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Bulletin Board

EARTH DAY -- April 22

Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. This year's Earth Day theme is Billion Acts of Green®. The purpose of this theme is to mobilize one billion acts of environmental service around the world. The campaign calls for people of all nationalities to commit to an act that helps reduce carbon emissions and promotes sustainability. The act can be a simple gesture, such as washing laundry in cold water, or immense, like picking up a million pounds of trash. Whatever the act may be, Earth Day is a great time to generate as many as possible in your community.

Collectively, these acts will not only have an impact on global carbon emissions, but will also demonstrate the power of small every-day individual acts of green. <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2011>

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE: War Crimes Prosecution Watch, [Volume 6, Issue 1 – April 11, 2011](#)

War Crimes Prosecution Watch is a bi-weekly e-newsletter that compiles official documents and articles from major news sources detailing and analyzing salient issues pertaining to the investigation and prosecution of war crimes throughout the world.

To read the newsletter visit:

http://www.publicinternationallaw.org/warcrimeswatch/archives/wcpw_vol06issue01.html

Human Rights News

UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL CONVICTS TWO FORMER CROATIAN GENERALS OVER ATROCITIES

Two former top Croatian generals were today convicted and sentenced to lengthy jail terms by a United Nations war crimes tribunal over atrocities carried out against ethnic Serb civilians during a military offensive in the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s.

But a third ex-general was acquitted by judges at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) on charges relating to his role in the same offensive, known as Operation Storm, in the Krajina region of Croatia in mid-1995.

Judges serving on the ICTY trial chamber found Ante Gotovina and Mladen Markac guilty of various crimes against humanity, including murder, persecutions, deportation and plunder. Both were acquitted of charges of inhumane acts (forcible transfer).

Mr. Gotovina, 55, who commanded the Split military district of the Croatian army from 1992 to 1996, was sentenced to 24 years in prison. Mr. Markac, 55, who served as the Assistant Interior Minister in charge of Special Police matters after 1994, was jailed for 18 years.

Ivan Cermak, 61, who commanded the Knin Garrison from August 1995, was acquitted of all charges, including murder, persecutions, deportation and the wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages.

The judges noted that Operation Storm took place within a wider armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia and followed years of Serb-Croat ethnic tensions in the Krajina region and crimes committed against Croats.

But Judge Alphons Orie, who presided over the trial, said that the case was not about the legality of resorting to and conducting war.

“This case was about whether Serb civilians in the Krajina were the targets of crimes and whether the accused should be held criminally liable for these crimes,” he stressed.

The judges found that “a high number of crimes” were carried out during Operation Storm, which had the objective of permanently removing ethnic Serbs from the Krajina region by either force or threat of force.

At the end of July 1995 the then Croatian president Franjo Tudman met with high-ranking military officials – including Mr. Gotovina and Mr. Markac – to discuss Operation Storm, which began on 4 August.

Military forces and special police under the control or influence of Mr. Gotovina and Mr. Markac shelled a series of towns and villages, murdered several elderly residents of another village and burned or looted property belonging to ethnic Serb civilians.

The men created a climate of impunity and were aware of the involvement of subordinates in the commission of these crimes, but did nothing to stop them.

The judges found, however, that Mr. Cermak did not have effective control over army units outside of his own subordinates at the Knin garrison, and there was no reliable evidence that those subordinates committed crimes.

The joint trial of the three former generals was one of the ICTY’s longest, beginning in March 2008 and concluding in September last year. The tribunal, which is based in The Hague, has concluded proceedings against 125 people and is still conducting proceedings against 34 others.

SOURCE: [UN DAILY NEWS DIGEST - 15 April](#) 2011

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP SAYS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE HAITIAN DICTATOR FOR CRIMES IN 80s By Trenton Daniel, The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Jean-Claude Duvalier may not have directly participated in torture and killings but there is still enough evidence to prosecute him for abuses dating back more than 25 years, a Human Rights Watch lawyer said Thursday.

The former dictator known as "Baby Doc" had to be at least aware of torture and killings committed by forces under his command according to testimony from victims and a review of documents and old media accounts, Human Rights Watch counsel Reed Brody said at a news conference to present a report reviewing the evidence against Duvalier.

