HUMAN RIGHTS: CHALLENGES OF THE PAST/CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
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PROGRAM

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8:45 a.m. Welcome

Cynthia Arnson, Director, Latin American Program
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George E. Martin, President, St. Edward’s University

Margaret E. Crahan, Kozmetsky Distinguished Professor & Director, Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance, St. Edward’s University

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Historical Struggles for Human Rights and Accountability

Chair: Katherine R. Hite, Director, Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Vassar College

James Sweet, Department of History, University of Wisconsin
Lessons from the Struggle for the Rights of Slaves in Colonial Brazil

Francisco Quiroz, Departamento de Historia, Universidad Nacional de San Marcos, Perú
Lessons from the Struggle for Rights of Slaves and Indigenous Peoples in Colonial Hispanic America

Debora Benchoam, Specialist, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Organization of American States
The Role of Testimony and Testimonials in Diminishing Human Rights Violations

Elizabeth Lira, Centro de Ética, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile
Historical and Contemporary Patterns of Atrocities and Amnesties: On Coming to Terms with the Traumatic Past

Jo-Marie Burt, Public and International Affairs, George Mason University
Transitional Justice Struggles and Human Rights in Comparative Perspective
Alexander Wilde, Centro de Ética, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile
Four Decades of Human Rights in Latin America: Reflection on the Legacies and Challenges

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.   Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.   Human Rights in an Increasingly Transnational World

Chair: Thomas G. Weiss, Presidential Professor of Political Science & Director, Ralph Bunche Institute, Graduate Center, CUNY

George Vickers, Director, International Operations, Open Society Institute
The Human Rights Movement in the Post-Dictatorship Period

Leana Bresnahan, Chief, Human Rights Office, U.S. Southern Command
The Human Rights Initiative: Developing a Culture of Respect for Human Rights on the part of the Armed Forces in the Americas

Tom J. Farer, Dean, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, Denver University
The Ideological Underpinnings of U.S. Human Rights’ Policies

Carlos Portales, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations, Geneva, Switzerland
The UN Human Rights Council and the Universal Periodic Review in a Transnational World

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.   Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.   The Economics of Rights and Citizenship

Chair: Ariel C. Armony, Audrey Wade Hittinger Katz and Sheldon Toby Katz Distinguished Professor, Colby College

Mark Ungar, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn College & Department of Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, CUNY
Crime, Society, and the Challenge to Human Rights Protection

Denise L. Stanley, Department of Economics, California State University-Fullerton
Rights and Economic Development in Small Open Economies

Henry (Chip) Carey, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University
The Effects of NGO Monitoring in Securing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Joy Olson, Executive Director, Washington Office on Latin America
Labor Rights and Free Trade Agreements: Strategies for the Future

Gordon Hanson, Professor of Economics & Director, Center on Pacific Economies, University of California, San Diego
International Migration and Human Rights

Ramona Hernández, Professor of Sociology, CCNY, Director, Dominican Studies Institute, CUNY
Current Challenges to Immigrant Rights

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Plenary
The Struggle for Human Rights and Basic Needs in the 21st Century

Chair: Sonia Picado Sotela, President, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights

Marcelo Varela, Associate Director, Americas Program, The Carter Center
Human Rights Challenges for the Future

José Thompson, Director, Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion (CAPEL), Inter-American Institute of Human Rights
Using Compliance with Human Rights Standards to Measure the Strength, Integrity, and Legitimacy of a Democratic Regime

Priscilla Hayner, Director, Peace & Justice Program, International Center for Transitional Justice
Reframing the Peace and Justice Debate

Luigi Einaudi, National Defense University, Washington, DC
Conflict is Essential: Human Rights and US Foreign Policy

Luis Maira, Ambassador of Chile to Argentina
Transcending Impediments: Human Rights Strategies for the Future

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Reception

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