

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2018



uOttawa

FROM THE DIRECTOR



2018 was a turbulent year amid increasing insecurity and decreasing freedom according to major Think Tanks and indices. Human Rights continued to be a powerful idea both energetically advanced and shamelessly undermined across the world. From our perspective, the salience of Human Rights remains great and explains the ongoing high interest we continue to experience from partners, members, students and many others – both old and new, near and far.

Yet again, we experienced significant growth in memberships across all categories – academics, graduate students and community members - and we enjoyed a year of considerable activity and impact as the testimonials in this report indicate.

Highlights included hosting the biennial World Conference on Legal Pluralism and an executive training course for amazing women peacemakers from the world's main conflicts. In our own programme, the projects of the Human Rights Clinic had notable achievements with direct impact in various parts of the world. And we were pleased to deliver the 3rd edition of our Arts & Human Rights Summer School again focused on the complex and thought-provoking relations between the Arts, Culture and Indigeneity. Our wonderful members enjoyed great success in their individual research programmes, with HRREC reaching double-digits in the funded research awards of which we are part together with scores of scholars, partners and outputs. The range of specific subjects reflects the tremendous diversity and value of our scholarship.

Unfortunately, 2018 coincided with a challenging fiscal environment notably for the University of Ottawa which resulted in a reduced HRREC budget and, following the retirement of our Administrative Assistant, the elimination of that position. While others stepped forward to try and fill the gap, the loss of 1 of 3 staff members made a number of things difficult and, in absence of reliable financial administrative support, also caused the suspension of some activities (which resulted in a reduction of outputs). Tremendous good will and persistence allowed us to deliver our obligations.

Of course, it's an old story of Human Rights that they gain importance in difficult times. We are especially buoyed by the quality of colleagues and their work which has been widely recognised and rewarded. The attraction of graduate students and their successes stands out.

In the year ahead, we will conclude our current Five Year Strategic Plan and prepare for the next – with an evolving membership. We prize collegiality and innovation – two of HRREC's strengths. And the enduring power of Human Rights continues to drive interest and activity. Accumulated good will combined with the vitality of our community will help us navigate the times ahead as we uphold our mandate and mission to promote the universal respect of human rights.

Prof. John Packer
Director

ABOUT THE HRREC



The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) is one of the oldest such Centres in the world. 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 sharing a multi- and inter-disciplinary perspective in order to promote the respect of human rights and to explore the effective protection and enjoyment of human rights for everyone everywhere.

Our research activities include the 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. The Centre places a particular emphasis on issues of public policy and social justice. Our members' interests are: Diversity, Identity, Inclusion & Equality; Conflict, Violence, (In)Security & War; Governance, Rights & Rule of Law; and Development, Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights.

The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and plurilegal environment. Its strategic location in a G7 Capital supports the Centre with local, national and international initiatives and activities. The Centre privileges research and education partnerships with academics and specialized civil society organizations.

WHO WE ARE

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Marie-Ève Sylvestre
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Robin Whitehead
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POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

Melchisedek Chétima
Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow
(2017-2018)

Sarah Olutola
Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow
(2018-2019)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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STAFF

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Director

Viviana Fernandez
Assistant Director

Caroline Faucher
Communications & Events Management Officer

Monique Dallaire
Administrative Assistant (until May 2018)

SELECTED PROFILES

Our 95 members are academics, students and actors in the wider community.



2018 WALTER S. TARNOPOLSKY AWARD RECIPIENT

Penelope Simons

Penelope Simons is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section. Her research focuses on the human rights implications of domestic and extraterritorial corporate activity, state responsibility for corporate complicity in human rights violations, as well as the intersections between transnational corporate activity, human rights and international economic law. The Canadian section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) selected her as the recipient of the 2018 Walter S. Tarnopolsky Award, in recognition of her work as a pioneer in the field of business and human rights, notably her efforts to find ways to use law to address corporate complicity in human rights abuses (in particular in the extractive industries).



GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2017-2018)

Melchisedek Chétima

Melchisedek Chétima is a lecturer at the University of Maroua, Cameroon, and holds a Ph.D. from Laval University (2015). Before joining HRREC, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for African Studies at the University of Basel (2016-2017), while also affiliated with the Centre for African Studies in Leiden, Belgium. His work focuses on African cultural history, memory and identity, ethnicity, slavery and other forms of enslavement. In his research, he crosses the disciplines of history, anthropology, archaeology and political science. During his visit to HRREC, he explored the link between the historical institution of slavery and the Boko Haram movement in the countries of the Chadian basin (Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger).



INAUGURAL NEUBERGER-JESIN PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

John Packer

John Packer is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law, Common Law and Droit Civil Sections. Previously, he held academic positions at the University of Essex where he was the Director of the world-renowned Human Rights Centre and at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. In addition, he is an experienced practitioner bringing to uOttawa some 20 years working for inter-governmental organizations, including the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts attached to the Department of Political Affairs in New York. In that capacity, he advised in numerous peace processes and political transitions around the world focusing on conflict prevention and resolution, diversity management, constitutional and legal reform, and the protection of human rights including minorities. This appointment highlights his work as a conflict resolution expert internationally and aims to engage students in such work to enhance their own training in prevention, resolution, and mediation of international conflicts. The appointment is for an initial three year term.

TEACHING & TRAINING

During 2018, the Centre offered ten (10) online courses (228 students in total), and conducted the 12th edition of the Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (39 participants) in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, as well as the 3rd edition of the Arts and Human Rights Summer School (15 participants).



