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About the Center for the Study of Human Rights

Established in 1978 at Columbia University, the Center for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR) is committed to three core goals:

- Providing excellent human rights education to Columbia students
- Fostering human rights dialogue and innovative interdisciplinary academic research
- Building the capacity of human rights leaders, organizations, and universities around the world

Our approach to human rights

CSHR was the first academic center in the world to be founded on an interdisciplinary commitment to the study of human rights. This remains one of our most distinctive features. While human rights has developed as a professional and academic field in its own right, human rights informs and is shaped by a range of disciplines, including political science, history, public health, sociology, anthropology, literature, philosophy, international relations, development, and law.

CSHR is also renowned for bridging the study and practice of human rights on both a national and international level. As a field, the study of human rights is enriched by its engagement with practitioners' perspectives. Simultaneously, the practice of human rights benefits from advocates' critical reflection and analysis, bolstered by insights gained from academic research. CSHR seeks to promote dialogue between scholars and practitioners through human rights research, education, lectures, conferences, and capacity-building activities.

Chairperson's Statement

I'm sure you will be as impressed as I am by the range of activities undertaken by the Center for the Study of Human Rights.

The Center serves as an entrepreneur, coordinator, and clearing house for the extraordinary range of human rights education, research, and capacity-building activities that take place university-wide at Columbia and that make the university a trendsetter in this rapidly emerging field.

Both the genius and the bane of the great modern research university is specialization. Institutions like the Center that bridge disciplines and schools are rare and valuable. The Center has enabled those of us interested in this subject to meet and learn from one another and, in doing so, has made our intellectual lives more exciting and creative. The Center also tries to bridge the gap between academia and the world of practice. It does so in both directions, bringing practitioners to the campus to learn and creating ways for us to learn from them on and off campus.

The next step in the Center's development is advancement to the status of an institute, which we hope to achieve with the support of the University administration and Senate. As an institute, reporting to the Provost, we hope to perform our coordinating and entrepreneurial missions even more effectively and help spark continued advances in human rights teaching, research, and capacity building.



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Andrew J. Nathan
Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science
Chair, Center for the Study of Human Rights Board of Directors

Director's Statement

Human rights is increasingly becoming multi-faceted, encompassing new areas of engagement as well as new stakeholders. At times it seems that human rights has come to stand for social justice, ethics, and protection in all manifestations, as rights language embraces every aspect of our lives, from culture to technology, from the environment to business, and religion. No longer is the focus exclusively on the legal aspects or mechanisms satisfactory to human rights advocates, who engage human rights in an extraordinary number of sites and organizations. Faced with these challenges, the scope of the activities of CSHR has been growing. This means that fundamental questions have to be asked about the substance of human rights in the academy. It is this overarching demand that guides our work with respect to CSHR's three primary missions: education, research, and working with and training advocates.



While human rights is not a discipline per se, the academic teaching of human rights is proliferating. There is increased demand from students around the university, with expanding enrollments for human rights programs at Columbia College, Barnard College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of International and Public Affairs, and Columbia Law School. There is also new interest in professional schools with whom we have been relatively less engaged in the past, including the Mailman School of Public Health, the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Graduate School of Journalism, and Teachers College. CSHR has also initiated a new summer school program, which has now operated for two years, and which enables both Columbia and non-Columbia students to explore new opportunities in human rights in New York City in addition to the classroom. CSHR is looking into expanding educational opportunities, including training in non-degree programs that build on our own rich educational experience.

Over the last two years, CSHR has expanded its research activities in several directions and I will mention only a couple. One of our most rewarding projects has been working with Darfuri leaders. Through the Darfur Development Initiative, CSHR has been able to facilitate the building of a network and a new civil society organization which involves leaders in each of the three Darfur states, as well as the rest of Sudan and the diaspora. We take great satisfaction in expanding human rights to foster conflict resolution and development work. We are grateful to David Phillips (a visiting scholar at CSHR) as the director of the project and Dirk Solomon (director of SIPA's Humanitarian Affairs Program) for leading our efforts.

A new research project, in which we put great hope, is the study of human rights impact across a variety of areas: What difference does human rights work make? What have decades of work achieved and in what areas? We view answering these questions as an enormous challenge for both scholars and advocates, an area where funders, politicians, and practitioners are often at a loss. Much excellent work is being done on various aspects of these questions, but there is a general sense that competing methodologies and approaches present more questions than answers. CSHR has convened scholars and practitioners, nationally and internationally, to examine these issues over the next few years. We are in the midst of developing the project. We have had an initial workshop (Spring 2009), are inspired by the responses we have received from diverse quarters, and are excited about the future of the project. We owe gratitude to (the not so new by now) CSHR associate director, Yasmine Ergas, together with James Ron (Carleton University) for playing a leading role in shepherding the project.

The flagship program of CSHR capacity building has, for the last two decades, been our Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP). The wonderful advocates bring to Columbia their rich and often very harsh experiences, presenting the Columbia community with living proof of the importance of human rights work in all of its diversity. Over the last two years the program has gone through personnel changes, and the economic crisis of 2008 converged to present unprecedented challenges. Fortunately, our new director of capacity building programs, Stephanie Grepo, has been able to build on HRAP's foundation and strengthen it programmatically, while enabling us to meet the ever growing funding challenges.

Lastly, I would like to thank two people whose contribution to CSHR has changed as they moved on. Alice Miller has moved to Berkeley Law School, and is sorely missed, and J. Paul Martin, the founding director of CSHR, has retired, but continues his involvement with the Center, teaching and advising both students and staff.

As it becomes an Institute, CSHR is going to face new opportunities and new responsibilities. It calls on us to further expand our work, and indeed we have a busy year ahead of us. We are grateful for our supporters and friends around the University, the City, and beyond, and as we look forward to welcoming many new faces, we hope to see you among them.

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Elazar Barkan
Professor of International and Public Affairs
Director, Center for the Study of Human Rights



Professor Joanne Bauer's course Corporate Social Responsibility: A Human Rights Perspective

Education

CSHR serves as the focal point for the study of human rights at Columbia University. CSHR contributes to curriculum development, coordinates human rights activities, advises students, and provides administrative and logistical support to Columbia’s human rights programs. Our board members address human rights from a range of disciplines and direct various undergraduate and graduate human rights programs on campus.

Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate Human Rights Program, Columbia College

The Columbia Undergraduate Human Rights Program (UHRP), directed by Professor Samuel Moyn, is thriving, with approximately 30 new concentrators every year.

The program is interdisciplinary, and courses are designed to provide students with knowledge of the theory and practice of human rights, stimulate a critical examination of its historical and conceptual dimensions, and allow students to reflect – alongside scholars, writers, and practitioners – on the rich past and complex future of human rights.

Students in UHRP are active in organizing extracurricular events that expand their own opportunities to learn more about the breadth of work being done in the human rights field.

Human Rights Film Series

Throughout the year, the program organizes documentary film screenings. UHRP often hosts the director or producer of the film, who leads a discussion with the audience after the screening. Documentaries shown last year include *All About Darfur*, *Black Gold*, *Debt of Dictators*, and *Liberia: An Uncivil War*.