"There's a lot of evidence to show that Jean-Claude Duvalier may have ordered certain crimes," Brody told reporters as he urged Haitian authorities to prosecute former the dictator. "At the very least ... he never stepped in to stop those crimes."

A Haitian judge launched an investigation of Duvalier soon after his surprise return from exile in January. But the case has appeared to stall. The former dictator is staying in a villa while the judge decides whether he can still be charged for crimes that include corruption, illegal arrests and torture.

Read more:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5jf9rCLa5vfiQ43gGmD6wEOYHh_gQ?docId=6568719

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL BACKS SOMALIA PIRACY COURTS

Mon Apr 11, 2011

By Patrick Worsnip

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - The U.N. Security Council on Monday backed the idea of special courts to try captured Somali pirates but put off a decision on thorny details such as where to locate them.

A council resolution asked U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to report back within two months on how to prosecute suspects, widely seen as one of the weakest links in the international effort to combat the scourge of Somali piracy.

Pirates based in Somalia have turned the busy shipping lanes off the coast of the conflict-torn Horn of Africa nation into some of the most dangerous waters on Earth and cost the world billions of dollars.

As of last week, pirates were holding at least 29 vessels, ranging from fishing boats to tankers, holding their crews hostage and demanding multi-million-dollar ransoms.

International warships dispatched to tackle the problem have captured many pirates but 90 percent of them are then released because no place can be found to prosecute them, according to a U.N. special adviser on the issue, Jack Lang.

With Somalia lacking legal infrastructure, Kenya and the Seychelles have prosecuted dozens of suspects handed over by foreign navies. But both say they would have difficulties coping if all the seized pirates were sent to them.

In a report to the Security Council in January, Lang, a former French culture minister, recommended that specialized courts be set up in the enclaves of Somaliland and Puntland in northern Somalia, and at Arusha in Tanzania. The two enclaves are seen as more stable than Somalia proper.

Read more: <http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE73A6VM20110411>

U.N. PANEL ON SRI LANKA CONFLICT DELIVERS REPORT

(Reuters) - A panel of experts set up to advise U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon on possible war crimes at the end of Sri Lanka's war against Tamil Tiger rebels delivered its report to him on Tuesday, the United Nations said.

The report by the panel, whose appointment was strongly criticized by the Colombo government, was not immediately made public. U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said it was first being given to Sri Lanka and would be published fairly soon.

Government forces defeated the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in May 2009 after a quarter-century conflict that killed thousands of people. The end of the war displaced large numbers of people in the north of the island state.

Sri Lanka's government denies any war crimes were committed but human rights groups say both the government and the Tigers, who were seeking to set up a separate Tamil state, were guilty of rights violations.

The three-member U.N. panel was set up soon after Ban visited Sri Lanka shortly after the end of the conflict. Colombo blasted it as "an unwarranted and unnecessary interference with a sovereign nation." Sri Lanka set up its own Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), which human rights groups have said lacks credibility and impartiality. The commission is due to report to the Sri Lankan government next month.

Read more: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/12/us-srilanka-un-idUSTRE73B7BJ20110412>

CHINA TELLS US: STOP PREACHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS

China has told the US to stop preaching on human rights, after the state department's annual report on the issue criticised China.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said the US should concentrate on its own rights issues and stop interfering.

Chinese authorities have launched a major crackdown on dissent recently.

Unveiling the report, US officials expressed particular concern over the recent arrest of the artist Ai Weiwei, an outspoken critic of the government.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also highlighted reports of other intellectuals and activists being "arbitrarily detained" in recent weeks.

Mr Hong said China was happy to talk about rights "on the basis of equality and mutual respect", but added that Beijing "resolutely opposes" meddling in other country's affairs.

"We advise the US side to reflect on its own human rights issues and not to position itself as a preacher of human rights," he said.

"[The US should] stop using the issue of human rights reports to interfere in other countries' internal affairs."

The state department's annual report criticising China, followed swiftly by a tough riposte from Beijing, is now a well-established diplomatic ritual.