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)

DCC3112 | Human Rights and Justice in Africa: Theory and Practice (offered in English)

DCC3512 | Droits de la personne et justice en Afrique : Théorie et pratique (offered in French)

HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

During 2018, the Human Rights Clinic worked on seven projects involving 33 students. The teams were organized and supervised by Salvador Herencia, Ph.D. candidate in Law and Director of the Clinic since 2014, with the support of faculty members acting as academic advisors for each team. Details of the work and the project partners can be found on our website.

The Clinic offers skills training workshops for participating students and Project Coordinators. The chosen topic for this year was “working on human rights in the context of civil society organizations and international organizations” with speakers Alex Neve, Secretary General at Amnesty International Canada, and HRREC Director John Packer.

The Clinic received support from the Law Foundation of Ontario, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Internet, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) funded partnership “Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership” led by Professor Fannie Lafontaine (Université Laval), and uOttawa in support of the Scholars at Risk project.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Project: UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF JUDGES AND LAWYERS

Starting in spring 2017, the Clinic has provided research support to the UN Special Rapporteur under the direction of Professor John Packer and Project Coordinator Jordi Feo, Ph.D., focusing on thematic reports submitted to the UN Human Rights Council and General Assembly. In 2018, the team contributed to two documents:

“Judicial Councils” report to the UN Human Rights Council. Report No. A/HRC/38/38 (2 May 2018).

“Bar Associations” report to the UN General Assembly. Report No. A/73/365 (5 September 2018).

Project: SCHOLARS AT RISK (SAR) IN THE AMERICAS

Starting in January 2018, the team, led by Professor Isaac Nahon-Serfaty with Project Coordinator Catalina Arango and the active support of the Clinic Director Salvador Herencia, monitors situations that may affect academic freedom in six countries: Canada, Colombia, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Venezuela.

The team has contributed to advocacy actions with Scholars at Risk, notably, the submission of an amicus curiae brief to the Colombian Constitutional Court advocating on behalf of Professor Monica Godoy who was dismissed by a Colombian university. In addition, the team appeared before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights as part of a hearing in Bolivia on threats to academic freedom and university autonomy in the Americas.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

The Centre is actively engaged in nine (9) research partnerships funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), including two Partnership Development Grants (PDG) and seven Partnership Grants (PG). The themes and principal investigators are listed below:

ACCÈS À LA JUSTICE DES ENFANTS ET VULNÉRABILITÉ (PDG)

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

BOKO HARAM, ISLAMIC PROTEST AND NATIONAL SECURITY (PDG)

With PI Paul Lovejoy (York University) and HRREC member Professor **Meredith Terretta**.

STRENGTHENING JUSTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES: A CANADIAN PARTNERSHIP (PG)

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 (PG)

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 (PG)

Led by Professor Pierre Noreau (Université de Montréal) and including HRREC member Professor **João Velloso**.

THE eQUALITY PROJECT (PG)

Led by Professors **Valerie Steeves** and **Jane Bailey**, HRREC members.

THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH ON TERRORISM, SECURITY AND SOCIETY (PG)

Led by Professor Lorne Dawson (University of Waterloo) including HRREC Director **John Packer**.

AUTONOMISATION DES ACTEURS DU MONDE DE LA JUSTICE PAR LA CYBERJUSTICE : PRÉVENTION ET RÉOLUTION DES CONFLITS (PG)

With PI Karim Benyekhlef (Université de Montréal) and HRREC member Professor **Jane Bailey**.

GENDER MIGRATION & THE WORK OF CARE (PG)

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

HRREC supported and/or endorsed ten (10) research groups and individuals for funding submissions to the Law Foundation of Ontario, SSHRC, Global Affairs Canada, the Catherine Donnelly Foundation and the European Union (mobility grant). In addition, the Centre supported an application for post-doctoral funding (SSHRC) for a candidate who would work under the supervision of HRREC member Professor **Darren O'Toole**.

The Centre is an active member of the Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC) and its members contribute to the work of the Population Health Network led by Professor Vanessa Gruben.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS & RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Congratulations to our members who, as individuals, received research funding:

JANE BAILEY

Jane Bailey joined colleagues from the Centre for Law, Technology and Society as co-investigator on a strategic \$2.5M Partnership Grant from SSHRC for a project entitled "Autonomy through Cyberjustice Technologies."

ANGELA CAMERON

Angela Cameron received a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant for the project "A Feminist and Indigenous Examination of the National Inquiry: Lessons and Next Steps," which will engage Indigenous women and civil society organizations in a study of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

JABEUR FATHALLY

Jabeur Fathally received a grant from the Fondation du Barreau du Québec to write an article about succession ab intestat ("succession regime") from the perspectives of the law in Quebec and Muslim law.

PENELOPE SIMONS & ARELI VALENCIA

Penelope Simons and **Areli Valencia** received a grant entitled "Closing the Gender Equality Gap in the Extractive Sector: The Role of Institutional and Normative Frameworks in Canada and Peru" with colleagues at Dalhousie University and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru. Funding comes from a joint initiative of the Consortium of Economic and Social Research (CIES) of Peru and Global Affairs Canada.

MARIE-ÈVE SYLVESTRE

Marie-Ève Sylvestre is co-investigator on a project led by Professor Suzanne Bouclin who received a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant for the project "Assessing the Discrimination against Ottawa's Homeless to Improve their Access to Justice," which will help to enhance the community legal clinic which Professor Bouclin relaunched in 2014.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

VISITING SCHOLARS

Andrew (Stobo) Sniderman extended his term as Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, and HRREC from October 2017 until August 2019. Mr. Sniderman is a former Special Advisor for Human Rights to the former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Stéphane Dion.

Post-doctoral fellow **Jeremy Wildeman**, Ph.D., was hosted at the Centre from fall 2018 until spring 2019 to collaborate with Professor **Nadia Abu-Zahra**.