Speaker Series

NGOs and members of the academic community are also invited to speak on campus. Some of the speaker series events held last year include:

- “La Mirada Justa: Civic, Social, and Political Rights in Argentina” – A photography exhibition presented by Roberto Saba (ADC Argentina) and Juan Gonzalez Bertomeu (NYU).
- “Voices from the Saffron Revolution: Burmese Monks Speak” – Inspiring stories from four Burmese monks who helped organize the 2007 Saffron Revolution. This event was organized in conjunction with the Burma 88 Coalition, CTICE, the OUC, CIRCA, and CPU.
- Human Rights on the Ground series – CSHR’s 2008 Human Rights Advocates Program advocates discussed their grassroots human rights work.
 - “Women’s Rights in India and Indonesia”
 - Anbu Sengo Arasi Aganezhmaivanan, Program Officer, Tamil Nadu Women’s Forum
 - Amalia Pulungan, Program Officer, Institute for Global Justice
 - “Defending Human Rights: Dispatches from Mexico and Colombia” – Sponsored by the Institute for Latin American Studies, SIPA
 - Paola Carolina Delgado, Director, South Florida Jobs with Justice
 - Alejandro Rivera, Vice-President and Adjunct Coordinator of Programming and Evaluation, Collective for Family Health

Internship Panels

The UHRP organizes human rights internship panels to help students gain practical experience. UHRP’s most recent panel featured individuals associated with Amnesty International, the International Center for Transitional Justice, Human Rights Watch, United Nations Development Programme, and UHRP.

Human Rights Program, Barnard College

The Human Rights Program at Barnard College seeks to provide its students the insights and skills needed to become cogent, life-long advocates for human rights. This interdisciplinary program is designed to be pursued alongside a major in one of the departments with a disciplinary or area studies focus.



J. Paul Martin, CSHR Senior Scholar and Director of Human Rights Studies at Barnard; Louis Henkin, CSHR Chair Emeritus, University Professor Emeritus, Special Service Professor; and Lee Bollinger, President of Columbia University and Professor of Law

In 2007, Barnard invited CSHR's former director, J. Paul Martin, to become director of its human rights program. Over the past two years, the program has expanded steadily.

Two new annual core courses have been added: an introductory course, Human Rights in Theory and Practice, and Social Change in Africa. The course offerings are complemented by colloquiums and weekly discussions with experts in the field. For example, a colloquium organized in April 2009 brought together students, scholars, and NGO experts in order to evaluate strategies designed to reduce violence against women and to identify potential research topics.

Graduate Programs

Human Rights Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

The Liberal Studies Master of Arts (LSMA) program in Human Rights Studies introduces students to general legal and philosophical principles and provides them the opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge in a specific area of human rights. The human rights program is the largest among LSMA and student interest has grown significantly.

During the 2008-2009 academic year the program offered two new courses: Human Rights Graduate Research Colloquium I and II and International Criminal Tribunals.

The following thesis titles of LSMA students over the past two academic years exemplify the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

Ecumenism and Human Rights in an Age of Interdependence

Human Rights and the Co-evolution of the Earth-Human System

Legal Reparations in Post-Genocide Rwanda and the Implications for the Conflict in Darfur: Reconciliation through Restorative Justice

Corporate Social Responsibility: A Case Study of the Uzbek Cotton Industry

The Intersection of Race, the Death Penalty, and International Human Rights: An Examination of American Retention of Capital Punishment

Human Rights Education in Sierra Leone and Liberia: What Should Be Done for Child Soldiers?

Feminized Organization: Mobilizing Women Workers in the Age of Globalization

Norm Changes in the European Union Enlargement: Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in Romania

Human Rights

Concentration, School of International and Public Affairs

The Human Rights Concentration is an interdisciplinary program where professionals and scholars come together with the purpose of integrating human rights into all aspects of their work. CSHR's director, Elazar Barkan, oversees this program.

Human rights concentrators learn to apply a human rights lens to varied fields and contexts and garner skills that include not only substantive knowledge on the politics of rights, but also analytical tools, including gender/race critical theories and theories of globalization.

In 2009, the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) restructured its curriculum, making Human Rights one of six core policy concentrations. This resulted in greater formal collaboration with the Humanitarian Affairs Program as well as increased student demand.

Human Rights Coursework

All students are required to take International Human Rights Law and are strongly encouraged to take Rethinking Human Rights and the Human Rights Workshop. When choosing electives, students can focus on a particular professional area of human rights. Illustrative examples include human rights as it relates to children's rights, refugee rights, humanitarian affairs, business (corporate social responsibility), development, gender, media, and security.

During their second year, students participate in a workshop that is structured around a semester-long consultancy project. Under the guidance of a faculty member, students work in teams with client agencies, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. Examples of workshop projects completed in 2008 and 2009 include:

- Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women (ADEW)
 - *Strengthening ADEW's Capacity to Promote Women's Empowerment in Egypt*
- Human Rights Watch
 - *Mass Media Outlets and UN Decision-Makers*
- Institute for Research and Debate on Governance
 - *Exploring the Role of Traditional Leaders in Governance in South Africa*
 - *Land, Governance, and Legitimacy in Tanzania: The Effects of Legal Pluralism on Maasai Pastoralists*
- Instituto Observatorio Social & CAENI
 - *Assessing Unilever Brazil's Corporate Social Responsibility Programs in the State of Goias*
 - *Promoting Social Dialogue in the Mining Sector in Pará, Brazil*
- Law and Development Association
 - *Developing a Monitoring and Evaluation System for LADA's Adult Paralegal Program*
- Revenue Watch Institute
 - *Assessing the Impact of Economic Training for African Journalists*
- Royal Dutch Shell plc and Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc.
 - *Beyond Public Perceptions: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Shell's Community-Based Social Performance Projects in the Philippines*
- Sauti Yetu Center for African Women
 - *Assessing the Needs of African Immigrant Women Engaged in New York City's Informal and Formal Economies*
- Uganda Community-Based Association for Child Welfare
 - *Strengthening the Monitoring Framework for UCOBAC's Initiative on Women's Land, Housing, and Property Rights*



Professor Yasmine Ergas, Associate Director, CSHR

Co-Curricular Activities

- Human rights practica
- Human Rights Working Group
- Human rights events and lectures
- Volunteer outings
- Monthly social gatherings
- Graduation dinner

Certificate in the Study of Human Rights, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

The Departments of Philosophy, Political Science, History, and Sociology of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the schools of International and Public Affairs, Law, Social Work, and Public Health cooperate in offering a Certificate in the Study of Human Rights.

This certificate program is for PhD or masters students for whom human rights questions bear substantively on their primary academic interests and whose career objectives are related to human rights education, research, or professional practice. The program is directed by Professor Andrew Nathan.

Human Rights at Columbia Law School

Human Rights Institute

Founded in 1998, the Human Rights Institute serves as the focal point of international human rights education, scholarship, and practice at Columbia Law School.

The Human Rights Institute works closely with CSHR and hosts a wide array of symposia, lectures, and other events to bring practitioners and scholars together. It runs an active speakers program during the academic year and cooperates closely with student groups on other program activities. The institute also works closely with the Graduate Legal Studies Program to select Human Rights Fellows for the LLM program, and with the Center for Public Interest Law to select fellows to work in human rights after graduation.

Human Rights Clinic

The Human Rights Clinic exposes students to the practice of law in the international and cross-cultural context of human rights litigation and advocacy.

An intensive critical seminar examines the actors, subjects, and tools of the human rights movement. It is combined with specially tailored exercises and simulations to introduce students to international human rights practice and to foster the development of lawyering and advocacy skills.

To bridge theory and practice, the Human Rights Clinic provides students with hands-on experience working on active human rights cases and projects. Working in partnership with experienced attorneys and institutions engaged in human rights activism, both in the United States and abroad, students contribute to effecting positive change locally and globally as they hone their professional skills.

Clinic projects cover the full range of human rights advocacy and its recent work has taken students across the United States and to Azerbaijan, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Haiti, India, Liberia, Mexico, Peru, and South Africa.

Peter Rosenblum teaches the Human Rights Clinic. He and Sarah Cleveland, both CSHR board members, are the faculty co-directors of the Human Rights Institute.