But analysts say this year's tit-for-tat exchange has been sharpened by Beijing's crackdown on dissent. The US report accused Beijing of stepping up restrictions on lawyers, activists, bloggers and journalists.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-13027427>

Job, Fellowship, and Volunteer Postings

ABA-SIL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE JOB BOARD

The ABA-SIL Human Rights Committee is pleased to announce a comprehensive new Job Board consisting of web pages for potential employment opportunities from dozens of international human rights NGOs. The job board was developed by ABA member **Ellen J. Tabachnick**. It can be accessed from the Committee Resource module in the lower right column of our committee's home page at <http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IC950000>.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT/CEO of Human Rights First

Posted: 3/30/11

Based in Washington, DC the EA will provide administrative and organizational support to the President/CEO. S/He must be proactive as well as manage a complex schedule. The EA will work closely with the Chief of Staff to coordinate daily priorities and long-term schedule and will play a crucial role in maximizing the President/CEO's time to achieve the organization's goals in development, communications, operations, and program areas. The applicant should have 2 to 3 years of administrative experience in a face-paced environment.

For more detailed information please go to: http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/Jobs/apply_staff.aspx?q=EO

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, Refugee Protection Program – Human Rights First

Posted: 3/30/11

Based in Washington, DC, the Senior Associate in the Refugee Protection Program will work with the program's director to develop advocacy objectives to advance the protection of refugees, as well as strategies and activities to achieve those objectives. The Senior Associate will advance Human Rights First's advocacy objectives through a range of advocacy strategies, working with the program's Director, other staff and other key advocacy allies and actors. Applicants should have at least five years of post-graduate work experience relating to refugee protection.

For more detailed information and to apply visit:

http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/Jobs/apply_staff.aspx?q=EO

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The 2012-2013 Fulbright Scholar Program competition is open.

Posted: 3/31/11

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers 124 teaching, research or combined teaching/research awards in law. Faculty and professionals in law also can apply for "All Discipline" awards open to all fields.

For more information on 2012-13 opportunities, please visit www.iie.org/cies.

The application deadline for the Core Fulbright Scholar Program is August 1, 2011. U.S. citizenship is required. For more information, visit our website at www.iie.org/cies or contact us at scholars@iie.org.

Faculty and professionals are also encouraged to participate in one of our weekly webinars. For more information, visit our website at www.iie.org/cies/webinar.

PROGRAM OFFICER
MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE
OPEN SOCIETY institute, BUDAPEST

Application Deadline: **April 22, 2011**

The Open Society Mental Health Initiative (MHI) is part of the Public Health Program at the Open Society Foundations and is based in Budapest, Hungary. MHI seeks to ensure that people with mental disabilities (mental health problems and/or intellectual disabilities) are able to live as equal citizens in the community and to participate in society with full respect for their human rights. MHI promotes the social inclusion of people with mental disabilities by supporting the development of community-based alternatives to institutionalization and by actively engaging in policy-based advocacy. MHI is both a grant making and an operational program, providing training and technical assistance to its partner organizations.

MHI seeks a full-time program officer to contribute to the development and implementation of its media strategy. The program officer will closely coordinate this work with the Health Media Initiative (HMI), part of the Public Health Program. HMI seeks to strengthen the capacity of civil society leaders and organizations to effectively advocate for health and human rights policies through successfully engaging with and utilizing media. The geographic focus of the work will be Central and Eastern Europe and East Africa. The Program Officer is involved with program development and implementation and reports to the MHI Program Director.

TO APPLY: Send curriculum vitae, cover letter, salary requirements, and a maximum 2 page writing sample in English about how using media can play an important role in advancing the advocacy goals of grass root organizations to:

Email: applications@admingroup.hu
Subject line: MHI Program Officer

For more information visit: <http://www.soros.org/about/locations/budapest/mhi-pgoff-20110324> and <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/health/focus/mhi>

Ph.D. RESEARCHER

Media Law Section of the Department of Communication Studies, Center for Journalism Studies and at the Law Faculty, the Human Rights Centre, Ghent University

The Media Law Section of the Department for Communication Studies of Ghent University together with the Human Rights Centre at the Law Faculty of Ghent University are looking for a Ph.D. researcher to work during 4 years on the topic of "Interferences with freedom of expression and 'chilling effect'".

