30

**Caesar’s Photos: Inside Syria’s Secret Prisons**

Naomi Kikoler (US Holocaust Memorial Museum); Kyle Matthews (Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies); Mouaz Moustafa (Syrian Emergency Task Force)

**Partners:** All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and other Crimes Against Humanity; Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS); Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum

(Photo Exhibition | 20 participants)

31

**Bahrain: The Missed Valentine – A Photo Gallery and a Conference Event at the University of Ottawa**

Hugh Ali (Executive Director, Justice Human Rights Organization); Gerasimos Muzaula (Advocacy Officer, Justice Human Rights Organization); Naser Al-Raas (Human Rights Activist and Victim of torture)

**Partner:** Justice Human Rights Organization

(Launch: Photo Exhibition | 20 participants)

## JUNE

1

**Current Challenges to Human Rights in Yemen and Iraq**

Belkis Wille (Researcher, Human Rights Watch)

**Partner:** Human Rights Watch

(Public Presentation | 60 participants)

20

**INDIGENEITY + HUMAN RIGHTS (Arts and Human Rights Summer School)**

with several artists

(Launch: Art Exhibition | 40 participants)

**Incorporating the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into Canadian Law; Bill C-262**

Romeo Saganash (Member of Parliament: Abitibi, Baie-James, Nunavik, Eeyou)

(Public Presentation | 65 participants)

## SEPTEMBER

8

**Open House: Human Rights Clinic**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Salvador Herencia (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

(Open House | 10 participants)

9

**The Southeast Asian Refugee Crisis and Canada's Response | La crise des réfugiés du Sud-Est asiatique et la réponse du Canada**

Johannes van der Klaauw (Representative a.i., UNHCR); Mike Molloy (President, Canadian Immigration Historical Society); Barbara Gamble (Former Member, Project 4000); Welcome: Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Planning Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of People of Canada's Nansen Medal (Vietnamese Canadian Federation, Cambodian Association of Ottawa Valley, Laotian Association of Ottawa Valley, Canadian Immigration Historical Society, Operation Lifeline, Project 4000, Mennonite Central Committee of Canada, and UNHCR Canada)

(Launch: Exhibition | 45 participants)

13

**Inaugural Address of Meredith Terretta, Holder of the Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights**

Meredith Terretta (Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights)

(Launch Event | 60 participants)

14

**Conceptualizing Political Trust in the Modern Welfare State**

David Vitale (Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science); Patrick Fafard (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Moderator: Michael Pal (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (HLPE); Public Law Group, uOttawa

(CML Speakers Series | 55 participants)

15

**The Drowned, the Saved and the Forgotten: Genocide Survivors and the Foundations of Modern Humanitarianism**

Keith David Watenpugh (Professor &amp; Founding Director of Human Rights Studies, University of California-Davis)

**Partner:** Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights

(Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History | 10 participants)

29

**Working for Human Rights Abroad**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Joelle Martin (Senior Policy Analyst, Global Affairs Canada)

**Partners:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section; Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section; Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

(Human Rights Networking Event | 45 participants)

4

## **Human Trafficking in Colonial Vietnam**

Micheline Lessard (Associate Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Department of History, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa

(Book Launch | 20 participants)

5

## **Of Sacred Cows: Palestinian Statehood and the “Peace Process”**

Philip Leech (Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow 2016-2017)

(CML Speakers Series | 30 participants)

13

## **A Propaganda System – How Canada’s Government, Corporations, Media & Academia Sell War & Exploitation**

Yves Engler (Author & Activist)

**Partners:** Network to Oppose War and Racism (NOWAR-PAIX); Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade; Rabble.ca; Revolutionary Student Movement uOttawa; Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG-Ottawa)

(Book Launch and Discussion)

18

## **Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industries: Impacts and Alternatives**

Several invited speakers with Sophie Thériault (Professor, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa)

**Partners:** School of Political Studies; School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

(Graduate Student Colloquium | 40 participants)

20

## **International Law and “Population Transfer”: A History of the Present**

Umut Özsu (Assistant Professor of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University)

**Partner:** Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights

(Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History | 20 participants)