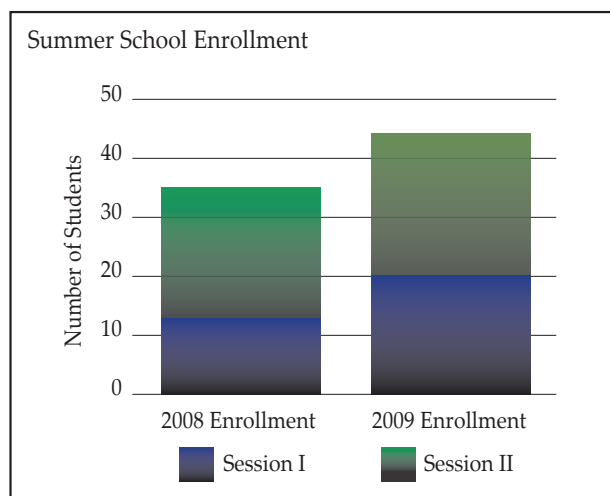
Program on Forced Migration and Health and Sexuality and Health Track, Mailman School of Public Health

Both the Program on Forced Migration and Health and the Sexuality and Health track emphasize pragmatic, interdisciplinary, and human rights-based problem solving in the health and social sectors. The core components of these programs include:

- Graduate-level training in public health – Students receive a Masters in Public Health (MPH).
- Research, policy analysis, and partnerships – Faculty lead innovative research projects and participate in local, national, and global partnerships, providing opportunities for student involvement.
- Human rights and evidence-based advocacy – Faculty members and research officers are active in a range of settings.
- Provision of support and services – Faculty members and research officers offer technical assistance, training, capacity building, and direct services to communities, governments, national and international non-governmental organizations, and the United Nations in order to develop innovative programs and improve the quality and efficacy of public health service delivery. Students, through practica and internships, work directly with programs that serve communities.

International and Transcultural Studies' Peace Education Concentration, Teachers College

Peace education is primarily concerned with addressing direct and structural violence through the transformation of pedagogy, curriculum, and policy related to education in both formal and non-formal contexts. The concentration provides both masters and doctoral students a conceptual understanding of issues related to peace and human rights, as well as practical skills in curriculum development.



CSHR's Human Rights Summer School Program

In 2008, CSHR launched its Human Rights Summer School Program, which is designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines.

The program offers two, six-week sessions each summer. These sessions consist of coursework, for which students can receive academic credit, and co-curricular activities, including:

- Weekly talks by human rights experts
- Visits to the United Nations and human rights organizations, including Human Rights Watch, Housing Works, International Center for Transitional Justice, The Legal Aid Society, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Revenue Watch Institute, the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, and the adviser to the UN Secretary General on the Responsibility to Protect
- Documentary and film presentations, including the annual Human Rights Watch Film Festival
- Research access to Columbia University Libraries' Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research

2008 Summer School Program	2009 Summer School Program
Session 1: May 27–July 3	Session I: May 26- July 3, 2009
The History of Human Rights International Human Rights Law	Introduction to Human Rights International Human Rights Law
Session II: July 7–August 15	Session II: July 6-August 14, 2009
International Child Law Corporate Social Responsibility: A Human Rights Perspective	Corporate Social Responsibility: A Human Rights Perspective Women and Human Rights

Human Rights Educators Workshop: What Do We Do When We Teach Human Rights?

Since human rights education was first introduced to universities several decades ago, human rights movements have evolved and adopted an increasingly varied array of strategies and practices. University human rights programs have undergone a similar process of expansion and diversification. This is seen at the undergraduate and graduate level, across departments, and within various professional schools of law, public policy, journalism, public health, social work, international affairs, and education.

To provide human rights educators the opportunity to collectively reflect on these developments and discuss the implications for human rights education, CSHR hosted a workshop October 3-4, 2008. Approximately 30 representatives from universities across the United States discussed the following:

- Roundtable 1: Conceptual Foundations of Human Rights Education: Is There a Core Curriculum?
- Roundtable 2: How Do We Delineate Human Rights from Other Fields?: Defining Criteria for Inclusion and Exclusion
- Roundtable 3: Integrating Human Rights Advocacy and Academic Study: Tensions and Convergences



Lisa Crooms, Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law and Tucker Culbertson, Project Team Coordinator, Latina and Latino Critical Theory, Inc.

Research

CSHR provides research forums for scholars at Columbia University and other members of the human rights community. Through projects, conferences, and workshops, we encourage interdisciplinary investigation of human rights issues and promote connections between academic and practitioner communities.

Faculty Research

CSHR works with faculty members from a range of schools, academic departments, and disciplines.

The interdisciplinary and innovative human rights research that CSHR fosters is exemplified by the selection of recent publications of CSHR board members, found on page 20 of this report.

Human Rights Impact

The language of human rights is increasingly pervasive in the worlds of international policy, development, foreign assistance, and social justice. Organizations dedicated to human rights have multiplied exponentially, governments have begun mainstreaming human rights into their national and foreign policies, and national and international institutions have been established to monitor and promote human rights. Yet, governmental and private donors, international organizations, researchers, and NGOs are wrestling with the question of how to measure the value-added of human rights efforts. How do we know when international human rights policies and programs are having their desired impact? What policies and contexts are most amenable to success, and which are most likely to have little, or even adverse, consequences?

Researchers in numerous disciplines – political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, and history, to name a few – and in a variety of institutional contexts – funding agencies, international organizations, private consultancies, and NGOs – are examining this issue, often in parallel and without sufficient dialogue with one another.

To foster collaboration and communication across the nascent field of human rights impact, CSHR organized a workshop on April 24, 2009, which drew together researchers and practitioners from multiple disciplines and organizations. The workshop highlighted critical issues of interest to this emerging community, including:

- Indicators – Can researchers define a “basket” of basic human rights indicators for cross-case and cross-national comparisons, and if so, what should it comprise?
- Causation and attribution – How can one trace a change in social or political behavior (such as that typically required by a human rights treaty) to a specific intervention, given the complexity of the factors affecting social behavior?
- The “information paradox” – How can one account for the effects that the monitoring and evaluation of an intervention can have on the conduct of that intervention?
- Two (or more) cultures – How can scholars and practitioners, who may have differing interests, approaches, and understandings of opportunity costs, work together to produce analyses that are beneficial and relevant to all constituencies involved?

As a first step in mapping the field of human rights impact, and as a service to the scholarly and advocacy community, CSHR has generated a “live” bibliography that will be updated as efforts progress. This bibliography is available at <http://hrcolumbia.org/impact/>.

Tibet and Minority Rights

This project, initiated in 2004, seeks to provide legal information on existing Chinese laws to protect and promote minority rights and autonomy arrangements in the ethnic Tibetan areas of western China (i.e., Qinghai, Gansu, Yunnan and Szechuan provinces, as well as the Tibet Autonomous Region).

In 2008, CSHR published *Autonomy for Ethnic Tibetans in China: Assessing and Implementing China’s Laws on Minority Rights*. This report, prepared by CSHR Visiting Scholar David L. Phillips, is a companion to the project’s initial research and findings published as *Legal Standards and Autonomy Options for Minorities in China: The Tibetan Case*. Theodore C. Sorenson and David L. Phillips authored the original report, which was published in 2004 by Harvard University’s Belfer Center for Science in International Affairs. The updated report fills gaps in the original study and includes new laws promulgated since 2004. The result is a thorough database and summary of provisions at the national, provincial, and prefectural levels regarding cultural, economic, and governance autonomy arrangements in China’s ethnic Tibetan regions.



