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## Bulletin Board

### IMPOWR Volunteers

Posted: 5/25/11

The ABA Section of International Law's International Models Project on Women's Rights (IMPOWR) is looking for volunteers to become Contributing Editors and Review Board Members. IMPOWR is a new initiative to establish a global collaborative database on women's rights under law. It promises to play a unique role in supporting the worldwide implementation of the principles underlying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). IMPOWR seeks experienced lawyers and law students with a depth of knowledge in foreign legal systems and national laws pertaining to gender equality in one or more of the topic areas covered in the database: CEDAW status; civil life (citizenship, voting rights, etc.); healthcare; marriage and family relations (marital rights, custody, inheritance, etc.); economic and social life (access to education, employment, property ownership, etc.); crimes and violence (trafficking, domestic violence, etc.); and access to justice. Volunteers will serve as "Contributing Editors" to perform research and develop content for the database. Review Board Members will review the database content for relevancy and accuracy.

Those interested in volunteering can complete the volunteer information form online [www.impowr.org/volunteer](http://www.impowr.org/volunteer) or contact International Projects Director Christina Heid ([christina.heid@americanbar.org](mailto:christina.heid@americanbar.org)) for additional information and indicate their substantive interest and background.

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://publicinternationallawandpolicygroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/wcpw\\_vol06\\_issue04.html](http://publicinternationallawandpolicygroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/wcpw_vol06_issue04.html)

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## Human Rights News

### **RWANDA: BERNARD MUNYAGISHARI ARRESTED FOR GENOCIDE**

*A Rwandan genocide suspect on the run for 17 years has been arrested in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.*

26 May 2011 Last updated at 13:06 ET

Bernard Munyagishari is accused of being a militia leader who masterminded the killing of Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Gisenyi in 1994.

He was caught in an operation mounted by the Congolese army in collaboration with a tracking team from the UN court trying genocide suspects.

Some 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus died in the 100-day genocide.

Nine other Rwandans accused of being key perpetrators of the genocide are still at large.

The BBC's East Africa correspondent Will Ross says Mr Munyagishari, once a teacher and football referee, was apprehended in North Kivu in eastern DR Congo - where many who took part in the 1994 genocide have been hiding and causing misery for the Congolese population.

Mr Munyagishari faces charges of genocide, murder and rape and is expected to be handed over to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the court based in Tanzania set up to try the ringleaders of the genocide.

According to the indictment, he was the leader of the Interahamwe Hutu militia in Gisenyi in the west of the country.

He trained the fighters in the forests of Rwanda and armed them with the aim of wiping out the ethnic Tutsi population.

He is also accused of instigating attacks on churches where people had sought shelter. The indictment added that he ordered a female militia group, headed by his wife, to sexually torture Tutsi women before killing them.

Our correspondent says one of the nine genocide suspects still at large is Felicien Kabuga, widely believed to have been protected for years by powerful politicians in Kenya.

Last week the chief prosecutor at the ICTR tribunal said the Kenyan government could be doing more to apprehend him.

SOURCE: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13566368>

## RATKO MLADIC DEEMED FIT FOR EXTRADITION TO UN TRIBUNAL

*Serbian court rules former Bosnian Serb general is healthy enough to stand trial in The Hague, despite defence's protests*

[Peter Beaumont](#) in Belgrade, [Ian Traynor](#) and [James Meikle](#) [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk), Friday 27 May 2011

Efforts to put Europe's most-wanted [war crimes](#) suspect on trial in the Hague have crossed their first hurdle with a Belgrade court ruling that [Ratko Mladic](#) is fit to be extradited. A spokeswoman said the court determined Mladic was well enough to stand trial despite claims from his defence team that the 69-year old is in poor health.

The ruling clears the way for Mladic to be transferred to the international criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, where he faces 15 charges including genocide and murder.

Mladic's defence team has three days to launch an appeal, which is likely to focus on his health. The former general's son has said Mladic is too ill for extradition after suffering two strokes while on the run. "We are almost certain he cannot be extradited in such condition," Darko Mladic told reporters after visiting his father in the Belgrade prison where he is being held. "He is in very bad shape. His right arm is half paralysed. His right side is partly numb." Darko Mladic said the family had requested a transfer to a military hospital. The family called on Russia to send an independent medical team to examine him and guarantee the impartiality of any medical assessment.

Mladic, who earned a fearsome reputation as the "butcher of Bosnia", was brought before the court on Friday after his [arrest in a north Serbian village](#) 16 years after commanding the worst atrocity on the continent since the Nazi era.

Read more: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/27/ratko-mladic-extradition-un-tribunal>

## FIVE FOREIGN MEN LOSE 'EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION' CASE

*U.S. Supreme Court lets stand a ruling against five men who sued a CIA contractor for its alleged role in abducting them abroad and spiriting them to secret interrogation sites. The court says the president has the power to scuttle their lawsuit because of national security.*

By Carol J. Williams, Los Angeles Times  
May 17, 2011

Five foreign men who sued a San Jose-based [CIA](#) contractor for its alleged role in abducting them abroad and spiriting them to secret interrogation sites have exhausted their legal avenues for getting the practice known as "extraordinary rendition" branded a human rights violation.

The [U.S. Supreme Court](#) decided Monday to let stand a federal appeals court ruling that the president has the power to scuttle the men's lawsuit because state secrets, such as how CIA operatives interrogate terror suspects, could be revealed if the case went to trial.

"The Supreme Court has refused once again to give justice to torture victims and to restore our nation's reputation as a guardian of human rights and the rule of law," said Ben Wizner, the [American Civil Liberties Union](#) lawyer who argued the case on behalf of the five men. "To date, every victim of the Bush administration's torture regime has been denied his day in court."