The goal of the research project is to analyse the impact of the notion of the 'chilling effect' on freedom of expression as referred to by the European Court of Human Rights and within other international, regional or national human rights systems. The research projects includes the analysis of applications of laws and interferences with freedom of expression relating to political speech, defamation, protection of journalistic sources, newsgathering, media reporting, investigative journalism, ngos reporting on matters of public interest or contributing to public debate, freedom of artistic expression and freedom of academic speech. The research project will develop and apply a methodology in order to identify and describe different kinds and consequences of chilling effect in the domain of public debate, media, journalism, art and academic research. The project will also specifically focus on the issue of minor offences, investigative journalism and chilling effect.

The researcher will work under the supervision of Prof. Dirk Voorhoof (www.psw.ugent.be/dv). Co-supervisor is Prof. Eva Brems.

Starting date: 1 September 2010
Ph.D. grant ca.1570-1750 Euro net/month (tax free)
Profile

- law degree obtained with good (preferably excellent) grades
- fluency in written and spoken English

- good research and writing skills
- good social skills
- knowledge of and insight in human rights law, preferably with special interest regarding media law, information law, journalism studies or free speech issues.

More information can be obtained from prof. Dirk Voorhoof, dirk.voorhoof@ugent.be
 More information about Ghent and Ghent University, see www.ugent.be

Please e-mail your CV with the contact details of two references, a letter of motivation and a sample of your writing skills (preferably in English) to prof. Dirk Voorhoof, dirk.voorhoof@ugent.be by **1 June 2010**.

THE ARIEL F. SALLOWS CHAIR OF HUMAN RIGHTS

University of Saskatchewan - College of Law

The Sallows Chair will be of interest to outstanding candidates who have made distinguished contributions to research and/or practice in human rights; the candidate must have the academic qualifications required for an academic appointment. Past holders include Penelope Andrews, Marilou McPhedran, Virginia Leary, Paul Mahoney, Shelley Wright, the late Martin Ennals, Rebecca Wallace, Abdullah An-Na'im, Nihal Jayawickrama, Francisco Forrest Martin and Roy Adams.

Successful candidates for the Chair will be in residence in the College of Law, and it is normally expected that the candidate will pursue a research program, teach a course or seminar, give a public lecture and oversee the planning for a conference. Tenure will normally be for one year, but in any event no longer than two years. Salary will be commensurate with the experience and standing of the holders. The date for appointment is flexible, and may be as early as January 1, 2012.

Letters of application, accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and an outline of the research plans of the candidate, should be sent to:

Beth Bilson, Acting Dean
 College of Law
 University of Saskatchewan
 15 Campus Drive
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 S7N 5A6

Deadline: **December 31, 2011**

http://www.usask.ca/law/faculty_sessionals/employment_opportunities.php

INTERNATIONAL JOBS

Litigation Fellow

Open Society Foundations

Location: New York

Last Date: April 18, 2011

http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_75068.shtml

Human Rights Attorney/Lawyer

Open Society Justice Initiative

Location: London or New York

Last Date: April 19, 2011

<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/osji-18march2011.html>

Advocacy Director

Human Rights Watch

Location: Washington DC, USA

Last Date: April 21, 2011

<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/hrw-7april2011.html>

Head of Operations
Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS)
Location: Port au Prince, Haiti
Last Date: April 23, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/crcs-23march2011.html>

Country Director - Nepal
Marie Stopes International (MSI)
Location: Kathmandu, Nepal
Last Date: April 24, 2011
http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_74614.shtml

Senior Project Manager/Senior Attorney – Justice Initiative
Open Society Foundations
Location: London, UK or Budapest, Hungary
Last Date: April 27, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/osf-29march2011.html>

Legal Drafter - EU Project
Oceania Customs Organisation
Location: Fiji
Last Date: April 29, 2011
http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_74857.shtml

Vice President
International Center for Transitional Justice
Location: New York, USA
Last Date: April 30, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/ictj-23march2011.html>

Executive Officer
AIDS-Free World
Location: in or around New York
Last Date: April 30, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/4april2011-aidsfreeworld.html>

Research Coordinator
The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
Location: Geneva, Switzerland
Last Date: May 4, 2011
http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_74876.shtml

Deputy Director for Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
International Center for Transitional Justice
Location: New York
Last Date: May 5, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/5april2011-ictj-mena.html>