Jordi Feo, Ph.D., continued his engagement with HRREC as a Visiting Researcher. He is a key contributor to the Human Rights Clinic supporting the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers and the project "Business and Human Rights in Latin America".

In addition, the Centre hosted: Danielle Gallant, collaborator of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing and HRREC member, **Leilani Farha**, during the summer; Visiting Researcher Yonatan Fissa, European Academia, Bolsano (Italy) in October; and Tate Chong who worked for the Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child during the fall.

PROFESSIONAL LINKS

In September 2018, John Packer and Assistant Director Viviana Fernandez attended the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) 2018 Annual Conference in Edinburgh, representing HRREC. The program was organized around the theme "Renewing Rights in Times of Transition: 70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The Association now counts 70 institutions representing thousands of human rights scholars. HRREC joined AHRI in 2014 then becoming the 50th member institution, the first in the Americas.

HRREC continues to foster links with members from the Canadian Association of Human Rights Institutes (CAHRI, 14 members across the country), including regular exchanges of information and opportunities for members and students.

IMPROVING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Three student members benefitted from the Centre's fund dedicated to support presentations at academic conferences such as the Canadian Association of International Development Annual Meeting in Regina (May), two conferences in France titled "Le Cameroun et la décolonisation de la diplomatie" and "Décolonisation et enjeux postcoloniaux de l'enfance et la jeunesse (1945-1980)" (June), and a workshop in Antwerp, Belgium, entitled "Séminaire de recherche sur le Burundi" (July). This program of support was suspended in May 2018 due to a lack of administrative support to process reimbursements.

SCHOLARS AT RISK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

SCHOLARS AT RISK uOttawa PROGRAM

uOttawa joined the Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network in 2014 with HRREC asked by the Provost to take responsibility for the program at uOttawa. Assistant Director Viviana Fernandez is uOttawa's institutional representative and was chosen as a member of the Canadian Section (SAR Canada) Steering Committee and SAR's International Advisory Committee. In this capacity, during 2018, she spearheaded the development of a funding proposal for the creation of a federal program for SAR Canada. The proposal was presented in December to parliamentarians during a special meeting convened by Members of Parliament Gary Anandasangaree (Liberal), Peter Kent (Conservative) and Murray Rankin (New Democratic Party).

From January 2018, uOttawa has been contributing to the SAR Academic Freedom Monitoring Project which publishes the annual *Free to Think Reports* every year. For more details, see under Human Rights Clinic.

In May 2018, uOttawa welcomed Dr. Fayyaz Baqir to the School of International Development and Globalisation Studies (Faculty of Social Sciences). In partnership with Carleton University, uOttawa also renewed its engagement with Dr. Rahim Surkhi, an Iranian scholar, until August 2019. Dr. Surkhi is hosted by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (Faculty of Arts).

SAR uOttawa EVENTS & RELATED ENGAGEMENTS

In April, Caroline Faucher, HRREC's Communications and Events Management Officer and member of the SAR uOttawa Committee, and Viviana Fernandez represented the University at the SAR 2018 Global Congress held in Berlin.



The Centre organized five (5) public events for SAR uOttawa during the year, highlighting situations in Venezuela, Turkey, Iraqi Kurdistan and Nicaragua. We also convened a SAR Canada Section meeting and workshop in early December which included representatives from SAR New York and participants from Canadian member institutions as well as scholars hosted or soon to be hosted in Canada. Notable events included:

MAY 10 | Academic Freedom in Venezuela: Crisis Affecting Scholars and Students

Organized in partnership with SAR Canada and the Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum, in coalition with the SAR Network, the NGO Aula Abierta, University of Los Andes Human Rights Observatory and University of Zulia Human Rights Commission.

NOVEMBER 21 | Academic Freedom Under Attack: The Cases of Venezuela, Turkey & Nicaragua

Organized in partnership with SAR uOttawa and the Spanish and Latin American Studies Program, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa.



EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

During 2018, the Centre hosted 65 events including an art exhibition, two (2) book launches, nine (9) major conferences/academic workshops and one (1) film screening or artistic performance. These were organized with 36 partners representing government agencies, research groups, foundations, national and international NGOs, law firms, student groups, etc. The Centre also held a Human Rights Networking Event for students with Jonathan Somer (Interim Senior Legal Advisor, Canadian Red Cross).

In addition to events and research meetings, HRREC regularly hosts classes, roundtables, thesis defenses, committee meetings and other events organized by the two sections of the Faculty of Law. Of special interest were the Kairos blanket exercises offered to all Common Law first year students and the Faculty of Law's writing group which includes interested professors, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students.

The list of the Centre's events, reports and outputs can be found at the end of this document and by visiting our website.

SELECTED EVENTS

2018 Canadian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Conference | January 24, 2018

Conference entitled "Non-State Armed Actors and Developments in IHL: Canada's Responsibilities in Instances of Military Collaboration", organized in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross and Global Affairs Canada.

Ottawa Symposium – Formalizing the Right to a Healthy Environment in Canada | February 15, 2018

Symposium organized in partnership with The David Suzuki Foundation, Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Ottawa & the University of Ottawa Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability.

Executive Seminar and Certification Course on Inclusive and Gendered Mediation | July 15-21, 2018

Training for women peacebuilders (from 17 countries), organized in partnership with the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN).

Course and Conference of the Commission on Legal Pluralism | August 17-24, 2018

Conference entitled "Citizenship, Legal Pluralism and Governance in the Age of Globalization", organized in partnership with the Commission on Legal Pluralism, the uOttawa Canada Research Chair on Legal Diversity and Indigenous Peoples (Professor Ghislain Otis), and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (Syracuse University), preceded by a four-day course for 25 doctoral candidates or recent graduates.

