

# HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2017



uOttawa



# FROM THE DIRECTOR



The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation, and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, were the focus of much attention and a range of conferences and reflections across Canada in 2017. Indeed, the juxtaposition of those two anniversaries – separated by 115 years – serves to point out the relatively still new place of Human Rights within Canada's legal framework. The persistent inequality of Indigenous Peoples and the limited corpus of Human Rights in Canada (notably not expressly including economic or social rights) – to pick two issues – underlines how far there is to go to realise all human rights for everyone in Canada. In the wider context of the world, the struggle for Human Rights appears to be confronting push-back and some fall-back in several places, including amongst long-time stalwarts.

In this context, we were moved to organise and host a national conference in June entitled Realizing Rights 2017: Human Rights and Constitutionalism. We were delighted by the interest received, working with partners across geography and fields to address a range of pressing issues. We used the opportunity to establish the Canadian Association of Human Rights Institutes (CAHRI) comprising fifteen University-based centres across the country.

In our membership, programmes, activities and contacts, we experienced another year of strong growth. There seems no shortage of interest in Human Rights – and certainly no shortage of need for them. Our daily activities and contacts manifest tremendous good will and the broad resonance of the message of Human Rights for universal respect and protection of human dignity, with full lives for all.

In our third year implementing our Strategic Plan, our choice to remain open to all Human Rights, to facilitate the initiatives of all our members, to expand our partnerships and build upon these has been proven right. Not only is the approach sensible in generating synergies and using scarce resources to greatest effect, but the unconstrained idea of Human Rights as a cross-cutting concept helps generate its constructive, inspirational and mobilising force. We have been able to add value in many ways.

2017 was another year of dynamic, collegial activity in our Centre. This report captures a fair amount of it and the overall sense of our community including individual and collective achievements. We are especially pleased with the performances of our graduate students who consistently do well during their time with us before progressing to new opportunities in academia, practice or other professional life. The support we enjoy from the University, our partners and donors, combined with the enthusiasm of our members, makes this all possible.

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 in law, social sciences, management/business and the arts. 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 Centre contributes to the production of research findings and their dissemination. To this end, the Centre places a particular emphasis on issues of public policy and social justice. 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

## FACULTY

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## POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

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

**Marianne Quirouette**  
Banting Post-Doctoral Fellow  
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## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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## STAFF

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**Monique Dallaire**  
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# SELECTED PROFILES

Our 87 members are academics, students and actors in the wider community.



## 2017 FULBRIGHT CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Paul Finkelman

Paul Finkelman is a specialist in American legal history, U. S. constitutional law, race and the law, the law of American slavery, the First Amendment, religious liberty, the history of the Second Amendment, African American history, the American Civil War, and legal issues surrounding American sports. He has held endowed chairs at Duke Law School (The John Hope Franklin Chair in Legal History), LSU Law School, University of Tulsa College of Law, the University of Miami, the University of Saskatchewan College of Law (Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights) and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (John E. Murray Visiting Professor). He is the author of more than 200 scholarly articles and the author or editor of more than fifty books. Professor Finkelman gave a number of talks and lectures in Canada and the United States while holding the Fulbright Chair at HRREC and became the President of Gratz College in Philadelphia in December 2017.



## BANTING POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2017-2019)

### Marianne Quirouette

Marianne Quirouette was awarded a prestigious Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and is undertaking research under the supervision of Professor Marie-Ève Sylvestre in the Faculty of Law. Her research addresses the legal representation of marginalized people in the criminal justice system, with a focus on the specific role played by defence lawyers who interact with poor and marginalized people in lower courts. This research is highly original and important in the fields of criminal law and criminology, and is likely to have a significant impact on criminal justice in Canada and internationally.



## GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2016-2017)

### Philip Leech

Philip Leech is interested in international relations in the Middle East, the Israel-Palestine conflict, globalisation and human rights, statebuilding, peacebuilding, power and critical theory, and foreign policy analysis. He is the author of *The State of Palestine: a critical analysis* (Routledge, 2016) and the co-editor of *Political Identities and Popular Uprisings in the Middle East* (Rowman and Littlefield International, 2016). He has taught at both a graduate and undergraduate level at Liverpool, Plymouth and Exeter Universities and worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Politics at the University of New Brunswick during 2017-2018. While at HRREC, Philip launched the **Globalisation Café**, a series of podcasts which offers uncompromising political and economic analysis on the global issues that affect our everyday lives.

# TEACHING & TRAINING

During 2017, the Centre offered seven (7) online courses (208 students in total) and organized the **11<sup>th</sup> Summer School on International Humanitarian Law** (49 participants) and the **2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Arts and Human Rights Summer School** (21 participants). For this last course, the theme continued to be *Indigenous Arts and Culture*, in an effort to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action.

The **Human Rights Clinic** conducted four projects during spring/summer and six in the fall session, involving 33 students. The Clinic receives support from the Law Foundation of Ontario, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Internet, the SSHRC project "Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership" led by Professor Fannie Lafontaine (Université Laval) and the University of Ottawa. The Clinic organized a skills training workshop for participating students and project coordinators focusing on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). The session was held in March and was facilitated by Professor Tyler Giannini, Co-Director of Harvard's International Human Rights Clinic with the cooperation of Professor Penelope Simons and Salvador Herencia, Director of the Clinic. Details and partners for each project can be found on our website.



## ONLINE COURSES UNDER HRREC

DCC2303 | Legal Aspects of Human Rights (offered in English)

DCC2703 | Dimensions juridiques des droits de la personne (offered in French)

DCC3110 | Inter-American System of Human Rights (offered in English)

DCC3111 / HIS3397 | Human Rights in the Age of the Universal Declaration (offered in English)

DCC3511 / HIS3797 | Les droits de la personne pendant la période de la Déclaration universelle (offered in French)

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

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



# FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

The Centre is actively engaged in seven (7) research partnerships (one Partnership Development Grant and six Partnership Grants) funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The themes and principal investigators are listed below:

## **ACCÈS À LA JUSTICE DES ENFANTS ET VULNÉRABILITÉ**

Led by HRREC member Professor **Mona Paré**.