Ecuador Interim Director
Free The Children
Location: Ecuador
Last Date: May 13, 2011
<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/freethechildren-13april2011.html>

SOURCE: See more jobs at: <http://www.DevNetJobs.org> or by sending a blank email to: developmentjobs-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Educational Courses & Conferences

HUMAN RIGHTS AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Organizer: University of California, Berkeley

Date: April 26-27, 2011

Location: David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

The Human Rights Center at the University of California, Berkeley is hosting a conference entitled "The New Machine: Human Rights and Technology" to address the application of technology to human rights work. The conference aims to engage leading human rights practitioners and technologists to discuss the progress, successes, and challenges that have emerged in the use of technology to advance human rights. The conference also includes the opportunity to submit via video innovative ideas about how to use technologies to advance human rights.

The conference is intended to serve as a meeting ground for the tech-world and the human rights community. While the conference is dedicated to share lessons learned, it is also open to participants with no or little experience in the applications of technologies to human rights, and socially-minded techies who are interested in exploring how their skills can be valuable for the protection of human rights.

Additional information on the conference can be found here (<http://www.law.berkeley.edu/HRCweb/events/TechConference2011/index.html>), and online registration (<https://berkeleylaw.wufoo.com/forms/advancing-the-new-machine/>) is currently open. Questions may be directed to Melissa Carney, Conference Manager at mcarney@berkeley.edu.

HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION e-learning course

There are still some places available in the upcoming e-learning course on [Human Rights Litigation](#), which will be offered from **27 April-12 July 2011**. This distance learning course provides participants with knowledge of the concept, types, venues and strategies of human rights litigation. It focuses on strategic litigation and legal aid both internationally and domestically, and explores a variety of strategies: issue or group oriented litigation, community based services, legal clinics, NGO or law firm resourced actions and others. Participants are familiarised with court ordered structural relief, as well as with conventional victim-centered legal remedies. Non-litigation strategies to maximise the chances of winning cases and to ensure the effective enforcement of decisions too are considered. The course places impact litigation in its social and institutional context exploring issues of its legitimacy, as well as the ethics and accountability of human rights lawyering. In the last part it highlights litigation for the vindication of several groups of substantive rights, including economic and social rights, freedom from torture, equality and asylum. Participants will be provided with examples from various jurisdictions in the world illustrating strategic human rights litigation.

HREA is also pleased to offer four new e-learning courses in the second trimester of this year:

[Protection Against Torture](#) (27 April-12 July 2011)

[Human Rights and Alternative Dispute Resolution](#) (2 May-12 June 2011)

[Business and Human Rights](#) (11 May-21 June 2011)

[Use of ICTs and Social Media for Human Rights Work](#) (15 June-30 August 2011)

For further information about each course, please click on the course link above. The application deadline varies per course. Applications can be submitted online. Further information about HREA's Distance Learning Programme can be found at: <http://www.hrea.org/DLP/>

SUMMER SHORT COURSES June 5-23, 2011

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) is offering the following three short courses during the month of June 2011:

1. Introduction to Refugee Law (June 5-9, 2011):

Course Description: The course will provide post-graduate students, international agency staff, NGO workers, lawyers and others working with refugees or interested in refugee issues with an introduction to the international legal framework which governs the protection of refugees. Through lectures, case studies

and small group sessions, course participants will learn about the basic features of international refugee law including the components of the international refugee protection regime; the elements of the definition(s) of "refugee" contained in international instruments; the ethical and professional obligations of those representing refugees; the basic elements of the process by which refugee status is determined; and, the rights of refugees under international law. A background in law is useful but not required.

2. Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of Refugees (June 12-16, 2011):

Course Description: In this course, participants (including humanitarian workers, psychosocial workers, social workers and psychologists) will increase their understanding of the psychosocial and mental health issues of refugees and learn how to implement effective interventions. Topics will include the following:

- Review of Inter Agency Standing Committee Guidelines (IASC) for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) for Emergency Settings and the implications for interventions;
- Latest research about the psychosocial and mental health consequences of war and violence;
- Skills for assessment of need;
- Culturally and contextually sensitive interviewing skills;
- Methods for working with translators;
- Introduction to individual, family and community interventions;
- Specific mechanisms workers and organizations can use to minimize staff burnout and maximize organizational effectiveness.