Visiting Scholars Program

Each year, CSHR hosts a number of visiting scholars wishing to pursue human rights research. This program provides scholars access to University facilities and libraries, faculty advising, and the opportunity to participate in the intellectual life of the University. In addition to their research, visiting scholars attend conferences and seminars, give lectures, audit courses, and serve as an additional resource to other members of the Columbia University community who are interested in human rights. At the end of their residency, scholars provide CSHR a final report detailing their work and copies of any publications resulting from their research as a visiting scholar.

Our recent visiting scholars

Danielle Celermajer is a senior lecturer and director of the Asia Pacific Masters of Human Rights and Democratisation at the University of Sydney. She attended Columbia University as a Fulbright scholar where she completed her PhD summa cum laudae in political science. She was previously the director of indigenous policy at the Australian Human

Rights Commission. Dr. Celermajer's areas of research are human rights, transitional justice, historical memory, and the interface between religion and politics. Her book, *Sins of the Nation and the Ritual of Apology* was released by Cambridge University Press in May, 2009.

As a visiting scholar, Dr. Celermajer prepared a draft curriculum for the Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation, a European Union-funded cooperative program involving four other universities in the region. The major objectives of the program are to develop the capacity of activists in the Asia Pacific region, to support them in building stronger and more effective human rights institutions, and to build the capacity of universities in the region to effectively teach and research human rights issues. The curriculum she prepared will be implemented in 2010.

Dr. Celermajer also contributed to the planning and development of CSHR's research on human rights impact and worked on the following publications:

- Danielle Celermajer and Dirk Moses. "Australian Memory and the Apology to the Stolen Generations of Indigenous People." In *Memory in a Global Age: Discourses, Practices, and Trajectories*, edited by Aleida Assman and Sebastian Conrad. New York: Routledge, 2010.
- Danielle Celermajer and Robert Meister. "Athens and Jerusalem." Special issue of *Thesis 11*. (forthcoming)
- Danielle Celermajer, Vrasidas Karalis and Andrew Schaap, eds. *In Conversation with Hannah Arendt*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Press, forthcoming.

Theresa Khorozyan is a visiting lecturer at the American University of Armenia (AUA) and is the senior program manager of Counterpart International's civic advocacy support program. Ms. Khorozyan has also worked for the United Nations Development Programme, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Center for Policy Analysis at AUA. She received her MA in the theory and practice of human rights from the University of Essex, UK and her MA in political science and international relations from the American University of Armenia.

Ms. Khorozyan joined CSHR in January 2009 as a recipient of the Open Society Institute's Faculty Development Fellowship, which is designed to encourage the pursuit of academic careers, generate new approaches to curricular and pedagogical reform, and support the development of regional and international institutional partnerships and collaborative projects.

While at CSHR, Ms. Khorozyan developed a new course, Non-state Actors in the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, for political science students at AUA. The objective of this course is to examine and assess human rights practices and policies of various non-state actors at international and national levels, focusing in particular on the roles of non-governmental organizations, businesses, and development agencies in setting and enforcing human rights standards. As a visiting scholar, Ms. Khorozyan also revised the syllabus of the International Law and Human Rights course that she currently teaches.

Sarangerel Lkhamsuren is a lecturer in the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the School of History and Social Sciences and a teacher trainer at the Center for Human Rights Education of Mongolia State University of Education (MSUE). She is also involved with the Central Asia Research and Training Initiative of the Open Society Forum of Hungary's International Higher Education Support Program. She has worked with the Mongolian Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science (MECS) and UNICEF on a number of projects pertaining to children's rights education.

As a visiting scholar, Ms. Lkhamsuren researched educational reform, human rights education, and cooperation among school administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and other stakeholders. Based on this research, she wrote a chapter on stakeholder cooperation and school violence for a curriculum module commissioned by

UNICEF, MECS, and MSUE. Her most recent article, “Children’s Rights in Educational Settings of Mongolia,” is pending publication.

D’Ann R. Penner is an oral historian. At CSHR she completed a three-year oral history project of New Orleanians displaced by Hurricane Katrina’s landfall and aftermath. She has been the director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis, an associate professor of history at the University of Memphis, and a visiting scholar at the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University. She holds a PhD in history from the University of California at Berkeley.

Her latest book, *Overcoming Katrina: African American Voices from the Crescent City and Beyond*, was published in February 2009. Pending publications also related to her research at Columbia include:

- “Race, Trauma, and Hurricane Katrina’s Long Shadow.” *Journal of American Studies*. (forthcoming)
- “Human Rights, Katrina Studies, and Testimonies: Accounting for Silences.” *Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies*. (under consideration)
- “The Saddest Days Oral History Project: An Overview.” *International Yearbook of Oral History and Life Stories*. (under consideration)

David L. Phillips directs CSHR’s Darfur Early Recovery and Development project and the Tibet and Minority Rights project. He is also currently an adjunct associate professor at New York University’s Graduate School of Politics, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, and a project director at the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. He has worked as a senior adviser to the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Secretariat. He has held many academic positions, including visiting scholar at Harvard University’s Center for Middle East Studies, executive director of Columbia University’s International Conflict Resolution Program, director of the Program on Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding at the American University, and professor at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He has also been executive director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, deputy director of the Council on Foreign Relations’ Center for Preventive Action, director of the European Centre for Common Ground, project director at the International Peace Research Institute of Oslo, and president of the Congressional Human Rights Foundation.

In 2008, his most recent book, *From Bullets to Ballots: Violent Muslim Movements in Transition*, was published by Transaction Press/Rutgers University. He has also authored many policy reports and more than 100 articles in leading publications such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, and *Foreign Affairs*. Recent publications include:

- *Albania: From Fragile State to Viable International Partner*. New York: The National Committee on American Foreign Policy, February 2008. <http://www.ncafp.org/publications/reports/2008/albaniafinal2-6-08.pdf>
- *Autonomy for Ethnic Tibetans in China: Assessing and Implementing China’s Laws on Minority Rights*. New York: Center for the Study of Human Rights, December 2008. <http://hrcolumbia.org/tibet/>
- *Confidence Building between Turks and Iraqi Kurds*. Washington DC: The Atlantic Council of the United States, June 2009. <http://www.acus.org/publication/confidence-building-between-turks-and-iraqi-kurds>
- *Darfur Early Recovery and Development Dossier*. New York: Center for the Study of Human Rights, July 2008. <http://hrcolumbia.org/darfur/dossier.htm>

Wang Tiancheng is a constitutional scholar and a human rights activist from China. He earned his law degree from Peking University, where he served as lecturer in law and editor of *Peking University Law Journal*. He was actively involved in the 1989 pro-democracy movement and helped found the Liberal and Democratic Party of China. In 1992, he was arrested for his political activities and imprisoned for five years.

Mr. Wang has published influential and prize-winning papers on the rule of law and constitutionalism in China. These include “The Backbones of the Constitution,” “On Republic,” and “A Second Treatise on Republic.” He has called publicly for a reconsideration of government policies on Tibet, most prominently in his article “Federalism: The Best Solution to the Tibet Issue.”