## **STRENGTHENING JUSTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES: A CANADIAN PARTNERSHIP**

Led by Professor Fannie Lafontaine (Université Laval) and 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 eQUALITY PROJECT**

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) including HRREC Director **John Packer**.

## **GENDER MIGRATION & THE WORK OF CARE**

Led by Professor Ito Peng (University of Toronto) and including HRREC member Professor **André Laliberté**.

HRREC joined 13 research groups and supported individuals for funding submissions to the Law Foundation of Ontario, SSHRC, the Ontario Ministry of Immigration and the Programme de contestation judiciaire (Heritage Canada), as well as internal funding programs at uOttawa. Notable successes were obtained by Professor **Penelope Simons** and Heather McLeod-Kilmurray for, respectively, conferences titled "Resource extraction and the human rights of women and girls" and "Taking Stock: The state of food law and policy in Canada" hosted at uOttawa campus in October and November 2017.

In addition, HRREC supported two applications for post-doctoral funding (SSHRC Banting and Post-doctoral fellowship) for candidates who would work under the supervision of HRREC members Professors **Meredith Terretta, Eric Allina** and **Darren O'Toole**. Results are pending.

The Centre also contributed to two submissions to the uOttawa Visiting Researcher Program for Professor Chloe Georas, University of Puerto Rico, with members **Jane Bailey** and **Valerie Steeves** (visit in winter 2018), and Dr. Se-Shauna Wheatle, Durham Law School, in support of Professor Vanessa MacDonnel. Results are pending.

# FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Congratulations to our members who received research funding:

## **SSHRC INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** received a \$66,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) as a co-applicant in the project "Regional and National Courts and Africa's Economic Integration: A Study of the East African Community".

## **JAMES M. FLAHERTY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Siobhán Airey** attended University College Dublin (UCD) of Business (Ireland) as a Visiting Researcher thanks to the prestigious James M. Flaherty Research Scholarship. The visit took place from March 24 to May 25, 2017 with the purpose to research the response of Irish Aid and Irish public policy on Official Development Aid (ODA) to an international change in donor ODA policy being promoted by key international development institutions such as the World Bank and the OECD's Development Assistance Committee.

## **IRC-EU MARIE-CURIE FELLOWSHIP**

**Siobhán Airey** presented at two conferences in the United Kingdom arising from her IRC-EU Marie-Curie Fellowship. The prestigious Fellowship – worth \$334,000 over three years – is co-funded by the Irish Research Council (IRC) and the European Union. The fellowship promotes research on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals/Agenda 2030.

## **FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH (FLR) GRANT**

**Jane Bailey** received a \$5,600 grant from the Foundation for Legal Research (FLR) for her work with Professor Carissima Mathen on a scholarly article and related online tool entitled "Technologically-facilitated Violence Against Women and Girls: Can Criminal Law Respond?".

## **SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT**

Pascale Fournier, uOttawa Research Chair in Legal Pluralism and Comparative Law, and co-applicant, **Jabeur Fathally**, were awarded \$184,757 for the 2017-2022 period. Their project is titled "At the Crossroads of Multiculturalism and Gender Equality: The Migration of Lebanese Religious Family Law through Public Order in Quebec".

## **SSHRC GRANT**

**Mona Paré** received a \$166,994 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) for her project entitled "Accès à la justice des enfants et vulnérabilité". This three-year partnership aims to better understand this aspect of the rights of children, build bridges between research and practice and raise awareness within the judicial area to the issues associated with children's access to justice.

## **FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH (FLR) GRANT**

Professor **David Robitaille** received a \$8,700 grant from the Foundation for Legal Research (FLR) for his project entitled "Le pouvoir unilatéral du Parlement d'écarter les lois provinciales valides par la doctrine du conflit et sa prépondérance fédérale systématique : La mise à l'écart du bien commun protégé par les lois provinciales?".

## **SSHRC CONNECTIONS GRANT**

**Penelope Simons** received \$25,000 to organize a conference entitled "Resource Extraction and the Human Rights of Women and Girls" (held in October 2017). The event brought together leading experts from around the globe in indigenous and feminist legal theory and international human rights law to identify and critically assess the gendered impacts of both resource extraction and the international and domestic laws and policies governing extractive activities.

## **SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT**

Professor **Marie-Ève Sylvestre** is co-investigator on a SSHRC Insight Grant of \$278,044. The project focuses on the non-use of law in a context of access to justice. Emmanuelle Bernheim, of l'Université du Québec à Montréal is the principal investigator.

# EXPANDING OUR REACH

## VISITING SCHOLARS

Professor Korina Jocson, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), was named the Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice at HRREC from March until May 2017. Her fields of study are education, literacy, digital media, and cultural studies in education. A lunch was organized by Central Administration to feature her research.

**Andrew Stobo Sniderman** was invited as Visiting Fellow by the Common Law Section (Faculty of Law) and HRREC, from October 2017 through August 2018. Mr. Sniderman was former Special Advisor for Human Rights to the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Stéphane Dion.

Amanda Dale, Executive Director at the Barbara Schlifer Clinic (Toronto), was welcomed at the Centre from September through December 2017 to facilitate her doctoral work with HRREC member Professor **Angela Cameron**.

**Jordi Feo** was invited to become Visiting Researcher at HRREC from September 2017 through August 2020. He holds a Ph.D. in Human Rights, Democracy and International Justice from the University of Valencia (Spain). Jordi is a key contributor to the Human Rights Clinic supporting the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers with research to inform the thematic reports submitted to the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly. He also collaborates in the Clinic project "Business and Human Rights in Latin America".