3. Understanding Irregular Migration (June 19-23, 2011)

Course Description: Irregular, "illegal" or "undocumented" migration has become a key concern for states and international agencies. It is associated with violations of border control, criminality, smuggling and human trafficking: those involved are often depicted as dangerous and threatening. Who are the "illegals"? Who facilitates their movements, why and how? What are the implications of irregular migration for governments, agencies and for the wider society?

Irregular migration into Egypt and from Egypt has increased sharply. In particular, migration from Egypt across the Mediterranean has recently increased in pace and scale, bringing a strong reaction in states of the European Union, which wish to strengthen migration control. Who is involved? Why do they undertake long, risky journeys? Who benefits? Should states or international organizations intervene more directly?

Eligibility for all courses:

The courses are offered for graduate level students, researchers and practitioners in the field of migration and refugees. The maximum number of participants in each course is between 25-30.

All courses are conducted in English and no translation facilities are provided. Participants should have a sufficient command of the English language.

Application procedure for all courses:

To apply for the courses, To apply for the courses, please fill out the application in the following link: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/Documents/June%202011%20short%20course%20application.doc> and attach your most recent CV and send to cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu: Att. Ms. Naseem Hashim

Applicants may apply and be accepted to more than one course.

The deadline for submitting course applications is **May 5, 2010**.

Applicants accepted for the course will be notified by email maximum by May 10.

Venue of the courses

The courses will take place on the Tahrir Campus in Downtown Cairo.

Course fees:

The tuition fee for each course is 500 USD.

Participants are expected to pay a 30% of the total fees (\$150) as a deposit by May 15.

More information on payment method will be provided to accepted participants

Tuition fees will cover course material and 2 coffee breaks per course day.

Accommodation and any other expenses are not included. Please see the website for nearby recommended accommodation in Cairo.

4th ANNUAL ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE ON MONITORING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

The Project on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights organizes annually professional training courses on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Project has extensive experience in organizing two types of training aimed at providing professionals with tailored knowledge on the protection of ESC rights according to their level of experience. The "Training Course on Understanding Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" is designed to introduce participants to ESC rights, while the "Advanced Training Course on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" is aimed at providing more practical tools to advanced professionals in this area.

On this occasion, the Project proudly announces the organization of the 4th annual Advanced Training Course on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The Training Course will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from **9-13 May 2011**.

The course is designed for professionals with advanced experience in working on ESC rights. The course will most benefit representatives from NGOs, national human rights institutions, governmental authorities, academia, international organizations, and United Nations bodies.

The course aims to enhance the work of professionals by training them on specific aspects related to monitoring ESC rights. The course will also instruct participants on how advocacy tools, including, for example, human rights indicators, budget analysis or litigation activities can be effectively used to build monitoring policies that would be addressed not only to domestic institutions, but also to international mechanisms mandated to protect and promote ESC rights.

For more information about the course, please see <http://www.adh-geneva.ch/professional-training/professional-training-in-escr/at>, where you can also register on-line. Or write us at escrtraining@adh-geneve.ch.

THEY FIGHT LIKE SOLDIERS, THEY DIE LIKE CHILDREN

The New York City Bar Council on International Affairs and the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice cordially invite you to a presentation by Lt. General (Ret.) ROMÉO DALLAIRE, Former commander of the U.N. Assistance Mission for Rwanda and author of the award-winning book, *Shake Hands with the Devil*.

Tuesday, **May 24, 2011** at 7:00 P.M.

At Fordham University, Lowenstein Building, 12th Floor Lounge
113 West 60th St., New York, NY (at Columbus Ave.)

Roméo Dallaire was the Force Commander of the U.N. Mission for Rwanda during the 1994 genocide and urgently requested support from the U.N. that, if heeded, could have halted the genocide. Now a Senator in the Canadian Parliament, Dallaire founded a project called the Child Soldiers Initiative and its youth advocacy campaign – Zero Force – which work to end the use of child soldiers.

General Dallaire will discuss child soldiers, including during his time in Rwanda, and will offer solutions to eradicate their use. His new book on child soldiers will be available for purchase.