At CSHR, he researched the relationship between electoral laws and the number of political parties, presidentialism versus parliamentarianism, and models of transition during the third wave of democratization. He also testified before a Congressional-Executive Commission on China hearing and met with President Bush. His recent publications include:

- “Federalism: The Best Solution to the Tibet Issue.” [In Chinese.] *Minzhuzhongguo (Democratic China)*, April 21, 2008. <http://www.minzhuzhongguo.org/Article/sf/200804/20080421110752.shtml>
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Graduate Research Fellowships

In 2008, CSHR awarded Fellowships for Graduate Research in Human Rights to Anil G.C., Eric N. Mvukiyeh, and Stefano Recchia and an Archival Research Fellowship to Brooke Greene. All four fellowship recipients were full-time PhD students. During their fellowships, they wrote the following papers:

- “Eyes without Teeth? Non-State Actor Monitoring of State Compliance with the Law of War” – Brooke Greene
- “Liberal Paternalism and Post-war International Statebuilding” – Stefano Recchia
- “Original Ownership of the Globe and the Right of Relocation: A Theoretical Inquiry into the Validity of International Borders with Respect to People” – Anil G.C
- “Peacekeeping and the Protection of Civilian Populations in Civil Wars” – Eric N. Mvukiyeh

As a contribution to the broader human rights community, they organized panel discussions to address their research as well as that of other experts in the field.

The Right of Relocation – April 29, 2008

Chair

Michael Doyle, Harold Brown Professor of US Foreign and Security Policy Professor of Law and Political Science, Columbia University

Presenters

Arash Abizadeh, Associate Professor of Political Science, McGill University

Anil G.C., CSHR Graduate Research in Human Rights Fellow

Discussants

David Johnston, Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and the Core Curriculum, Columbia University

Axel Domeyer, PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

Justice and War – May 8, 2008

Presenters

Brooke Greene, CSHR Graduate Archival Research Fellow – “Normative Ambiguity and the Limits of Compliance: Noncombatant Immunity in America’s (Not So) Recent Wars”

Stefano Recchia, CSHR Graduate Research in Human Rights Fellow – “Just and Unjust Post-war Reconstruction: How Much External Interference is Morally Justified?”

Discussants

Tanisha Fazal, Associate Professor of Political Science, Columbia University

Tonya Putnam, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Columbia University

The Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research

Columbia University Libraries’ Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research (CHRDR) develops global collections – which include primary and secondary resources as well as archival collections and internal records from human rights organizations – and enhances the visibility and accessibility of these collections through programs, collaborative projects, and library services. CHRDR currently houses the archives of Amnesty International USA, the Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia’s University Seminar on Human Rights, the Committee of Concerned Scientists, Human Rights First, and Human Rights Watch.

CHRDR supports teachers, researchers, and advocates conducting archival research on human rights. In 2008, Brook Greene, the recipient of CSHR’s Archival Research Fellowship, worked closely with the Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research.

CHRDR is also involved in a new initiative resulting from a 2009 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop and implement a program for incorporating web content into the Libraries’ collection. This three-year grant will establish best practices for collecting, managing, preserving, and providing access to at-risk digital content, specifically in the area of human rights.

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Human Rights Clinic, interview with client in Dominican Republic

Capacity Building

Human Rights Advocates Program

The 20th year of the Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) continued a long tradition of building the capacity of grassroots human rights leaders from the Global South and the United States.

This intensive four-month program of advocacy, networking, skills-building, and academic coursework provides human rights advocates the opportunity to hone practical skills, develop a deeper understanding of human rights, and foster mutually beneficial relationships with organizations and individuals in their respective fields.

“I’ve learned advocacy strategies, fundraising skills including proposal writing and letter of inquiry writing, how to network with NGOs and foundations, interviewing skills through the Human Rights Watch workshop series and video advocacy through the WITNESS training.”

—Anbu Sengo Arasi



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Anbu Sengo Arasi Aganezhmaivanan - India -

Anbu Sengo Arasi Aganezhmaivanan is a program officer at the Tamil Nadu Women’s Forum, where she defends the rights of Dalit women laborers and works to achieve gender justice. For example, she has successfully lobbied on behalf of Dalit women affected by poorly implemented microcredit schemes and Special Economic Zones. She also works to strengthen the Dalit women’s movements by empowering Dalit women to participate effectively in democratic processes.

Paola Carolina Delgado - USA -

As the membership director of South Florida Jobs with Justice in Miami, Florida, Ms. Delgado advocates on behalf of immigrant and female workers in the Colombian flower industry. As president of STITCH’s Board of Directors, she works on behalf of women in the Central American maquila sector and immigrant women in the U.S. She has also implemented popular education programs tailored to women of color to encourage dialogue, solidarity, and coalition building. She was a fellow of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Program. The purpose of this program is to create opportunities

for the community to think about ways to improve race relations.

Roger Luhiriri - Democratic Republic of the Congo -

Dr. Roger Luhiriri is a physician specialized in traumatic fistula. Dr. Luhiriri joined HRAP from Panzi Hospital, one of the few centers for victims of sexual violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he helped guide the hospital's services for survivors of sexual violence. Dr. Luhiriri also collaborates with Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des Violences Sexuelles, a coalition of women's organizations addressing sexual violence against women.



Peter Mulbah working in Liberia

Peter Mulbah - Liberia -

Peter Mulbah is the executive director of Skills and Agricultural Development Services and works to protect the environmental rights of rural Liberians. Mr. Mulbah has also worked intensively to educate Liberians about their rights regarding rural land tenure and to mobilize them to advocate for equitable solutions. In organizing participatory dialogues and town hall meetings that engage communities and government officials, Mr. Mulbah is committed to working toward a society where communities use non-violent conflict resolution methods.

Amalia Pulungan - Indonesia -

A program officer at the Institute for Global Justice, Amalia Pulungan links local leaders to international forums addressing the connections between education, trade, and local agriculture. For example, in response to the impacts of international trade agreements, she has helped to mobilize an education effort directed at rural peasant populations across Indonesia to inform them of their rights and available resources.

Alejandro Rivera - Mexico -

Dr. Rivera joined HRAP as vice-president and adjunct coordinator of programming and evaluation at the Collective for Family Health. Dr. Rivera advocates for people marginalized for their age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or HIV/AIDS status in the state of Chiapas. For example, he has helped empower young people to advocate for sexual and reproductive rights and has developed programs aimed at sensitizing personnel in jails to the harmful effects of abuse and discrimination. In 2004, he was honored by the Mexican government with a national award for his human rights work.

“The most important things have been the opportunities to speak about my work, to learn about fundraising, and to learn about the various strategies implemented by distinguished leaders of NGOs.”

—Alejandro Rivera

2009 HRAP Advocates

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CARE International

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HRAP Online Forum

In 2009, CSHR launched an online forum for alumnae of the program. The forum enables advocates to exchange ideas and insights, collaborate on new initiatives, and provide updates on their work in human rights since their completion of the program.



Symposium panelists at The Battle of Ideas Still Rages:
Attacks on Academic Freedom in the 21st Century

Promoting Human Rights Dialogue

Darfur Development Initiative

Towards Sustainable Peace in Darfur

On December 3, 2007, CSHR hosted the conference “Towards Sustainable Peace in Darfur,” which was attended by Darfuris, scholars, advocacy groups, UN officials, and representatives from donor countries. Participants agreed that a lasting solution to the Darfur conflict needs to address its root causes, which lie to a large extent in the historical marginalization of Darfur and the extreme poverty of the region. They concluded that sustainable peace will require solutions to the development crisis, strategies that address reconciliation among the parties, immediate improvements in security, and a robust response to humanitarian needs during the early recovery phase. Participants also discussed how to include development issues in post-conflict planning in order to underscore potential peace dividends.

Darfur Early Recovery and Development Dossier

Following the conference, CSHR worked with Darfuris and development experts to publish the *Darfur Early Recovery and Development Dossier* in June 2008. The dossier describes conditions in Darfur, quick impact projects that can be implemented in areas of relative stability, longer term development goals, and data gaps and recommendations for future research and project development. The dossier was presented to Friends of Sudan at the UN, the Sudan Task Force in Ottawa, and senior Norwegian officials.