## PROFESSIONAL LINKS

During the Realizing Rights 2017 Conference held at uOttawa in June 2017 (see External Engagements for list of partners), HRREC convened a group of Canadian-based centres and institutes working on human rights issues within Canadian universities to form the Canadian Association of Human Rights Institutes (CAHRI). The group counts 14 members to date. HRREC is a member of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI), a network of over 60 member institutions that carries out research and educational activities in the field of human rights across 33 different countries.

## IMPROVING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Centre supported student members' presentations at academic conferences such as the Anti-hunger policy conference (March in Washington D.C.), the Statelessness Academic Workshop organized by the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (June in New York) and the Second Workshop of the Burundi Research Network (March in Brussels). In addition, HRREC supported students who presented at conferences in Chile, England and elsewhere, and assisted one Ph.D. candidate for a period as a visiting researcher at the Centre for Critical Thought, Kent Law School (UK).

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

Amani Delbani (Droit civil student, Faculty of Law) 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. Social Sciences student Vanessa Foran was hired under the Work Study Program during summer 2017.



# SCHOLARS AT RISK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

The Centre is the lead unit on campus for the Scholars at Risk (SAR) Ottawa Program, a joint initiative from the University of Ottawa and Carleton University initiated in 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.

Assistant Director, Viviana Fernandez, is the University's institutional representative in the Canadian Section (SAR Canada) and a member of SAR's International Advisory Committee. During 2017, the Section launched an e-newsletter including Canadian members' activities and events, created a list of volunteer lawyers who can assist members in complicated immigration cases, revamped the SAR Canada website and created a twitter account managed by Ms. Fernandez and Professor Anneke Smit, Windsor University.

Recruitment efforts for a Visiting Researcher was offered to a Zimbabwean scholar for the duration of 2017. However, delays on the part of the Government of Canada in issuing a visa ultimately rendered the offer null. Carleton University welcomed Dr. Rahim Surkhi, Iranian scholar, in September with support from the Scholars Rescue Fund and approached uOttawa to jointly host him. The Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (Faculty of Arts) accepted to host Dr. Surkhi and a work permit officialised the relationship in January 2018.

The University of Ottawa and Carleton University concluded their joint program in December 2017 and agreed to develop parallel individual programs, thereby creating two programs with ongoing cooperation.

## SAR CANADA AND SAR UOTTAWA EVENTS

### **OCTOBER 3**

Viviana Fernandez was invited to participate in a panel entitled "Framing Academic Freedom and Critical Thinking as Transnational Rights" hosted at Western University representing SAR Canada and SAR uOttawa.

### **NOVEMBER 2**

Ms. Fernandez organized and moderated a panel titled "Science at Risk" for the Canadian Science Policy Conference (Ottawa) with speakers Joyce Pisarello (Senior Program Officer for Membership and University Relations, Scholars at Risk Network), Philip Landon (Universities Canada), and Fayyaz Baqir (O'Brien Fellow in Residence, McGill University).

### **NOVEMBER 2**

HRREC partnered with the SAR Network, SAR Canada and the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) to present a panel entitled "Protecting Academic Freedom at Home and Abroad". The presentation featured Prof. Jan Grabowski (Faculty of Arts), Joyce Pisarello and Fayyaz Baqir.

### **DECEMBER 11**

SAR Canada hosted a lunch to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Parliament Hill with support from Members of Parliament Gary Anandasangaree (Liberal), Peter Kent (Conservative) and Murray Rankin (New Democrat Party).



# EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

During 2017, the Centre hosted 67 events including three (3) art exhibitions, three (3) book launches, six (6) major conferences and nine (9) film screenings or artistic performances organized with 36 partners representing government agencies, research groups, foundations, national and international NGOs, law firms, student groups, etc. The Centre held two Human Rights Networking Events with invited guests Annik Lussier Rez (Deputy Director in the Human Rights and Indigenous Affairs Division, Global Affairs Canada) and Béatrice Vaugrante (Amnistie internationale Canada francophone). 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



### **Protection of Vulnerable Persons under International Humanitarian Law: Current Developments for Healthcare Workers & Internally Displaced Persons | January 25, 2017**

Conference with the Canadian Red Cross, International Committee of the Red Cross, Global Affairs Canada, UNHCR and Doctors without Borders.

### **Torture, US Foreign Policy and Beyond | May 18, 2017**

Presentation by Alberto Mora (Senior Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School) in partnership with the Harvard Club and Amnesty International Canada.

### **REALIZING RIGHTS 2017: Human Rights and Constitutionalism | June 8-10, 2017**

The Realizing Rights 2017 Conference was hosted by HRREC in partnership with the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA), the International Commission of Jurists Canadian Section (ICJC), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL), and the Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (LRIDE).

### **Canada 150 Conference | September 15-17, 2017**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canadian Confederation in the Americas: Canada's Role Regarding the Protection of Human Rights.

### **Enabling Civil Society: Democracy & Dissent Conference | October 20, 2017**

Conference co-convened by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), Voices-Voix, and the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism at the Faculty of Law, McGill University.

### **Law & Mental Health: Walking Side by Side | November 15, 2017**

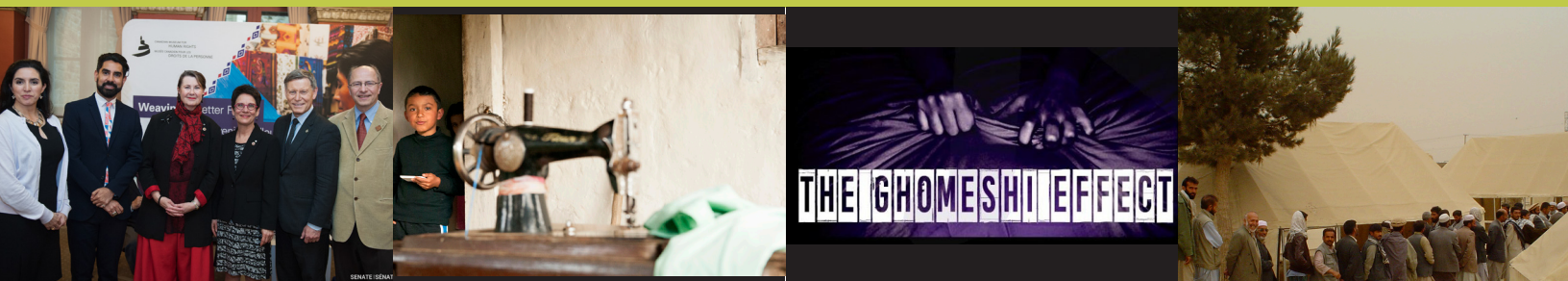
Event organized by Professor Pascale Fournier, Research Chair in Legal Pluralism and Comparative Law, associated with HRREC, the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada.

# EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

## The Arts and Human Rights Program

This initiative was launched in 2014 and seeks to 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 2017 were:

### SELECTED EVENTS



#### Weaving a Better Future | June 5-23, 2017

The exhibition was launched in Parliament and displayed at HRREC. This project was made possible thanks to the support of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Senators Raymonde Gagné and Marilou McPhedran, and Parliamentary Secretary Terry Duguid.

#### A View of Nueva Segovia | June 6 to September 7, 2017

Exhibition organized with Cuso International.

#### One World Film Festival | September 30, 2017

HRREC sponsored two screenings in the context of the 2017 Festival: *In the Name of All Canadians* (Canada, 2017) and *Journeys to Adäka* (Canada, 2017).

#### A Better Man: Screening & Discussion | December 2, 2017

Screening and follow-up discussion of the documentary "A Better Man" in partnership with One World Arts, the Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Oxfam Canada, the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW), and Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival. This activity was part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign for 2017.

#### The Ghomeshi Effect: Meet the Artists | December 7, 2017

Performance and discussion "The Ghomeshi Effect: Meet the Artists" with organizers the eQuality Project, the Shirley Greenberg Chair in Women and the Legal Profession, and HRREC. This event was part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.

#### HEAR OUR VOICES: A Photographic Journey of Transitions in Afghanistan, Somalia & Yemen | December 13, 2017

HRREC partnered with Grant Kippen and the Hillbrooke Group to launch the exhibition "Hear Our Voices: A Photographic Journey of Transitions in Afghanistan, Somalia & Yemen".

# PUBLICATIONS

Selected publications by our members.



Professors **Delphine Nakache** and Yves Le Bouthillier published a new book in collaboration entitled “Le droit de la citoyenneté au Canada”. The book examines the transformation of the rights of Canadian citizenship during the past few years.



**Isaac Nahon-Serfaty** co-wrote with Meir Magar “La conjura del esplendor”, a genealogical novel about the saga of a Sephardic family that becomes the thread of a plot of apocalyptic delusions and conspiracies.



Director **John Packer** contributed to a new “Handbook on National Dialogues” published jointly by the Berghof Foundation and Swisspeace with the support of the German and Swiss Governments. The Handbook is the product of a two-year development process on which Professor Packer advised.



**Areli Valencia** launched her first book, “Human Rights Trade-Offs in Time of Economic Growth: The Long-Term Capability Impacts of Extractive-Led Development” during the Conference Realizing Rights 2017.



ICJ Canada published “Canada and the Rule of Law: 150 Years after Confederation”. This unique collection features 35 short essays written in English or French, captivating pieces by jurists from across Canada, interpreting the theme in diverse ways. The book launch took place during the Realizing Rights 2017: Human Rights and Constitutionalism Conference. ICJ Canada Executive Director **Janine Lespérance** and **John Packer** were key contributors and co-editors (amongst others).



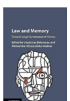
**Ravi Malhotra** published a new anthology, “Disabling Barriers: Social Movements, Disability History and the Law” (University of British Columbia Press). Co-edited with Dr. Benjamin Isitt, the collection weaves together the fields of law, history and disability studies in one volume. The launch took place on November 23 at the HRREC.



The Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Göttingen University released a new publication by the Latin American Study Group on International Criminal Law, with the title “Drogas Ilícitas y Narcotráfico: Nuevos Desarrollos en América Latina (Illicit Drugs and Drug Trafficking: New Developments from Latin America)”. **Salvador Herencia** contributed a chapter focusing on regional strategies and the possible role that the Organization of American States might have in shaping a regional policy on illicit drugs.



**Marie-Ève Sylvestre** with Professors Julie Desrosiers (Université Laval) and Margarida Garcia (Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa) published “Réformer le droit criminel au Canada : Défis et possibilités”. The book presents contemporary criminal law in a state of great confusion, calling for an analysis of its foundations and putting its practices in perspective. Authors from across Canada bring to light a needed substantial reform.



**Salvador Herencia** contributed to new book, “Law and Memory: Towards Legal Governance of History” (Cambridge University Press). The book is a comprehensive case study of Memory Laws in Europe, with cases from the U.S., Canada, Israel and other places. Salvador’s chapter focused on “Defense of democracy and the preservation of collective memory through criminal legislation: the challenges of reconciliation in Peru”. It is the only section on Latin America in the book.

# AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Notable awards and nominations received by our members.

## ACTIVITIES IN THE MEDIA OR THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Professor **Nadia Abu-Zahra** received the Activities in the Media or the Community Award (Faculty of Social Sciences) for her Community Mobilization in Crisis project. This award is presented to a member of the teaching staff who has demonstrated outstanding service by sharing his or her expertise through the media or with the community, both locally and nationally.

## INSIGHT AWARD FROM SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Lori Beaman**, a professor in the Department of Classics and Religious Studies, received the Insight Award for outstanding achievement stemming from a research project funded partially or completely by SSHRC. Her Religion and Diversity Project — a sweeping international study on issues relating to religious diversity — was launched in 2010 with \$2.5 million in funding from the Council.