20

## **Shrinking Space for Civil Society? Importance of Media Pluralism for Democracy in Eastern Europe and the Middle East**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Jerzy Pomianowski (European Endowment for Democracy); Brian Lee Crowley (Macdonald-Laurier Institute); Moderator: Michael Petrou (Freelance Journalist & former Maclean’s Senior Writer)

**Partners:** European Endowment for Democracy; Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Ottawa; Macdonald-Laurier Institute

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

20

## **Disability Politics in a Global Economy: Essays in Honour of Marta Russell**

Ravi Malhotra (Professor, Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, uOttawa); Richard Jochelson (Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba); Jihan Abbas (Ph.D., Independent Scholar); Matthew Smith (Articling Student, Cavanagh LLP)

**Partner:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

(Book Launch | 75 participants)

21

**Human Rights Challenges Facing the Palestinian Citizens of Israel**

Yousef Jabareen (Palestinian citizen of Israel &amp; elected representative of the Palestinian minority in Israel since 2015)

**Partner:** Canada Talks Israel/Palestine

(Public Presentation | 20 participants)

27

**Project Leads Gender, Migration & the Work of Care**

André Laliberté (Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa) and other partners for the SSHRC grant.

**Partners:** Gender, Migration & the Work of Care; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

(Workshop by invitation only | 25 participants)

## NOVEMBER

5

**Session - Health and Emergencies in International Law: Selected Issues**

Mona Paré (Professor, Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section &amp; Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child, uOttawa); Steven Hoffmann (Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics, uOttawa); Jason Nickerson (Humanitarian Affairs Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières); Myroslava Tataryn (Institutional Partnerships Manager, Handicap International Canada); Chair: John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC); Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (HLPE), uOttawa; Médecins sans Frontière (MSF); Handicap International Canada(Panel as part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Council on International Law — “The Promise of International Law: Solutions for the World’s Crises” | 25 participants at the session)

7

**Research Dialogues | Dialogues de recherche: Le Siyar contre Daech! Réflexion sur les pages occultées du droit international humanitaire & Le processus de paix inclusif, un défi pour une paix durable au Burundi**

Jabeur Fathally (Professor, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Audace Gatavu (Human Rights Lawyer, Member of the Ordre des Avocats du Burundi, Graduated in Law from Notre Dame University)

9

**The Lac-Mégantic Catastrophe: Regulatory Failure, Corporate Negligence and Justice for the People of Lac-Mégantic**

Bruce Campbell (Visiting Researcher, uOttawa); Sylvie Fournier (Journalist, Radio-Canada)

**Partners:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section & Civil Law Section, uOttawa

(CML Speakers Series | 25 participants)

11

**Refugees, Sovereignty, and Humanitarian Anxiety: Regroupment Camps and the Limits of Universal Rights in the Algerian War of Independence**

Darcie Fontaine (Assistant Professor of History, University of South Florida)

**Partner:** Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights

(Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History | 13 participants)

16

**Why Journalism Matters in the Fight for Human Rights**

Mohamed Fahmy (Award-Winning Journalist &amp; Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia)

**Partners:** Amnesty International Canada; Amnistie Internationale Canada francophone; University of Ottawa Alumni Association; Random House Canada

(Public Presentation | 150 participants)

22

**Children's Rights: Making Canada Work Better for Young People**

Irwin Elman (Ontario's Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth); Senator Jim Munson (Chair of the Senate Human Rights Committee)

**Partners:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa; Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children

(Cycle annuel de conférences de la Section de droit civil | 80 participants)

22

**Children's Rights: Making Canada Work Better for Young People**

Panelists were followed by a speech by The Hon Terry Duguid (Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development)

**Partners:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa; Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children

(Workshop | 45 participants)

23

**Constitution Making in Chile**

Tomás Jordán; Rodrigo Araya; Salvador Millaleo (Professors, Universidad de Chile); Hernán Larraín (Chilean Senator); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Sumit Bisarya; Tom Ginsburg (Professor, University of Chicago); Eugenio Tironi (Author)

**Partner:** International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

(Public Presentation | 50 participants)

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**Partner:** International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

(Workshop | 25 participants)

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**Karama Has No Wall**

Abdurahman Hussain (Award-Winning Filmmaker & Producer, AKA Afro)