Conference participants in Cairo

Darfur Early Recovery and Development Dialogue Conference

Darfuris from Sudan and the diaspora met at American University in Cairo (AUC) November 20-23, 2008 to explore the establishment of an institutional mechanism to deepen cooperation among and between Darfuris. Participants launched the Darfur Reconstruction and Development Initiative and elected an Executive Committee to coordinate activities in Darfur and Khartoum, as well as worldwide. Darfuris also self-selected working groups to focus on water, agriculture, pastoralism, energy, infrastructure, health, education, land, and gender issues.

Darfur Advisory Group

Darfuris participating in the Darfur Reconstruction and Development Initiative met in Cairo again June 27-30, 2009. In addition to representatives of donor countries and the AU/UN Joint Mediation Team, several movement representatives also attended. The agenda built on the previous Cairo conference, focusing on the effects of the security and political context on development activities.

Participants agreed to locate future activities in Darfur by establishing the Darfur Advisory Group (DAG). DAG members include Darfuris from Darfur's three states and Khartoum with expertise in development issues and whose backgrounds represent different movements, tribal and ethnic groups, and the interests of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

The mission of this group is to assist in building the capacity of Darfur's civil society and to develop recovery and development projects in the fields of agriculture, pastoralism, energy, education, health, and water resources. In addition to fostering cooperation among Darfuris, it is hoped that such activities will also strengthen social cohesion and prove conducive to peace talks.

DAG members agreed on the need to convene Darfuris at the local level and provide training and technical assistance to develop projects and prepare proposals in response to the request-for-proposals from the UN's Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund. Darfur for Development Services and Information in El-Fasher will convene community-based organizations in El-Fasher, Nyala and Geinena. An additional meeting in Khartoum will evaluate local capacity-building efforts and consider follow-up activities.

- David L. Phillips is the CSHR director of the Darfur Early Recovery and Development Project. He is working in close cooperation with Professor Dirk Solomon and Professor Elazar Barkan.
- At various stages of this project, CSHR has had the co-sponsorship of SIPA's Humanitarian Affairs Program and the African Studies Institute at Columbia University.
- Financing has been provided by the Canadian International Development Agency, the Mosaic Institute, and the Tides Foundation.



Indigenous Peoples' Issues: International Perspectives and Global Challenges

In September 2008, CSHR launched a lecture series on indigenous peoples' issues in co-sponsorship with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Indigenous peoples' rights have become increasingly salient. But how does one define "indigenous" and "peoples" in various legal, political, and cultural frameworks? How, why, and which indigenous peoples' rights have come to be recognized as such? What is the relationship between indigenous peoples' rights and those of others, and between group rights and individual rights? What is the future of this movement in the context of globalized political and legal systems? These questions, among others, were addressed during the following four lectures:



Indigenous Peoples: A Global Historical Overview – September 25, 2008

Elsa Stamatopoulou

Chief of the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues



Elsa Stamatopoulou

We the Peoples: Indigeneity in Globalization – October 30, 2008

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz

Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Founder and Executive Director of the Tebtebba Foundation
(Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education)

Why Are Only Indigenous Peoples Internationally Entitled to a Specific Right to Their Own Cultures? – January 21, 2009

Bartolomé Clavero Salvador

Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Chair of Legal History and Professor of Rights at the University of Seville, Spain

Traditional Knowledge as Intellectual Property: The Challenges Ahead – April 13, 2009

Sonia Smallacombe

Social Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

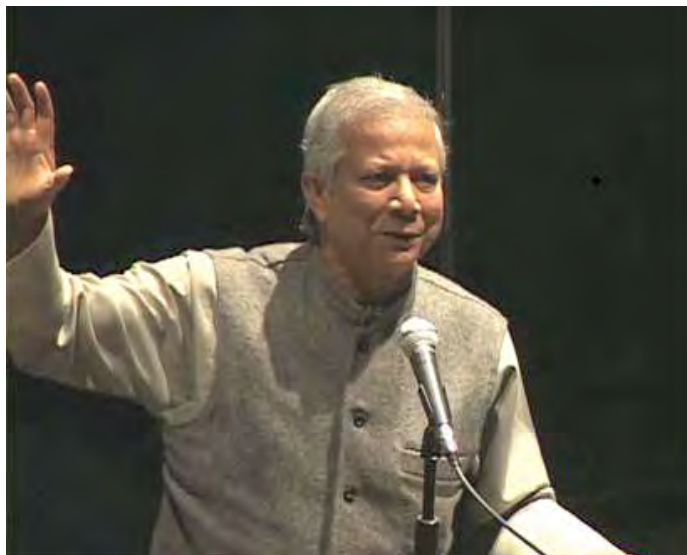
Rama Rao

Officer-in-Charge of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Coordination Office

Creating a World without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism

CSHR was honored to host a lecture and discussion with Dr. Muhammad Yunus on January 27, 2009. The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize outlined his vision for a new business model that combines the power of free markets with the quest for a more humane world and told the inspiring stories of the companies that are doing this work today.

CSHR sponsored this event with the Committee on Global Thought, the Economic and Political Development concentration at SIPA, and the Heyman Center for the Humanities.



Dr. Muhammad Yunus

The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo

On November 12, 2008, SIPA's United Nations Studies Program sponsored the screening of this award-winning documentary by Lisa F. Jackson. The screening was followed by discussion on gender-based violence in Democratic Republic of the Congo with HRAP Advocate Dr. Roger Lahiriri of Panzi Hospital and Joseph T. Mangu, a Congolese attorney.

Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Panel Discussion

On November 11, 2008, CSHR sponsored a panel discussion on the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This event was hosted by the Harriman Institute and co-sponsored by Rightslink at Columbia Law School and SIPA's Humanitarian Affairs Working Group and Human Rights Working Group.

The Economic Hardships of Bosnian Women: Examples from Srebrenica

On March 13, 2009, CSHR, the Harriman Institute, and Advocacy Project, sponsored a talk by Beba Hadžić, the founder and director of BOSFAM, a women's organization in Srebrenica. Ms. Hadžić discussed the economic challenges faced by rural women in Bosnia and explained her organization's efforts to address these challenges.

Through handicraft projects, BOSFAM provides livelihoods to women affected by conflict and promotes reconciliation and post-conflict recovery. The organization is known for creating memorial quilts, which remember those who went missing or died during the Bosnian war.

Fundraising Luncheon

On March 19, 2009, CSHR co-hosted a luncheon to honor Ms. Hadžić and to raise funds for BOSFAM. The luncheon was held at Felidia's, a restaurant owned by Lidia Bastianich of PBS's Lidia's Italy.

During the lunch, Ms. Hadžić explained a BOSFAM memorial quilt that honors those who died in Srebrenica in 1995. She spoke eloquently about all those who perished – from the unborn child of newlyweds to an elderly teacher who had mentored her when she first became director of the Srebrenica Primary School.

CSHR co-sponsored the luncheon with the Advocacy Project, a D.C.-based organization that has been working with BOSFAM for the past several years; the Heinrich Boll Foundation, which sponsored Ms. Hadžić's trip to the United States; the Bosniak American Advisory Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Lidia Bastianich.

Lunch & Discussion with 2008 Human Rights Watch Human Rights Defenders

On November 6, CSHR hosted a lunch and discussion with two recipients of the prestigious HRW Human Rights Defenders Award, Mr. Bo Kyi and Ms. Umida Niyazova.

Joined by Rachel Denber and David Mathieson of HRW, the activists discussed their work with students, professors, and other members of Columbia's human rights community.