## ORDER OF ONTARIO

Professor **Jennifer Bond** was presented with the Order of Ontario, the province's highest honour awarded to Ontarians who have shown outstanding qualities of individual excellence and achievement. Jennifer Bond, the head and founder of the Refugee Hub and a Law Professor at the University of Ottawa, has made a profound difference in the lives of refugees in Canada and around the world.

## NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NATIVE LAW CENTRE

**Larry Chartrand** was appointed the new Director of the Native Law Centre (NLC) at the University of Saskatchewan effective July 1, 2017. Established in 1975, the NLC has fostered innovation in its program areas of teaching, research, and publication. His mandate will extend over a three-year period.

## LAW SOCIETY MEDAL

Professor **Larry Chartrand** was awarded the 2017 Law Society Medal, the Law Society of Upper Canada's top honour. The award recognizes "outstanding service within the profession," honouring practicing lawyers, legal academics, or individuals serving in other professional capacities connected to the legal profession. As a leader and an innovator in the study of Aboriginal law, Professor Chartrand has been highly influential in putting Indigenous rights on the legal map.

## JACQUES GAUDREAU GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

**Aboubacar Dakuyo** was the recipient of the 2017-2018 Jacques Gaudreau Graduate Scholarship in International Human Rights Law. His project is entitled "La mise en œuvre d'une justice transitionnelle fondée sur les normes locales : cas d'études des normes Dinka et Nuer du Soudan du Sud". Aboubacar is supervised by Professor **Pacifique Manirakiza**.

## RICHARD M. BUXBAUM PRIZE FOR TEACHING IN COMPARATIVE LAW

Professor **Jabeur Fathally** received the Richard M. Buxbaum Prize for Teaching in Comparative Law Award in 2017, for his outstanding teaching contributions and his co-foundation of JuriGlobe, a research group focusing on legal systems. The JuriGlobe's website is one of the most important teaching tool in international and comparative law in the world (334,294 visits).

## EXPERT FOR THE COLOMBIAN SPECIAL JURISDICTION FOR PEACE

In December 2017, **Salvador Herencia** was selected as one of ten foreign experts who will support the work of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia. This Tribunal was created under the Peace Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the FARC armed group, putting an end to a 50-year conflict. The Tribunal will be in charge of judging those responsible for grave human rights violations and crimes against humanity, like torture and forced disappearances, as well as war crimes.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD

HRREC Director **John Packer** received the Public Engagement Award: Public Education and Outreach for the 3rd Annual Internal Awards Competition 2016-17 from the Common Law Section. Under Professor John Packer's leadership, the Centre has experienced substantial growth in terms of members, courses, research strength and partnerships, events and activities (over 70 per year), and enjoys a notable presence in social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn).



# SELECTED STORIES OF 2017

Philip Leech-  
Ngo Launched  
the Podcast  
GLOBALIZATION  
CAFÉ

HRREC HOSTED  
A FULL WEEK OF  
EVENTS TO MARK  
INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S  
DAY

**HRREC  
Members  
Train Judges  
in Mexico**

HRREC Releases  
a Statement  
on Attacks  
against uOttawa  
Professor  
Jan Grabowski

John Packer  
Addresses  
Ukrainian  
Parliamentary  
Committee

Tenille E. Brown  
Selected as Visiting  
Scholar at the  
Centre for Critical  
Thought, University  
of Kent

Op-Ed on  
Peacekeeping in Haiti  
Written by HRREC  
Member Adam  
R. Houston, with  
Beatrice Lindstrom  
and Former uOttawa  
Rector Allan Rock

Penelope Simons  
Comments on  
the Breakthrough  
in Efforts to Hold  
Canadian-Based  
Mining Companies  
Accountable for Human  
Rights Violations  
Committed Abroad

Salvador Herencia  
Joins the Memory  
Laws in European  
and Comparative  
Perspective Project

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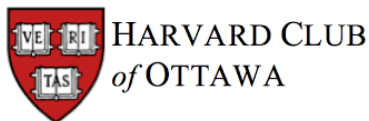
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La communauté bahá'íe du Canada

**Raoul Wallenberg All-Party Parliamentary Caucus for Human Rights**  
**Caucus parlementaire multipartite Raoul Wallenberg pour les droits de la personne**

# EVENTS 2017

## JANUARY

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### **What Has Human Rights Discourse Meant for Canadian Immigration and Refugee Policy?**

Stephanie Bangarth (Associate Professor, Department of History, King's University College, Western University)

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

**Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History** | 25 participants

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### **Trade, Investment and Human Rights**

Half-day round table where participants conducted a stocktaking of research and practice in relation to trade, investment and human rights (including women's rights) with a view to identifying tendencies, challenges and work ahead.

**Partner:** Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

**Workshop by invitation only** | 30 participants

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### **Democratic Developments and Challenges in Taiwan**

Der-yuan Maxwell Wu (Associate Professor, International Doctoral Program in Asia Pacific Studies (IDAS), College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University (NCCU) in Taipei)

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

**Public Presentation** | 20 participants

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### **Protection of Vulnerable Persons under International Humanitarian Law: Current Developments for Healthcare Workers and Internally Displaced Persons**

Catherine Gribbin (Senior Legal Advisor, IHL, Canadian Red Cross); Julia Sanchez (CEO, Canadian Council for International Cooperation); Jason Nickerson (Humanitarian Affairs Advisor, Doctors Without Borders); Haytham Qosa (Health and Recovery Manager, Global Health Unit, Canadian Red Cross); Sharonya Sekhar (Policy Advisor, Canadian Red Cross); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Canadian Red Cross; International Committee of the Red Cross; Global Affairs Canada; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Doctors Without Borders

**2017 Canadian Red Cross IHL Conference** | 90 participants

## FEBRUARY

7

### **Tackling Violence Against Women in Honduras**

Neesa Medina (Honduran feminist sociologist, Security and Gender Analyst, Centre de Derechos de Mujeres)