16 Days: #HearMeToo with UN Women | November 27, 2018

Event organized in partnership with UN Women, the Senate of Canada and Carleton University, featuring the participation of Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women & Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I Am a Human Rights Defender: This Is My Story | November 29, 2018

A Conversation with Women Human Rights Defenders organized in partnership with the Nobel Women's Initiative and COADY International Institute (St. Francis Xavier University).



EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

FOCUS ON THE ROHINGYA CRISIS



Director John Packer was particularly active with regard to the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar and, in July 2018, he visited refugees along the Bangladeshi border. This resulted in several radio and television interviews, articles and participation and/or hosting of meetings and consultations in Canada and abroad. Notable activities included his participation in the Berlin Conference on Myanmar Genocide (February), an address to the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity (March), a contribution to a conference held in Paris at the National Assembly of France (June), and an invitation to Bangladesh for high-level meetings with a group of international experts and a visit to the Rohingya refugee camps along the border with Myanmar (July). Prof. Packer was named Special Adviser to the World Refugee Council on the situation in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

THE ARTS & HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

This initiative was launched in 2014 and seeks to engage in a multidisciplinary examination 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. In addition to the 3rd edition of the Summer School on the Arts and human Rights (June), some notable events held in 2018 were:

SELECTED EVENTS

Youth, Art & Resistance: Facilitating Workshops for Change | March 2, 2018

Workshop organized in partnership with The eQuality Project and the Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession.

Life and Death of Languages | March 20, 2018

Event organized in partnership with the Aboriginal Resource Centre (ARC) and the Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies (ICAS) of the University of Ottawa.

Law Through Visual Arts | April 4, 2018

Exhibition of art works created by law students in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' course (CML4109 | Studies in Human Rights) during the Winter semester. The exhibition remained on display at HRREC through the summer of 2019.

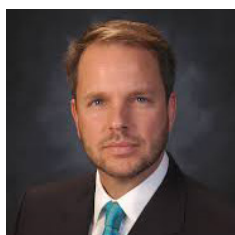
Human Rights & Classical Music since World War II | October 17, 2018

Workshop given by Professor Jessica C. E. Gienow-Hecht (Chair, Department of History, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin).

PUBLICATIONS

Members publish regularly in peer-reviewed academic journals and contribute to books, reports, policy briefs, opinion pieces and other non-scholarly vehicles. They can also contribute to the Centre's "Working Papers Series" available in the electronic portal uOResearch.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS BY OUR MEMBERS



Ph.D. candidate **Pierre-Gilles Bélanger** co-authored a chapter titled "Judicial Decisions as Sources of International Jurisprudence. States' Responsibilities Regarding Human Rights: The cases of Mexico and Chile", published in UNAM's "Fuentes Contemporáneas del Derecho Internacional. Una Visión Latinoamericana".



Jordi Feo published an article entitled "The Initiatives Undertaken by the United Nations in Response to the Situations that Have Lead to Consider Haiti as a Threat to International Peace and Security" in Revista de Relaciones Internacionales de la UNAM.



Ph.D. candidate **Salvador Herencia** authored a chapter in the book "Critical Indigenous Rights Studies" (Routledge), titled "The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: A Third World Approaches to International Law Assessment to Advance their Protection in the Inter-American Human Rights System". Salvador also participated in a new book supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Göttingen University called "Drogas Ilícitas y Narcotráfico: Nuevos Desarrollos en América Latina (Illicit Drugs and Drug Trafficking: New Developments from Latin America)". His chapter considered regional strategies and the possible role that the Organization of American States might have in shaping a regional policy on illicit drugs.



Ph.D. candidate **Nestor Nkurunziza** published an article titled "Les dimensions et les dynamiques régionales et internationales de la justice transitionnelle au Burundi : Proposition de création d'un organe de droit pénal international au sein de la Communauté est-africaine" (Hors-série décembre 2017-Justice internationale pénale et justice transitionnelle, April 2018, Revue québécoise de droit international).



Professor **Ravi Malhotra** co-edited with Dr. Benjamin Isitt an anthology entitled "Disabling Barriers: Social Movements, Disability History and the Law", published by UBC Press. The collection weaves together the fields of law, history and disability studies with 10 contributors.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

NOTABLE AWARDS & NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY OUR MEMBERS

ORDER OF OTTAWA

Angela Cameron received the Order of Ottawa for her professional achievements and contributions to life in the City of Ottawa.

2018 YOUNG AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP

Gordon F. Henderson post-doctoral fellow **Melchisedek Chetima** received the 2018 Young African Scholarship from the Centre for Africa Studies, University of Free State.

COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT CHAIR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Viviana Fernandez joined the Committee of the Joint Chair in Women's Studies, University of Ottawa and Carleton University.

2018 RULE OF LAW SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ph.D. candidate **Nestor Nkurunziza** received the 2018 "Rule of Law Scholarship for International Graduate Students".

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIR

Marie-Ève Sylvestre received a University Research Chair in Law and Criminal Justice Policy, and the Regulation of Marginalized People. In addition, she was elected into the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists and to the Global Young Academy, a group of outstanding young scientists and scholars from around the world.

JACQUES GAUDREAU GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Julie Ynès Ada Tchoukou, Ph.D. student in Law, working with Prof. Mona Paré was 2018 recipient of the Jacques Gaudreau Scholarship. The title of her thesis is: "Legal Development and the Democratization of Human Rights in Post-modern Africa: A Case for the Legal Regulation of Cultural Violence against Girls in Nigeria".

HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL OF THE COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM (CCP)

Joanne St. Lewis, **Lucie Lamarche** and **Larry Chartrand** were appointed by the Federal Government to the Human Rights Expert Panel of the Court Challenges Program (CCP).