Lidia Bastianich and Beba Hadžić

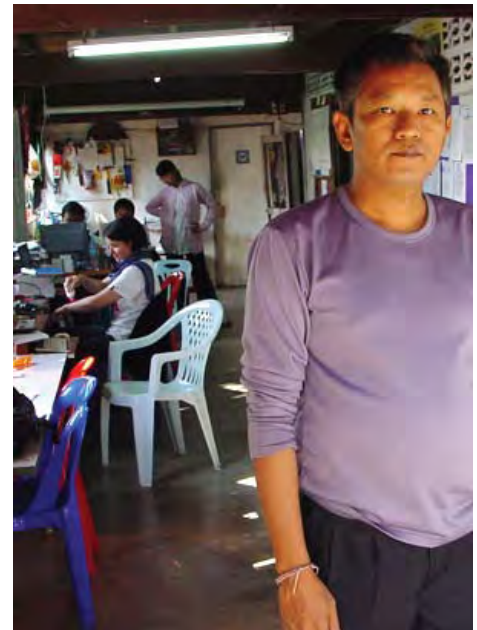
Bo Kyi

Bo Kyi is a human rights activist from Burma. He participated in the “8.8.88” popular uprising of August 1988 and was ultimately imprisoned for over seven years for his political activism.

After his release from prison, Bo Kyi fled to Thailand and established the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners. This organization works to monitor prison conditions, expose the Burmese military regime’s abuses, protect and ensure fundamental rights for political prisoners during and after their imprisonment, and garner international support to prevent further persecution.

Umida Niyazova

Umida Niyazova is a long-time human rights activist and journalist from Uzbekistan. As she explained in a 2008 interview, “Human rights defenders are considered to be an enemy of the state [...]. Due to this situation not many people dare to publicly criticize the government.”¹ Ms. Niyazova was arrested in January 2007 and sentenced to seven years in prison for the smuggling of subversive literature, distributing materials causing public disorder, and other politically motivated charges. At the time, she was working as a translator for Human Rights Watch and had in her possession a copy of the organization’s report on the Andjijan mass killings of May 2005. Ms. Niyazova was not released from prison until May 2007; an appeal court suspended her sentence after she was forced to publicly admit guilt.



Bo Kyi

Combating Torture

On October 22, 2008, CSHR and Columbia Law School’s Human Rights Institute hosted a discussion with Dr. Manfred Nowak, the UN special rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.

Dr. Nowak discussed the historical development of anti-torture principles and legal frameworks and reflected upon the consequences of the Bush administration’s policies on torture. Following his presentation, Dr. Nowak responded to questions from the audience, which touched on issues ranging from the “ticking bomb theory” to the use of torture in Saudi Arabia and China.

Dr. Nowak was appointed as special rapporteur in 2004. He is a member of the EU Network of Independent Experts in Fundamental Rights and lectures on constitutional law and human rights at the University of Vienna. He has published more than 350 books and articles in the fields of human rights, public law, and politics. Dr. Nowak holds an LLM from Columbia University and a PhD from Vienna University.



Dr. Manfred Nowak

The Battle of Ideas Still Rages: Attacks on Academic Freedom in the 21st Century

Academics have long led the battle of ideas. They are at the forefront of progressive change, political action, and social movements around the world. As they produce and share knowledge, scholars often find themselves facing down forces that would deny the right to education and thwart the free exchange of ideas.

By its very nature, the work of academics becomes an exercise in confrontation: that of new ideas challenging old ones; disciplines and cultures reaching across boundaries and borders to formulate original methods and theories; the act of student and teacher engaged in an exchange; the researcher examining the results of his study; and the scholar reaching out and spreading knowledge in his or her home country.

While most scholarly communities are aware of such forms of exchange, many do not realize the harsher realities facing their colleagues in countries ravaged by fear, repression, and conflict.

For these scholars, the ordinary exercise of their academic activities has led to more severe forms of confrontation: censorship, surveillance, imprisonment, torture, and even death.

On September 24, 2008, CSHR hosted a symposium to discuss academic freedom as an essential human right and explore ways to assure its preservation in the twenty-first century. CSHR sponsored this event with the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund.

Born and Raised in a Concentration Camp

On May 7, 2008, Shin Dong-Hyuk shared his story of the twenty-two years he spent in a North Korean political prison camp. Shin Dong-Hyuk was born and raised in Camp No. 14, where he was tortured, subjected to hard labor, and forced to witness the execution of his mother and brother. He is the only person known to have escaped to South Korea from a North Korean prison camp, which he did in 2005. He currently lives in South Korea and is author of the Korean language book, *I Was a Political Prisoner at Birth in North Korea*.

This lecture was part of a tour organized by Liberty for North Korea (LiNK), who co-sponsored the event with CSHR.

Event Program

Welcome

Dr. Lee Bollinger, President, Columbia University
Dr. Allan Goodman, President & CEO, Institute of International Education

Introduction

Dr. Henry Jarecki, Chairman, IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund

Remarks

HRH Princess Ghida Talal, Board Member, IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund

Moderator

Peter Ackerman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Freedom House

Presentations

IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund scholars from Belarus, China, Ethiopia, Iraq, Palestine, and Zimbabwe

Tackling Trafficking in Human Beings and Other Human Rights Challenges in Europe: Role of the Council of Europe

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, the first woman elected deputy secretary general of the Council of Europe, spoke at Columbia University on February 27, 2008.

Throughout her mandate, the deputy secretary general has worked to address human rights issues and has been actively involved in promoting the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, which entered into force on February 1, 2008. During this timely lecture event, sponsored by CSHR and Columbia's Harriman Institute, she shared her valuable insights on the Council's role in addressing trafficking and other human rights challenges in Europe.

Film Screening of *The Camden 28*

This award-winning documentary film tells the story of the "Camden 28," activists who protested against the Vietnam War and the U.S. draft. In 1971, the "Camden 28," which included four Catholic priests and a Lutheran minister, were arrested for attempting to raid a draft board office in Camden, New Jersey. The film recounts their dramatic arrest in a sting operation and subsequent prosecution, which Supreme Court Justice Brennan called "one of the great trials of the 20th century." Among the group's members was an FBI informer and provocateur, whose role in the planning and execution of the raid led to the protestors' acquittal. During this film, the protestors reflect on their activism and its relevance today.²

The February 26, 2008 screening of this film was followed by a discussion with Alex Gourevitch. CSHR sponsored this event with the Undergraduate Human Rights Program and the Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute.



Camden 28 members marching at a local rally in Camden.

Sharing Sacred Space: Religion and Conflict Resolution

This conference, which took place February 14-15, 2008, focused on the role of sites and spaces that are significant to more than one religion and on the ways these religions engage each other in order to overcome and resolve conflict.

Attention focused on the relationship between sacred spaces and conflict in Bosnia, India, Indonesia, Israel/Palestine, Macedonia, Morocco, and Turkey. Participants discussed pioneering approaches to promoting toleration through religious processes that engage and respect the narrative and beliefs of the Other, be it religious or ethnic groups.

The next phase of this project is the production of a publication that captures and expands upon the insights and case studies presented at this conference.

CSHR sponsored this event with Columbia's Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia's Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, and the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation.



Student Groups

The following is a selection of Columbia University student groups that are engaged in activities related to human rights.