**Partners:** Forum of Federations; Sana'a Centre for Strategic Studies

(Film Screening | 25 participants)

25

**This is Yemen 2016 + Photographs by Artist Thana Farooq**

Farea Al-Muslimi (Chairman of the Sana'a Centre for Strategic Studies); Abdurahman Hussain (Award-Winning Filmmaker & Producer, AKA Afro); Methal Al-Hammadi (Yemeni Musician, Singer & Songwriter); Abdullah Al-Mansoor (Director of Development, Sana'a Centre for Strategic Studies)

**Partners:** Forum of Federations; Sana'a Centre for Strategic Studies

(Public Presentation & Exhibition Launch | 20 participants)

29

Research Dialogues | Dialogues de recherche: **When Human Rights Become Oppressive: The Indigenous Experience in Canada & "Pas de paix sans pain". The Role of Local Civil Society Organizations in Peace building Processes in South Kivu.**

Larry Chartrand (Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Kirsten Van Houten (Ph.D. Candidate, School of International Development and Global Studies, uOttawa)

### Access to Justice and Gender-Based Violence: Two Case Studies in Guyana and India

Gloria Song (Research Award Recipient for the Governance and Justice Program, International Development Research Centre); Adréanne Martel (Research Award Recipient for the Policy and Evaluation Division, International Development Research Centre)

**Partner:** International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

## DECEMBER

1

### 4<sup>th</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | **He Named Me Malala**

Johannes van der Klaauw (Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees); Rachel Vincent (Director, Media & Communications, Nobel Women's Initiative); Efreem Berhe (Student at Carleton University & former refugee from Eritrea)

**Partners:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory of the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Nobel Women's Initiative

(Film Festival | 50 participants)

2

### **Canada's Recent Exam before the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women**

Students participating in the Human Rights Clinic Project: Business and Human Rights in Latin America.

(Public Presentation | 30 participants)

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### 4<sup>th</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | **From Far Away Shores**

Kimberly Inksater (Executive Director, Just Governance Group)

**Partner:** International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

(Film Festival | 30 participants)

3

### 4<sup>th</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | **Le monologue de la muette**

Nathalie Mondain (Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Audiovisual Media Lab for the Study of Cultures and Societies, Department of Communications, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa; Institute of African Studies, Carleton University; Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights

(Film Festival | 20 participants)

3

### 4<sup>th</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | **The Trials of Spring**

Valerie Steeves (Professor, Department of Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa & Co-leader of the eQuality Project); Philip Leech (Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow 2016-2017)

**Partners:** School of International Development and Global Studies, uOttawa; eQuality Project, uOttawa; Human Rights Watch

(Film Festival | 30 participants)

4

### 4<sup>th</sup> University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival 2016 | **Vie Sauvage**

Mona Paré (Professor, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa)

**Partner:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa

(Film Festival | 15 participants)

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### Discussion on Academic Freedom, Private Lunch & SAR Program + Scholars recognized at the Question Period

Gary Anandasangaree (Liberal MP: Scarborough Rouge Park); Peter Kent (Conservative MP: Thornhill); Murray Rankin (NDP MP: Victoria); Irv Epstein (Scholars at Risk Network); Melanie Adrian (Scholars at Risk National Steering Committee Member Representative); Hon. Irwin Cotler (Former Justice Minister); Viviana Fernandez (Scholars at Risk National Steering Committee Member); Margaret Coons (Program Officer, Scholars at Risk Network)

**Partners:** MPs P. Kent, M. Rankin & G. Anandasangaree; Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network; SAR Canada Section

(Private Meeting | 45 participants)

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### Academic Freedom in a Volatile World

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Irv Epstein (Scholars at Risk Network & Ben and Susan Rhodes Professor of Peace and Social Justice, Illinois Wesleyan University); Homa Hoodfar (Professor, Concordia University); Asmaa Abumuamar (Scholar at Risk)

**Partner:** Scholars at Risk Network Canada Section

(Public Presentation | 50 participants)

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### Have the Lessons of the Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster Been Learned?

Several speakers.

**Partners:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section & Civil Law Section, uOttawa; Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

(Conference | 80 participants)





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