**Partner:** CUSO International

**Public Presentation** | 48 participants

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### **Human Rights, Democracy and the Arab Spring**

Fadi Elhousseini (Ph.D., Political and Media Advisor & an Advisory Board Member of the New Arab Foundation)

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

**Common Law Speakers Series** | 25 participants

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**New France's Huguenots: Clandestine Refugees of the XVII<sup>th</sup> Century**

Stéphanie Pettigrew (Ph.D. Candidate in History, University of New Brunswick)

**Partner:** Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights**Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History** | 15 participants

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**Open Participation is Power: The Movement to End Online Harassment**

Jamia Wilson (Executive Director of Women, Action, &amp; the Media); Emily Flynn-Jones (York University); Raine Liliefeldt (YWCA Canada); Dillon Black (Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women)

**Partners:** eQuality Project, uOttawa; The Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW); YWCA; Purple Sisters; Ladies Learning Code (LLC); Shopify**Public Presentation****MARCH**

7

**"Not an Instruction Manual": The Handmaid's Tale and the Lessons of Reproductive Justice**

Christabelle Sethna (Associate Professor, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Women In International Security Canada (WIIS-Canada)**Public Presentation** | 10 participants

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**International Women's Day 2017 — The Future is Feminist****Partner:** International Women's Day Ottawa (IWD Ottawa)**International Women's Day** | 400+ participants

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**Human Rights Education in a Context of Violence**Trina Bajo (Winner of the Embassy of Canada in Venezuela's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Award, she is a teacher in one of the biggest, poorest, most dangerous slums in Caracas (Petare), promoting their rights to education and security); Laurent Labrique (Policy Analyst, Human Rights, Embassy of Canada in Venezuela)**Partners:** Global Affairs Canada; Embassy of Canada in Venezuela**Public Presentation** | 18 participants

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**Understanding Honour-Based Violence and Gender Equality**

Kamal Grewal (Victim Witness Services Worker in Brantford)

**Partner:** Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, uOttawa**Public Presentation** | 10 participants

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**What Would it Take for Ottawa to be a Human Rights City?**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Synapcity**Public Presentation** | 20 participants

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**Arts and Human Rights**

Omid B. Milani (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

**Partner:** TOPO Ottawa**Public Presentation** | 20 participants

## APRIL

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### **A Human Right to Health**

Michael Da Silva (S.J.D. Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto); Colleen M. Flood (Professor & Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics, uOttawa); Moderator: Lorian Hardcastle (Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (HLPE), uOttawa

**Public Presentation**

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### **Transnational Political Histories and Contemporary Refugee Claims: Eritrea and Its Diasporas**

Tricia Redeker Hepner (Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Tennessee)

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

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

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### **How Can Human Rights and the Rule of Law Survive the Global Disorder?**

Irene Khan (Director-General, International Development Law Organization, Rome)

**Partners:** Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa; Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa; International Commission of Jurists – Canadian section (ICJ Canada)

**Public Presentation** | 35 participants

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### **Mapping Refugees' Access to Health Care: How Well is the IFHP Working Now?**

Featuring Students from CML4104B: International Migration & Health; Opening remarks: Michael Casasola (Senior Resettlement Officer, UNHCR Canada); Moderator: Y.Y. Chen (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (HLPE); Refugee Hub; Social Justice Speaker Series; Public Law Group, uOttawa

**Public Presentation** | 25 participants

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### **A 'Determined Peace-BUILDER'? Analysing Canada's Role in the Israel-Palestine Conflict**

Emma Swan (Ph.D. Candidate, School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Philip Leech (Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow 2016-2017, HRREC, uOttawa); Bill Skidmore (Academic Advisor and Instructor, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University); Yves Engler (Activist and Author on Canadian Foreign Policy)

**Public Presentation** | 39 participants

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### **Working for Human Rights Abroad**

Annik Lussier Rez (Deputy Director in the Human Rights and Indigenous Affairs Division, Global Affairs Canada)

**Human Rights Networking Event** | 7 participants

## MAY

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### **Venezuela Crisis: Action Now!**

Lilian Tintori (Wife of imprisoned Venezuelan Democratic Opposition Leader Leopoldo Lopez); Antonieta Lopez (Mother of Leopoldo Lopez); Jared Genser (International Legal Counsel to Leopoldo Lopez); Moderator: Irwin Cotler (International Legal Counsel to Leopoldo Lopez, Emeritus Professor of Law (McGill University), Honorary Member of the Canadian Venezuelan Engagement Foundation, and Chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights)

**Partners:** Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights; Canadian Venezuelan Engagement Foundation

**Public Presentation** | 145 participants



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**Torture, US Foreign Policy and Beyond**

Alberto Mora (Senior Fellow, CARR Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Margaret Huber (Harvard Club of Ottawa); Alex Neve (Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada)

**Partners:** Harvard Club of Ottawa; Amnesty International Canada

**Public Presentation** | 85 participants

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**Femmes, économie servile et Boko Haram dans le Bassin du Lac Tchad**

Melchisedek Chetima (Professor, Department of Cultural History, Université de Maroua, Cameroon and Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Basel, Switzerland)

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

**Public Presentation** | 11 participants

## JUNE

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**Weaving a Better Future — Exhibit & Event at the Parliament of Canada**

Armando Perla (Curator, Canadian Museum for Human Rights)

**Partners:** Canadian Museum for Human Rights; Canadian Parliament (Senators Raymonde Gagné and Marilou McPhedran with Parliamentary Secretary Terry Duguid)

**Launch of the Exhibition** | 40 participants

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**REALIZING RIGHTS 2017: Human Rights and Constitutionalism**

With various speakers.