Ishmael Beah, a former child soldier and author of *A Long Way Gone*, will introduce Dallaire.

Sponsored by the NY City Bar Council on International Affairs (Chair, Mark R. Shulman) and the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School (Executive Director, Elisabeth Wickeri) and co-sponsored by the City Bar's Committees on International Human Rights (Chair, Stephen Kass) and African Affairs (Chair, Megan Maloney)

The program is open to the public. Please R.S.V.P. to elizabethbarad@gmail.com

THE FLETCHER SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCED STUDY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT
Tufts University / Medford, Massachusetts
June 19-25, 2011

[Visit the FSI 2011 Webpage](#)
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[Download Application](#)

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict is pleased to announce a call for applications to participate in an advanced, interdisciplinary program on nonviolent conflict taught by leading scholars and practitioners of strategic nonviolent action and authorities from related fields.

We also invite you to pass along this announcement to others who share our passion for achieving human rights and justice through nonviolent strategies.

If you have any questions, or would like for us to send you an application directly, please do not hesitate to contact us at fsi@nonviolent-conflict.org or visit our website at www.nonviolent-conflict.org.

JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM: APPLYING HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACHES
IHRN

Announcing details of the [International Human Rights Network](#) 2011 justice sector training programme [Justice Sector Reform: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches](#) (OJIR11)
Dates: Monday 20th - Friday 24th June 2011 Venue: [National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland](#)

This annual IHRN training programme aims at enhancing the skills of justice sector personnel, consultants, managers etc, in applying Human Rights Based Approaches to Justice Sector Reform. The programme is designed for people working in the justice sector (with state or non state institutions) or undertaking Rule of law/Governance assignments as well as justice sector personnel wishing to adapt their expertise for international consultancy work (eg for bi-lateral donors, EC Framework Contract Lot 7 - Governance and Home Affairs etc).

Knowledge and skills enhanced include:

- *The legal principles, policies & practice underpinning human rights based approaches to justice sector reform
- *The inter-linkages between justice sector roles (law enforcement, judiciary, corrections/rehabilitation, etc)
- *The relationship between the justice sector and related terms; 'security sector', 'rule of law', 'good governance'
- *Human Rights Based needs assessment, programme design, implementation, as well as monitoring & evaluation
- *Programming tools & checklists (including benchmarks & indicators of human rights change)
- *Case studies from national contexts as well as international field missions (including conflict and post-conflict)
- *Teamwork, advocacy, strategic partnerships and consulting opportunities

Past participant testimonials, Application forms and further details available at http://www.ihrnetwork.org/justice-sector-reform_202.htm

LLM HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE
Transitional Justice Institute
University of Ulster
(Jordanstown and Magee campuses, Northern Ireland)

This LLM programme based at the Transitional Justice Institute, with staff expertise across a range of areas, offers an LL.M. degree which is designed to give students a unique lens on the study of human rights in the contemporary international moment. Using the local Northern Ireland political and legal context as a starting point the course will imbue students with a working knowledge of international norms and principles, while at the same time encouraging students to move beyond the local to reflect critically on present international law norms and their application to other situations and contexts. Students are encouraged to develop and

transfer knowledge, experience and expertise of the transformative possibilities of human rights law both in respect of societies emerging from violent conflict and in relation to the local and global management of other particular societal problems. This dual focus - from the local to the global and back - is a core part of the course's aim to equip you with the knowledge and skills base to contribute internationally as well as locally.

This programme has been developed to enable students to:

- * Gain an in-depth knowledge of the theoretical and practical application of human rights law.
- * Understand the particular human rights issues in conflicted and transitional societies.
- * Gain knowledge and skills in carrying out research projects from design to write-up.
- * Enhance skills in critically appraising published and commissioned research.
- * Develop skills highly relevant to legal practice, and to policy, research and advocacy roles in the voluntary, public and private sectors in the UK, Ireland and beyond. Successful completion may also open up a range of further study and research options.

Further Information

Download [Information Leaflet](#)

TJI website: www.transitionaljustice.ulster.ac.uk , or

Applications should ordinarily be received before the last **Friday in June**, although consideration may be given to applications received after this date.

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