SELECTED STORIES OF 2018

Siobhan Airey featured as a graduate student on the front lines of social justice (Ottawa Citizen).

Olabisi D. Akinkugbe, accepted a full-time tenure track position in the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University.

Scholars are at risk all around the world – and Canada needs to lead. Op-ed co-authored by Viviana Fernandez.

HRREC convened a meeting of international women peacebuilders for innovative certificate course on gendered and inclusive mediation.

Jocelyn Kane and Director Packer contributed to the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues (Geneva).

Sarah R. Olutola named Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow for 2018-2019.

Director Packer part of the Commonwealth's team of 23 observers who assessed the electoral process in Zimbabwe.

Joanne St. Lewis and Angela Cameron featured during International Women's Day.

João Velloso and Marie-Ève Sylvestre joined new interdisciplinary research lab on Cities and Contemporary Urban Processes at uOttawa.

TESTIMONIALS

"The HRREC has been an invaluable partner to the Refugee Hub over the past eight years, and has facilitated our growth from a single project to a robust and responsive team of 15 FTE. We are proud to partner with the HRREC, which provides a home base for important and innovative research and programming in Canada and around the world." — **JENNIFER BOND**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa and Founder & Managing Director, University of Ottawa Refugee Hub (HRREC Academic Member)

"The Centre has afforded me excellent opportunities to contribute as a Ph.D. student including the human rights clinic and support to attend the University of Kent in England as a visiting researcher. The Centre has provided me a place to call "home" on campus and I am so deeply proud to be a part of this community!" — **TENILLE BROWN**, Ph.D. Candidate in Law, uOttawa (HRREC Student Member)

"The HRREC provides exemplary leadership and essential support which allows the Centre to punch well above its weight. I can personally attest to the Centre's extraordinary commitment and contribution to projects ranging from the protection of civil society in Canada to supporting human rights defenders in collaboration with a wide range of partners." — **PEARL ELIADIS**, Human Rights Lawyer, Adjunct Professor, McGill's Law Faculty (HRREC Partner)

"Collaborating with the HRREC has resulted in a highly successful IHL Summer School for over a decade, benefiting Canadians from across the country in a unique learning opportunity offered nowhere else in Canada. The commitment of HRREC staff to profiling key humanitarian issues impacting those most affected by armed conflict around the world has resulted in outstanding public engagement." — **CATHERINE GRIBBIN**, Senior Legal Advisor, Canadian Red Cross (HRREC Partner)

"Being anchored at the HRREC gave me immediate recognition and visibility among human rights defenders and development partners and proved particularly instrumental to support my efforts to work on peace in the Middle East and more specifically end the war in Yemen. The Centre's leadership is an indispensable asset." — **RASHA JARHUM**, Co-founder and Director, Peace Track Initiative (HRREC Community Member)

"In 2018 HRREC partnered with ICAN to host the first ever gender and inclusive mediation certificate course for practitioners. We combined field practitioners from 15 countries with the center's experts to enable a rich exchange and mutual learning space. The Center has also been leading efforts to host activists at risk, ensuring that their skills and knowledge can be shared with scholars and students, while also enabling them to benefit from the richness of a global academic center." — **SANAM NARAGHI ANDERLINI**, Founder & CEO, International Civil Society Action Network (HRREC Partner)

"The HRREC is an invaluable partner in the SSHRC-funded eQuality Project precisely because it does such an excellent job of linking us to other researchers and to the community at large. Such innovative dissemination has enabled us to advance an ongoing public dialogue about the need for tech policy that advances human flourishing. We could simply not have attracted the long term funding that we have without the Centre's ongoing support and assistance." — **VALERIE STEEVES**, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa (HRREC Academic Member)

A FEW STATISTICS FOR 2018

SOCIAL MEDIA & LISTSERVS



742 Likes
(25.3% increase)



1,279 followers
(17% increase)

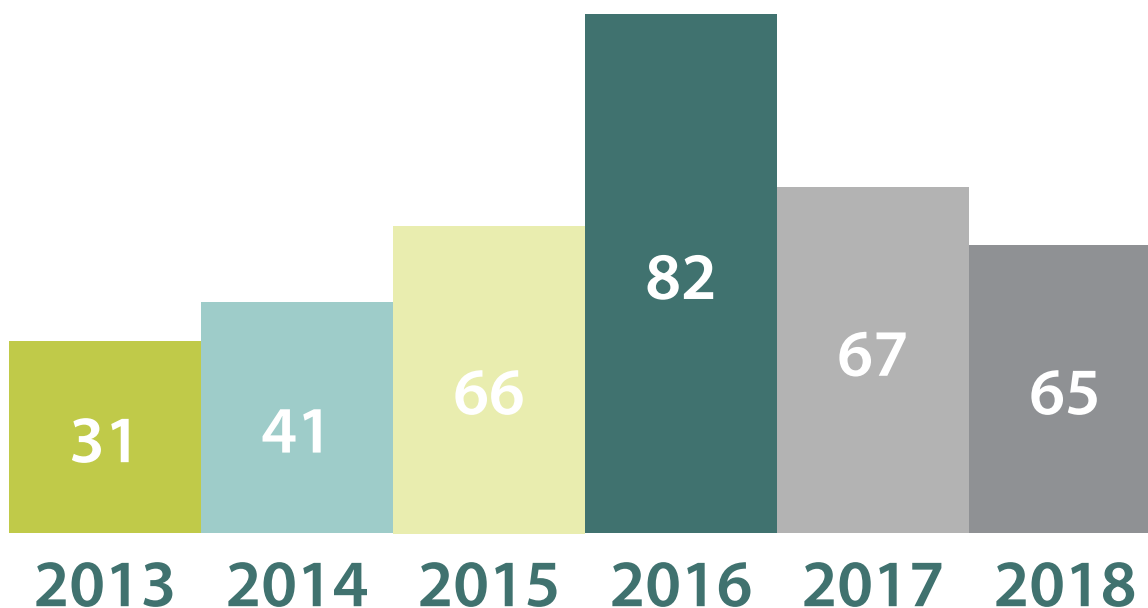


424 Followers
(24.3% increase)



1,105
Non-Members
Subscribers
(3.7% increase)