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**Partners:** Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA); International Development Research Centre (IDRC); Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL); Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC); International Commission of Jurists, Canadian Section (ICJC);

**Conference** | 150 participants

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**A View of Nueva Segovia**

Catherine Fortin-Lauzier (Volunteer Mobilization Advisor for Central America, CUSO International)

**Partner:** CUSO International

**Launch of the Exhibition** | 30 participants

## SEPTEMBER

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**Launch of the One World Film Festival with Musical Documentary: The Road Forward**

**Partner:** One World Film Festival

**Film Festival** | 145 participants

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**Canada 150 — 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canadian Confederation in the Americas: Canada's Role Regarding the Protection of Human Rights**

With various speakers.

**Partners:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa; Universidad Central; Amnesty International Canada; Faculté de sciences politique et de droit (UQAM); Stanford Law School; HazloLaw – Business Lawyers

**Conference** | 80 participants

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**World Peace Day Roundtable: Youth in Peacebuilding**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa) and other speakers.

**Partner:** Centre on Governance, uOttawa

**Public Presentation** | 25 participants

- 27** | **Chief Justice John Marshall, Slavery, and Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Human Rights in the United States**  
Paul Finkelman (2017 Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, HRREC, uOttawa)  
**Public Presentation** | 15 participants
- 27 - 29** | **Peace Forest**  
Program of events at the University of Ottawa during the Ottawa Peace Festival 2017.  
**Partner:** Community Life, uOttawa  
**Ottawa Peace Festival 2017**
- 28 - Oct 1** | **One World Film Festival 2017**  
Sponsored screenings of "In the Name of All Canadians" (Various directors, Canada, 2017) in partnership with One World Film Festival, Hot Docs, and Ontario Trillium Foundation; and "Journeys to Adäka" (Directed by Fritz Mueller, Canada, 2017) in partnership with One World Film Festival, Asinabka Film, and Media Arts Festival.  
**Film Festival** | 50 participants

## OCTOBER

- 3** | **Framing Academic Freedom and Critical Thinking as Transnational Rights**  
Homa Hoodfar (Professor of Anthropology, Emerita, Concordia University); David Robinson (Executive Director, Canadian Association of University Teachers); Hanadi Ibrahim (Scholar at Risk, Western University); Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC, uOttawa, and Member of the Steering Committee, SAR Canada); Panel Moderator: Michael Lynk (Faculty of Law, Western University, and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestine)  
**Partners:** Western University; Scholars at Risk Network  
**Public Presentation** | 50 participants
- 3** | **Human Rights in the XXI<sup>st</sup> Century: Which Choices Will You Make?**  
Béatrice Vaugrante (Executive Director, Amnistie internationale Canada francophone)  
**Partner:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa  
**Common Law Speakers Series** | 15 participants
- 3** | **Working for Human Rights in Canada**  
Béatrice Vaugrante (Executive Director, Amnistie internationale Canada francophone)  
**Human Rights Networking Event** | 20 participants
- 4** | **October 4<sup>th</sup> Vigils: A Movement for Social Change**  
"October 4<sup>th</sup> is a day where we honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls in Canada is a national tragedy. We must take the time to give thanks to the families who are our reason for demanding continued action".  
**Partner:** Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)  
**Vigil** | 10 participants
- 20** | **Enabling Civil Society: Democracy & Dissent Conference**  
Held at McGill University Faculty of Law, with various speakers, including Ravi Malhotra and John Packer.  
**Partner:** Voices-Voix and other sponsors  
**Conference**
- 24** | **Feminism at the Front Lines: Addressing Multidimensional Insecurity in Yemen**  
Rasha Jarhum (South Yemeni Senior Development Policy Advisor and Expert on Women, Peace, and Security)  
**Public Presentation** | 15 participants

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### **Resource Extraction and the Human Rights of Women and Girls**

Conference organized by Penelope Simons (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa), and Sara Seck (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) including a group of leading and emerging scholars and civil society experts from around the globe.

**Partners:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); International Law Research Program (ILRP), Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI); Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University; Canadian Partnership for International Justice, Faculty of Law, Commons Law Section; Interdisciplinary Research Group on Territories of Extractivism, uOttawa

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### **Policy Meeting: Resource Extraction and the Human Rights of Women and Girls**

Half day policy meeting organized by Penelope Simons (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa), and Sara Seck (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) brought together industry and government representatives, civil society experts, an interdisciplinary group of scholars and students and other members of the public to consider law and policy options and reform based on ideas and questions that emerge from a two-day conference on resource extraction and the rights of women and girls.

**Partners:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); International Law Research Program (ILRP), Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI); Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University; Canadian Partnership for International Justice, Faculty of Law, Commons Law Section; Interdisciplinary Research Group on Territories of Extractivism, uOttawa

**Policy Meeting** | 50 participants

## NOVEMBER

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### **Science at Risk: Panel in the 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC 2017)**

Joyce Pisarello (Senior Program Officer for Membership and University Relations, Scholars at Risk Network); Philip Landon (Universities Canada); Fayyaz Baqir (O'Brien Fellow in Residence, McGill University); Moderator: Viviana Fernandez (Assistant Director, HRREC, uOttawa & Member of the Steering Committee, SAR Canada)

**Partners:** Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network; SAR Canada; Universities Canada  
**Panel Presentation** | 70 participants

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### **Protecting Academic Freedom at Home and Abroad**

Jan Grabowski (Full Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa); Joyce Pisarello (Senior Program Officer for Membership and University Relations, Scholars at Risk Network); Fayyaz Baqir (O'Brien Fellow in Residence, McGill University)

**Partners:** Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network; SAR Canada; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa  
**Scholars at Risk Event** | 25 participants

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### **Stranger Friendships: Solidarity and Subterfuge in a Palestine Camp & Screening of "Still Life" and Terrace of the Sea"**

Diana Allan (Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Development Studies, McGill University)

**Partners:** School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa  
**Public Presentation and Screening**

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### **Justice for Syria and Universal Jurisdiction**

Balkees Jarrah (Senior Counsel in the International Justice Program)

**Partners:** Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa; International Commission of Jurists, Canadian Section (ICJC)  
**Public Presentation** | 21 participants