Advocacy Coalition	IMPACT
Amnesty International	International Social Welfare Caucus
Buddhism for Global Peace at Teachers College	Law Students for Social Enterprise
Child Rights Working Group	Migration Working Group
Civil Rights Law Society	Network for Women in International and Public Affairs
Columbia ACLU	Poverty Initiative
Columbia Engineers Without Borders	Queers of Color
Columbia Global Justice	Rightslink
Columbia Queer Alliance	Sexual and Reproductive Health Action Group
Columbia Society of International Law	Skills Experience and Resources for Conflict and Health Working Group
Columbia UNICEF	Social Enterprise Club
Columbia University Partnership for International Development	Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Conflict Resolution Working Group	Society for International Education
Everyone Allied Against Homophobia	Student Social Workers' Alliance for a Progressive Society
Gender Policy Working Group	Students for Peace and Justice
Global Health Forum	Tenants' Rights Project
Grassroots Social Policy Network	Toward Reconciliation, International Affairs and Conflict Resolution Society
Growth and Development Project	
Human Rights Working Group	
Humanitarian Affairs Working Group	

Outreach and Publications

Human Rights Reference Documents

CSHR's Basic Documents for Human Rights provide a convenient compilation of core human rights documents – including treaties, declarations, agreements, and reports – that are referenced by scholars and practitioners alike.

From January 2008 through August 2009, over 1450 books were sold to students, university and independent book stores, libraries, academic centers, law firms, and NGOs.

25+ Human Rights Documents

Edited by J. Paul Martin

Twenty-seven key human rights texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; Convention on the Rights of the Child; Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners; The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam; Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; African [Banjul] Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights; and more.



Women and Human Rights: The Basic Documents

Edited by J. Paul Martin and M. Lesley Carson

Twenty-two primary texts on human rights and women, including the major general international instruments and reports of world conferences, as well as international conventions specific to women's human rights and the rights of women in special contexts, such as armed conflict, education, employment, health, reproduction, refugees, and trafficking.



Religion and Human Rights: Basic Documents

Edited by J. Paul Martin and Tad Stahke

Forty texts on religion and human rights, including the basic human rights documents (Universal Declaration of Human Rights; International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) and others such as the World Council of Churches Declaration on Religious Liberty; Vatican II Declaration on Religious Freedom; Agreement Between the Holy See and the State of Israel; The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam; and many more.



Working Papers Series

CSHR welcomes submissions from Columbia faculty and students working on manuscripts intended for publication. Submitted papers are reviewed by at least one member of the CSHR Board of Directors. If you would like to submit a paper, please email CSHR with the subject line "Working Paper Submission."

Human Rights Calendar

In order to promote engagement with human rights issues, CSHR maintains a calendar of human rights events and activities at Columbia University and in the New York City area. This calendar is available on our website at: <http://hrcolumbia.org/calendar/>.

Human Rights Opportunities

As a service to the human rights community, CSHR regularly publicizes upcoming human rights jobs, internships, calls for papers, and other opportunities. If you would like to receive listserv emails or share information with its members, please contact CSHR at cshr@columbia.edu.

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Elazar Barkan is a professor of international and public affairs and the director of the Human Rights Concentration at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. He also founded the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation (IHJR) in The Hague. Professor Barkan served on CSHR's board of directors before becoming CSHR's co-director in 2007 and director in 2008. Previously, Professor Barkan served as chair of the History Department and the Cultural Studies Department at the Claremont Graduate University, where he was the founding director of the Humanities Center. Professor Barkan is a historian by training and received his PhD from Brandeis University. His research interests focus on human rights and on the role of history in contemporary society and politics and the response to gross historical crimes and injustices. His human rights work seeks to achieve conflict resolution and reconciliation by bringing scholars from two or more sides of a conflict together and employing historical methodology to create shared narratives across political divides. Much of this work is done through the IHJR, which promotes reconciliation in societies divided by historical conflicts and human rights abuses. Professor Barkan's other current research interests include refugee repatriation, comparative analysis of historical commissions, shared sacred sites, and the question of human rights impact, specifically with regard to redress and transitional justice. His recent books include *The Guilt of Nations: Restitution and Negotiating Historical Injustices* (2000); *Claiming the Stones/Naming the Bones: Cultural Property and the Negotiation of National and Ethnic Identity*, (an edited volume with Ronald Bush, Getty, 2003); and *Taking Wrongs Seriously: Apologies and Reconciliation* (an edited volume with Alexander Karn, Stanford University Press, 2006).

Yasmine Ergas

Associate Director

Ms. Ergas, a lawyer and sociologist who also serves as an adjunct associate professor of International Law and International Human Rights Law at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, is a graduate of the Universities of Sussex and Rome and Columbia Law School. Her experience spans research, teaching and legal practice, program-building and administration, and human rights activism. She is a former member of the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; fellow of the Center for European Studies at Harvard University; and a Pembroke Fellow of Brown University. Among other honors, she has been awarded fellowships and grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation and the Italian Consiglio Nazionale della Ricerca. Ms. Ergas served on the staff of the Social Science Research Council where she developed programs focused on the social consequences of HIV/AIDS, staffed the Committee on Western Europe, and administered major fellowship programs. She has been a consultant to key international organizations, including the OECD and UNESCO. More recently, she served as the coordinator of, and an adviser to, the gender program of the Millennium Village Project. Ms. Ergas has been involved in Human Rights Watch for many years, chairs the advocacy committee of its New York Committee, and attended the signing of the Convention on Cluster Munitions as part of the HRW delegation in Copenhagen in December 2009. She is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, the Scientific Council of the Centro di Ricerca sul Sistema Sud e il Mediterraneo Allargato of Università Cattolica di Milano, and the board of New York City Global Partners. Ms. Ergas has published extensively, focusing particularly on women's rights, public policies, and social movements. Her work has been published in English, Italian, French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese.

J. Paul Martin

Senior Scholar

Professor Martin, together with Professor Louis Henkin (University Professor Emeritus/Special Service Professor, Columbia University), founded CSHR in 1978, and served as its executive director through June 2007. Before coming to Columbia to complete his PhD at Teachers College (with a dissertation on education in Africa during the 19th century), he spent several years as a missionary and university teacher in Africa. Over the years, Professor Martin's primary research interest has been human rights education, especially in Africa, as well as religion and human rights. Currently, his work is focused on the impact of multinational corporations on developing countries from a human rights perspective.

Stephanie V. Grepo

Director of Capacity-Building Programs

Stephanie V. Grepo leads all of CSHR's capacity-building activities, including the Human Rights Advocates Program, an annual four-month training program for human rights activists from around the world. She is also responsible for overseeing other capacity-building projects as well as developing new capacity-building programs. From 2000 to 2007, Ms. Grepo worked throughout the Balkans with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the world's largest regional security organization. She organized elections and developed multi-ethnic experiential education programs in Kosovo, managed confidence-building projects in the former crisis region of Macedonia, worked on return and integration issues and led a field office of 10 staff in central Croatia, and served as the youth and education adviser in Serbia. She earned a master's degree in human rights from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Previously, she worked as an editor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Business Manager

Ms. Atamian joined CSHR as its business manager in September 2006. Ms. Atamian exercises primary responsibility for CSHR's administrative and programmatic budgets, as well as its personnel and instructional expenses, and for all grants and gift accounts. She received a Master of City and Regional Planning from Cornell University in August 2005. Prior to attending Cornell, she worked as an analyst at Nielsen Media Research. Ms. Atamian holds a Bachelor of Science in economics and finance from NYU's Stern School of Business.

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Program Coordinator

Ms. Eberbach joined CSHR as interim director of capacity-building programs in August 2008 and is now program coordinator. She received her Masters of International Affairs in 2008 from SIPA, where she concentrated in human rights. She earned her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Her interest in human rights in conflict and transitional contexts led her to pursue research and programmatic work in Kenya, The Netherlands, Uganda, and South Africa.

Joe Kirchof

Assistant Program Officer

Mr. Kirchof joined CSHR in February 2007. He manages CSHR's student and public outreach and information systems. Mr. Kirchof also supports many functions of the Human Rights Advocates Program and other CSHR capacity-building initiatives. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in cultural studies and political science from the University of Minnesota and previously worked at Amnesty International in Chicago.

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