EVENTS



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Civil Law Section



Gordon F. Henderson
Chair in Human Rights



International Law Group
Faculty of Law - Common Law Section



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Canada

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Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership
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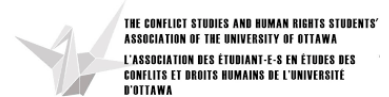
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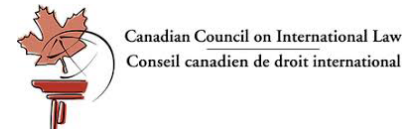
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Raoul Wallenberg All-Party Parliamentary Caucus for Human Rights
Caucus parlementaire multipartite Raoul Wallenberg pour les droits de la personne

EVENTS 2018

JANUARY

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The Façade of Participation and the Legalization of Exclusion: The Role of Customary Communities in South Africa's Mining Industry

Janine Ubink (President, Commission on Legal Pluralism & Professor of Law, Irvine School of Law, University of California)

Partner: Canada Research Chair on Legal Diversity and Aboriginal Peoples, uOttawa

Public Presentation | 10 participants

24

2018 Canadian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Conference – Non-State Actors and Developments in IHL: Canada's Responsibilities in Instance of Military Collaboration

This conference explored new developments in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Canada's responsibilities under IHL when engaging in military collaboration. It brought together experts from the field including academics, practitioners and representatives from the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

Partners: Canadian Red Cross; Global Affairs Canada

Conference | 77 participants

FEBRUARY

5

Whither Canadian Diplomacy: Enabling Mining Companies or Land and Environment Defenders?

Jose Luis Abarca (Son of murdered community leader, Mariano Abarca); Miguel Angel de los Santos (Lawyer, Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law, Autonomous University of Chiapas); Miguel Mijangos (Mexican Network of Mining-Affected People - REMA); Charis Kamphuis (Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University and co-founder of the Justice and Corporate Accountability Project)

Partners: Human Rights Clinic, HRREC, uOttawa; Mining Watch Canada; Justice and Corporate Accountability Project (JCAP); Amnesty International Canada; International Civil Liberties Monitoring Project (ICLMG)

Roundtable discussion (by invitation only) | 25 participants

15

Formalizing the Right to a Healthy Environment in Canada

The event brought together leading academics, advocates and policy-makers to highlight research in environmental rights and related policy developments.

Partners: David Suzuki Foundation; BlueDot; Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic, uOttawa; Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability, uOttawa

Symposium | 60 participants

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Working for Human Rights Abroad

Jonathan Somer (Interim Senior Legal Advisor, Canadian Red Cross)

Partners: Human Rights Watch; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa

Human Rights Networking Event | 18 participants

MARCH

1-2

CJDS Special Issue on "Law, Governance & Development – Critical & Heterodox Approaches"

Workshop organized by co-editors Siobhán Airey and Professor Mark Toufayan, along with project co-ordinator Aboubacar Dakuyo. Participants from universities in Canada and the U.S. and who originate from Europe, Africa, South America and Canada have presented and reviewed works-in-progress: Mekonnen Ayano; Évelyne Jean-Bouchard, Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal, Isabelle Deschamps, Sara Ghebremusse, Melisa Handl, Ghazaleh Jerban, and Liam McHugh-Russell.

Partner: Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIJI)

Writing Workshop | 15 participants

2

Youth, Art & Resistance: Facilitating Workshops for Change

Chloe Georas (Greenberg Visiting International Scholar & Associate Professor, Law School, University of Puerto Rico); Valerie Steeves (Full Professor, Department of Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Jane Bailey (Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partners: eQuality Project, uOttawa; Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, uOttawa

Workshop | 15 participants

6

Country Briefing: South Sudan

Jonathan Pedneault (Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch)

Partners: Human Rights Watch; Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa**Public Presentation** | 25 participants

7

Panel Discussion on Canada and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction on Human Rights Violations Committed Abroad

Sheila B. Keetharuth (United Nation Special Rapporteur on Eritrea); Amanda Ghahremani (Legal Director and Acting Managing Director, Canadian Centre for International Justice); Pacifique Manirakiza (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa)

Partner: The International Law Group, uOttawa**International Law Speaker Series** | 15 participants

8

Hashtags & Beyond: 10 Years of Honouring Local Feminists**Partner:** International Women's Day Ottawa (IWD Ottawa)**International Women's Day** | 200+ participants

9

Meet Our Scholar

Rahim Surkhi (Scholar at Risk 2017-2018)

Partner: SAR uOttawa**SAR uOttawa Event** | 10 participants

13

Elections in Somalia: Looking ahead to 2020

Halima Ismail Ibrahim (NIEC Somalia Chairperson)

Partner: Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa**Public Presentation** | 15 participants

20

Life and Death of Languages

Monty Hill (Member of the Tuscarora Beaver clan member from the Tuscarora Indian Nation reservation)

Partners: Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies, uOttawa; Aboriginal Resource Centre, uOttawa**Public Presentation** | 10 participants

22

The Canada China Free Trade Agreement: Do Human Rights Matter?