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**Law & Mental Health: Walking Side by Side**

Jacques Frémont (President and Vice-Chancellor, uOttawa); Pascale Fournier (Research Chair in Legal Pluralism and Comparative Law & Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Michelle Mathis (Psychiatrist & Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, uOttawa); Denis Nadeau (Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, uOttawa); Laura Loewen (Pianist & Associate Professor, Desautels Faculty of Music, University of Manitoba & Member of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, Royal Society of Canada); Jane Mappin & Daniel Firth (Choreographers & Dancers); Natasha Bakht (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Research Chair in Pluralism and Comparative Law, uOttawa; College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, Royal Society of Canada

**Public Presentation & Performances** | 40 participants

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**Sister to Sister Mentorship Program**

Presentation of HRREC and discussion on interdisciplinary aspects of human rights work with a particular focus on Conflict, Violence, (In)Security and War. Participants included four young women from Nunavut, Egypt, South Sudan and Liberia.

**Partner:** Nobel Women's Initiative  
**Presentation by invitation**

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**Impact of Extractive Industries on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the International Responsibility of States**

With contributors from representatives of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Due Process of Law Foundation, Oxfam Canada, the Justice & Corporate Accountability Project at Osgoode Law School and the HRREC.

**Partners:** HRREC's Human Rights Clinic; Due Process of Law Foundation; Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

**Workshop by invitation & Public Presentation** | 40 participants

22

**Parliamentary Human Rights Film Screening: The Cost of Discrimination**

Arash Azizi (Film Researcher and Presenter); Irwin Cotler (Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights); Two Bahá'ís personally affected by the persecution; Moderator: John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partners:** Raoul Wallenberg All-Party Parliamentary Caucus for Human Rights; Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights; Bahá'í Community of Canada

**Public Presentation and Screening** | 55 participants

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**Disabling Barriers: Social Movements, Disability History and the Law**

Ravi Malhotra (Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section & Co-Editor of the book); Benjamin Isitt (Professor and Co-Editor of the book); Bryan D. Palmer (Professor, Trent University); Dustin Galer (Centre for Research on Work Disability Policy); Odelia R. Bay (Ph.D. Student); Megan A. Rusciano (Arc of Northern Virginia)

**Partners:** UBC Press; Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa

**Book Launch** | 56 participants

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**La situation juridico politique des réfugiés au Proche-Orient**

Antoine Sfeir (Ph. D. en droit international, Avocat aux barreaux de Paris et de Beyrouth)

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

**Public Presentation** | 10 participants

29

**Nevertheless She Persisted: Powerful Stories of Women Human Rights Defenders in Colombia and Honduras**

Adriana Benjumea Rúa (Director, HUMANAS); Dina Meza (President of PEN Honduras & Independent Journalist); Kari Mariana Mancera Gómez (Advocacy Specialist, CAHUCOPANA)

**Partners:** Peace Brigades International Canada; Nobel Women's Initiative; Inter Pares; The Match International Women's Fund

**Public Presentation as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** | 30 participants



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## **A Better Man**

Matt Schaaf (Coordinator of the I Can MANifest Change Project, Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women – OCTEVAW); Jeff Bondy (Program Facilitator, CFS Ottawa); Karoline Kemp (Program Officer, Oxfam Canada); Moderator: Julie Delahanty (Executive Director, Oxfam Canada)

**Partners:** One World Art – One World Film Festival; Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival; Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; Oxfam Canada; Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW)  
**Projection & Discussion as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** | 60 participants

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## **Roundtable on Crimes of Sexual Violence in International Law**

Jessica Dufresne (Project Coordinator, HRREC's Human Rights Clinic, uOttawa); Gabrielle Thiboutot, Zia Diorio, Jasmine Poulin, Diane Vunabandi, Élizabéth Paradis, Alexandra Provost (Civil Law Students); Janine Lespérance (Lawyers Without Borders Canada)

**Partners:** HRREC's Human Rights Clinic, uOttawa; Lawyers Without Borders Canada  
**Public Presentation as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** | 15 participants

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## **The American Declaration of Independance and Constitution: The World's First Human Rights Law**

Paul Finkelman (Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Faculty of Law, Graduate Studies, uOttawa  
**Public Presentation** | 10 participants

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## **The Ghomeshi Effect: Meet the Artists**

The Ghomeshi Effect is a verbatim dance-theatre piece that tackles sexual violence in Canada, particularly how it is addressed in the legal system. Members of the company performed selections from the show, and discussed the history of the production.

**Partners:** The eQuality Project, uOttawa; The Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, uOttawa  
**Public Presentation as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** | 70 participants

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## **Event at Parliament Hill to highlight International Human Rights Day**

Two scholars at risk hosted by the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, members of the SAR Canada Steering Committee, members of SAR uOttawa and SAR Carleton, along with Gary Anandasangaree (Liberal, MP for Scarborough Rouge Park), Irwin Cotler (Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, Former Liberal MP for Mount Royal), Peter Kent (Conservative, MP for Thornhill); Murray Rankin (NDP, MP for Victoria)

**Partner:** Scholars at Risk Canada Section  
**Scholars at Risk Event** | 20 participants

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## **Launch of "Hear our Voices: A photographic Journey of Transitions in Afghanistan, Somalia & Yemen"**

Elections expert Grant Kippen explored the intricacies and nuances of transitions in Afghanistan, Somalia and Yemen (on which he has advised), capturing moments whose richness stems from not only the contextual and spatial particularities, the memories photos can rekindle.

**Partner:** The Hillbrooke Group  
**Photo Exhibition** | 75 participants

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## **Addressing the Rohingya Genocide: What We Can and Must Do**

John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

**Partner:** Noor Cultural Centre (and their partners, Renison University College Studies in Islam (affiliated with the University of Waterloo); Burma Task Force Canada; York University Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; Queen's University Muslim Societies, Global Perspectives)  
**Public Presentation (Toronto)**

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