

ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

9:00 OPENING REMARKS

RUTH WEDGWOOD, Director, International Law & Organizations Program, Johns Hopkins University SAIS
MOHAMED MATTAR, Executive Director, The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins University SAIS
ERIK JONES, Director, European and Eurasian Studies Program Johns Hopkins University SAIS; Director, Bologna Institute for Policy Research, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe at Bologna
JUSTIN FROSINI, Director, Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development

9:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction: RUTH WEDGWOOD

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EFFECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING: EXAMPLES FROM SOUTH AFRICA, CHILE, FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, AND MYANMAR

DANILO TÜRK, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia; Former Slovenian Permanent Representative to the UN and UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

11:00 AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MECHANISM OF UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS

Chair: MOHAMED MATTAR

AN INSTITUTIONAL INTRODUCTION TO THE UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES

JANE CONNORS, Chief, Special Procedures Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

THE WORK OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS – REPORTING, RESULTS, AND REFORMS

FELICE D. GAER, Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights; Vice-Chairperson, UN Committee Against Torture

EXPANSION OR DILUTION? THE IMPACT OF THE PROLIFERATION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATES CREATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

ROSA FREEDMAN, Lecturer, University of Birmingham

12:30 BREAK

13:30 UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS – CASE STUDIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COUNTERTERRORISM, THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, AND THE RIGHT TO FOOD

Chair: SUSANNA MANCINI, Adjunct Professor of International Law, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe at Bologna; Professor of Law, University of Bologna

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MARTIN SCHEININ, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, European University Institute; Former Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism

TITLE TBD

KISHORE SINGH, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

GIVING SUBSTANCE TO THE RIGHT TO FOOD: THE WORK OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR

MARCO GESTRI, Adjunct Professor of International Law, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe at Bologna; Director of the Center for Research on the European Union, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

9:00 REPORTING ON SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: IMPACT ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

Chair: MOHAMED MATTAR

THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS ON SIX YEARS OF THE UN MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN

JOY NGOZI EZEILO, Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; Professor, Department of Public & Private Law, University of Nigeria

REPORTING ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY – CONSTRUCTIVE DIPLOMACY AND OTHER METHODS DEVELOPED TO WORK WITH STATES

GULNARA SHAHINIAN, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

11:00 REGIONAL AND COUNTRY-SPECIFIC REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Chair (TBC): FRANCESC VENDRELL, Adjunct Professor of International Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe at Bologna; Former Special Representative of the European Union for Afghanistan; Former Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the UN Special Mission for Afghanistan

THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY-SPECIFIC MANDATES: THE EXPERIENCE OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR CAMBODIA

SURYA P. SUBEDI, Professor of International Law, University of Leeds; UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING

CHRISTINA MONICA CERNA, Principal Human Rights Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University

THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVATION AND MONITORING: THE IMPACT OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

REZA ESLAMI, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Human Rights Law, Shahid Beheshti University

12:30 BREAK

13:30 UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS – IMPRESSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Chair: RUTH WEDGWOOD

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: ARBITRARY DETENTION; FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND OF ASSOCIATION; FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

JARED GENSER, Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University; Managing Director, Perseus Strategies; President, Freedom Now

TITLE TBD

JAMES TRAUB, Journalist

CONTRIBUTIONS OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO THE HUMANITARIAN WORK OF THE UN – THE EXAMPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

MAUREEN WHITE, Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University SAIS

15:00 CLOSING REMARKS

RUTH WEDGWOOD
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