Salvador Herencia-Carrasco (Director, Human Rights Clinic, HRREC, uOttawa); Kunchok Dolma (Canadian Tibet Committee); Penelope Simons (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Alex Neve (Secretary-General, Amnesty International Canada); Greg Walton (Ph.D. Candidate, Cybersecurity Centre, University of Oxford & Fellow at SecDev Canada); MP Garnett Genuis (Member, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs; Vice-Chair, Parliamentary Friends of Tibet)

Partner: Canada Tibet Committee**Workshop** | 25 participants

27

Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC) Conference: Child Rights Implications of the Legalization of Cannabis**Partner:** Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), uOttawa**Conference** | 90 participants

27

Les droits de la personne à l'épreuve de la lutte contre Boko Haram dans le Bassin Tchadien

Melchisedek Chétima (Gordon F. Henderson Post-doctoral Fellow 2017-2018, HRREC, uOttawa)

Partner: Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa**Common Law Speaker Series** | 12 participants

APRIL

4

The Law through Visual Arts | Artworks created by students in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' course.**Partner:** Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa**Art Exhibition** | 30 participants

5

Minority Languages in Iran from the Perspective of Language Rights: The Kurdish Case

Rahim Surkhi (Specialized in Kurdish linguistics, Scholar at Risk 2017-2018, uOttawa); Jérémie Séror (Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts, Associate Professor & Director, OLBI, uOttawa); John Packer (Professor, Faculty of Law & Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

Partners: SAR uOttawa; Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, uOttawa**SAR uOttawa Event** | 15 participants

16

Rohingya Crisis**Partners:** CARE Canada; Global Affairs Canada; Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS)**Private Meeting** | 40 participants

MAY

7-8

Critical Perspectives on Resource Extraction Governance: Spaces of Struggle and Conflict, Rights, and Social Innovation**Partner:** Interdisciplinary Research Group on Territories of Extractivism (GRITE)**Bilingual Graduate Student Conference**

10

Virtual Panel – Academic Freedom in Venezuela: Crisis Affecting Scholars and Students

Mayda Hocevar (Director, University of Los Andes Observatory of Human Rights); David Gómez Gamboa (Director, Aula Abierta and University of Zulia Human Rights Commission); Benjamin Scharifker (Rector-President, Metropolitan University); and Jesse Levine (Senior Advocacy Officer, Scholars at Risk Network)

Partners: SAR Canada; Canada Venezuela Democracy Forum; SAR Network; Aula Abierta; University of Los Andes Human Rights Observatory; University of Zulia Human Rights Commission**SAR uOttawa Event** | 20 participants

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Boko Haram et les Kanuri, population autochtone du lac Tchad

Adam Mahamat (Professor, History Department, Université de Maroua, Cameroon)

Partners: Gordon F. Henderson Chair on Human Rights, uOttawa**Public Presentation** | 12 participants

JULY

15

Executive Seminar and Certification Course on Inclusive and Gendered Mediation

The goals of this (pilot) training was to establish a “gold standard” of practice and create a body (“cadre”) of trusted and confident personnel deployable to accompany, advise and mentor women’s peace coalitions, women mediators and their networks, diplomatic missions, and other actors so that they and the peace processes they support benefit.

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21**Partner:** International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)**Training** | 40 participants

AUGUST

29

Justice for the Rohingya

Payam Akhavan (Professor of International Law, McGill University)

Partners: Noor Cultural Centre; International Commission of Jurists Canada (ICJCanada); Canadian Centre for International Justice; McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism; International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto**Public Presentation**

SEPTEMBER

20

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

Ravi Malhotra (Editor of the book, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); David Connor (Professor, Hunter College); Matthew Smith (Associate, Low Murchison Radnoff LLP); Jihan Abbas, Ph.D. (Independent Scholar); Zahari Richter (Ph.D. Student, George Washington University)

Partner: Low Murchison Radnoff LLP**Book Launch** | 39 participants

24

The UN Global Pact for the Environment: Implications for Canada?

Me Yann Aguila (Member, Conseil d’État français and Group of Experts for the Pact); Will Amos (Federal Member of Parliament for Pontiac); Lisa Gue (David Suzuki Foundation); Nathalie Chalifour (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section & Co-Director, Centre for Ecological Law & Global Sustainability, uOttawa)

Partners: Centre for Ecological Law & Global Sustainability, uOttawa; SSHRC**Environmental Law Speaker Series** | 80 participants

27

Poverty Alleviation and Poverty of Aid: Pakistan

Fayyaz Baqir (Visiting Professor, SIDGS, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Lauchlan T. Munro (Associate Professor, SIDGS, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa); Nipa Banerjee (Senior Fellow, SIDGS, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa)

Partners: School of International Development and Global Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa; SAR uOttawa**SAR uOttawa Event & Book Launch** | 18 participants

OCTOBER

4

Realizing Justice in Canada Through the Establishment of Indigenous Community Courts

Angelique EagleWoman (Visiting Professor (Wambdi A. Was'teWinyan), Mitchell Hamline School of Law)

Partners: Social Justice Speaker Series, uOttawa; The Law Foundation of Ontario; Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession, uOttawa; MASHKAWAZIWOGAMIG Indigenous Resource Centre, uOttawa

Public Presentation | 40 participants

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The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan

Jolan Hsieh (Associate Professor, Department of Ethnic Relations and Cultures, College of Indigenous Studies, National Dong Hwa University (NDHU), Taiwan)

Partners: School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa; Research Chair of Taiwan Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, uOttawa

Public Presentation | 20 participants

17

Human Rights & Classical Music since World War II

Jessica C. E. Gienow-Hecht (Professor & Chair, Department of History, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)

Workshop | 13 participants

30

Human Rights and Humanitarian Situation in Anglophone Cameroon, How Can Canada Help?

Felix Nkongho (Cameroonian Human Rights Lawyer, Founder & Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa, and President, Cameroon Anglophone Civil Society Consortium – CACSC)

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

Public Presentation | 25 participants

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70 Years On... Is Humanity Ready for a World Court of Human Rights?

Mark D. Oettinger (Convener of the World Court of Human Rights Design Team, Lead Author of the proposed Statute, Attorney at Law, Montroll, Backus & Oettinger, P.C.); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa & Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution); Scott Fairley (Partner, Cambridge LLP); The Hon. Ian Binnie (Counsel, Lenczner Slaght, Retired Justice, Supreme Court of Canada); Janine Lespérance (Avocats Sans Frontières Canada); Daniel Turp (Professor of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Montreal); J. Anthony VanDuzer (Hyman Soloway Professor in Business and Trade Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

Partners: Hyman Soloway Chair; Canadian Council on International Law; International Commission of Jurists Canada; Canadian Bar Association (International Law Section); Ontario Bar Association (International Law Section)

Panel to launch the CCIL Conference | 60 participants

NOVEMBER

8

Arab Diaspora Workshop 2018

The workshop involves dialogue and research contributions from all participants, and those attending from diverse backgrounds. These are individuals from the Middle East who have worked tirelessly for a better future for all, but who have since been sent into exile, and now find themselves in Canada, the United States and beyond. These women and men represent gifted and creative human potential, and together, they can build both research and professionalism on the understudied topics of social justice, social movement, and the future.

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Partners: Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa; Zajel Institute for Justice & Liberty; Community Mobilization in Crisis, uOttawa

Workshop | 50 participants

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Women's Participation in Peace Processes

John Packer (Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution & Director, HRREC, uOttawa)

Partner: Nobel Women's Initiative

Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program | 9 participants

15

Piercing the Corporate Veil: Multinational Corporate Accountability

This conference was held at the Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, and aimed to critically explore a variety of methods across jurisdictions and disciplines for advancing formal multinational corporation accountability that would impact, advance, and entrench formal and informal global citizenship values and corporate norms—all contributing to better governance.

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Partners: Osgoode Hall Law School, York University; Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University; Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa; University of Toronto, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation; SSHRC
Conference

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Country Briefing: Russia

Tanya Lokshina (Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch); Ivan Pavlov (Human Rights Advocate & Lawyer, Human Rights Watch)

Partners: Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), uOttawa; Human Rights Watch

Public Presentation

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Academic Freedom under Attack: The Cases of Venezuela, Turkey & Nicaragua

Isaac Nahon-Serfaty (Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa); Salvador Herencia Carrasco (Director, Human Rights Clinic, HRREC, uOttawa); Guillermo Tell Aveledo Coll (Universidad Metropolitana, Caracas, Venezuela); Osman Erol (School of Journalism and Communication, Beijing University, China); Miguel González (York University)

Partners: SAR uOttawa; Programs of Spanish and Latin American Studies, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts, uOttawa

Public Presentation | 24 participants

21

Raise the Bar: Children's Rights in Canada

This forum brought a diverse range of NGOs, parliamentarians and government officials, researchers and advocates together with youth, as Canada heads into the UN review of our respect for children's universal human rights.

Partners: Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children (CCRC); Wisdom2Action (W2A); Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC)

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Forum | 100+ participants

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Relations of Ruling: A Feminist Critique of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Violence Against Women in the Context of Resource Extraction

Penelope Simons (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Melisa N. Handl (Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

Partner: Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession

The Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession Speaker Series

22

Upholding Land Rights in Oaxaca, Mexico: The Experiences of Two Human Rights Defenders

Salvador Martínez Arellanes & Neftali Reyes Mendez (Human Rights Defenders in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico)

Partner: Peace Brigades International Canada

Public Presentation | 9 participants

27

16 Days: #HearMeToo with UN Women

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka (Executive Director of UN Women & Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations); Senator Mary Coyle (Senate of Canada); John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Bailey Reid (Equity Advisor and Coordinator of Sexual Assault Services, Carleton University) and students.

Partners: UN Women; Senate of Canada; Carleton University

Public Presentation as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence | 45 participants

27

I Am A Human Rights Defender: This Is My Story

Enas Abdaljawwad (Palestinian Working Women Society for Development); Carrington Christmas (Native Women's Association of Canada); Ivette Galvan (The Center for Indigenous Rights); Pamela Okoroigwe (Legal Defence and Assistance Project); Kinda Omarain (Syrian Women Network); Shunlei Yi (Action Committee for Democracy Development)

Partners: Nobel Women's Initiative; COADY International Institute - St. Francis Xavier University

Public Presentation as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence | 40 participants

DECEMBER

11

SAR Scholar and Host Workshop

The meeting reunited SAR staff from New York, scholars hosted or soon to be hosted in Canada and Canadian institutional representatives. The workshop aimed to help scholars in making the most of their academic visits, networking and planning for transitions. It was also designed to give hosting institutions tools to support the scholars at risk they support.

Partners: Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network; SAR Canada; University of Ottawa

SAR uOttawa Workshop | 45 participants

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Symposium on 70th UDHR Anniversary: Where is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at its 70th Anniversary in the World and in Canada?

Keynote Speaker: Mohammed Al-Shuwaiter (Human Rights Lawyer from Yemen); Moderator: John Packer (Director, HRREC, uOttawa); Panelists: Darren O'Toole (Professor, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, uOttawa); Zoé Boirin-Fargues; Julie Ada Tchoukou; Gloria Song; Preetima Pathak; Aboubacar Dakuyo; and, Slava Balan (Ph.D. Candidates, Faculty of Law, uOttawa)

Symposium | 25 participants

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