The Obama administration stood by Bush's invocation of the state secrets doctrine in urging dismissal of the case, but a [Justice Department](#) spokesman said the policy is used only when absolutely necessary to protect national security.

In a sharply divided ruling in September, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals voted 6 to 5 to uphold the president's power to shield wartime actions from judicial scrutiny. The ruling dismissed the case brought by the former detainees against [Boeing Co.](#) subsidiary Jeppesen DataPlan Inc. of San Jose.

Read more: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-rendition-20110517,0,7960807.story>

## PROSECUTORS SEEK KADAFI ARREST WARRANT AT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

*Prosecutors accuse Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi, son Seif Islam and a brother-in-law of killing civilians in a bid to crush protests. They say Kadafi planned to respond with violence even before the first protest took place.*

By Patrick J. McDonnell and Ned Parker, Los Angeles Times  
May 16, 2011

Reporting from Tripoli, Libya, and Baghdad—

Prosecutors asked judges of the International Criminal Court on Monday to issue arrest warrants for Libyan leader [Moammar Kadafi](#), his son and brother-in-law, further isolating the autocratic ruler who has proved hard to dislodge despite [NATO](#) airstrikes and popular uprisings.

A legal brief presented to the judges accused the three of crimes against humanity in the killing of civilians as an effort to crush demonstrations they feared would unseat them, as happened with longtime rulers in neighboring Egypt and Tunisia.

The prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, argued that Kadafi planned to answer his critics with violence even before the first antigovernment crowds gathered in [Libya](#) in mid-February. Ocampo charted a timeline for Kadafi's actions and sketched out a division of responsibility among the Libyan ruler, his son Seif Islam and his brother-in-law Abdullah Sanoussi.

Judges at the court, based in The Hague, will take at least three weeks before ruling on the request, Moreno-Ocampo said in an interview. But his move was certain to please officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which is conducting a bombing campaign under a [United Nations](#) mandate to protect Libyan civilians. Over the weekend, a senior British military official warned that Kadafi might be able to hold on if NATO did not escalate the airstrikes.

Read more: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-kadafi-arrest-warrants-20110517,0,5215320.story>

## AS WEALTH AND LITERACY RISE IN INDIA, REPORT SAYS, SO DO SELECTIVE-SEX ABORTIONS

By [JIM YARDLEY](#)

Published: May 24, 2011

NEW DELHI — [India](#)'s increasing wealth and improving literacy are apparently contributing to a national crisis of "missing girls," with the number of sex-selective abortions up sharply among more affluent, educated families during the past two decades, according to a new study.

The study found the problem of sex-selective abortions of girls has spread steadily across India after once being confined largely to a handful of conservative northern states. Researchers also found that women from higher-income, better-educated families were far more likely than poorer women to abort a girl, especially during a second [pregnancy](#) if the firstborn was a girl.

"This has deep implications," [Shailaja Chandra](#), one of the study's authors and the former director of the National Population Stabilization Fund, said Tuesday during a panel discussion after the release of the findings. "The scale is very large and requires intervention beyond what has been done so far."

The [study](#), being published in the British medical journal The Lancet, is the latest evidence of India's worsening imbalance in the ratio of boys to girls. The 2011 Indian census found 914 girls for every 1,000 boys among children 6 six or younger, the lowest ratio of girls since the country gained independence in 1947. The new study estimated that 4 million to 12 million selective abortions of girls have occurred in India in the past three decades.

Read more: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/25/world/asia/25india.html? r=1>

## ICC PROSECUTOR APPLIES TO INVESTIGATE IVORY COAST VIOLENCE

20 May 2011 17:35

Source: reuters // Reuters

AMSTERDAM, May 20 (Reuters) - The International Criminal Court said on Friday its prosecutor had applied to investigate Ivory Coast's post-election violence in which thousands of people have been killed and more than a million displaced.

Former President Laurent Gbagbo refused to cede power to Alassane Ouattara following the Nov. 28 election, triggering months of violence and economic havoc in the world's top cocoa-producing country.

A formal investigation by the ICC is likely to focus on reports of violations by Gbagbo's side as he struggled to retain power, but could also open Ouattara's camp -- including former rebel leader Guillaume Soro, the current prime minister -- to scrutiny.

Human rights groups have accused Gbagbo's fighters of using heavy weapons against civilians, but have also accused Ouattara's forces of killing, raping and looting during their southward sweep from their northern stronghold to the coast.

Gbagbo was captured on April 11 after heavy fighting in the West African country's main city Abidjan, which included U.N. and French strikes on Gbagbo's heavy weapons stockpiles.

Ouattara wrote to ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo this month asking for ICC to investigate reported abuses.

SOURCE: <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/icc-prosecutor-applies-to-investigate-icoast-violence/>

## UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL CHARGES JAILED SERB LEADER WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR THIRD TIME

The leader of the Serb Radical Party, on trial for alleged war crimes, has been charged with contempt of court by the United Nations tribunal for the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s for failing to remove from his website information on protected witnesses in his trial.

The charges, announced today, are the third of their kind against Vojislav Šešelj by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, since he turned himself in eight years ago to face charges of war crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Vojvodina region of Serbia between 1991 and 1994.

The information published on his website include three books Mr. Šešelj wrote and five confidential filings submitted by him as part of his main trial and two previous trials for contempt of court.

The books and filings reveal confidential information about a number of protected witnesses who testified in his main trial, an ICTY statement said.

Mr. Šešelj was found guilty on the first contempt trial. The second contempt trial is under way, and no date has been set for the third trial.

"The tribunal regards the integrity of witnesses and confidential materials as essential elements in the rule of law," the ICTY statement said. "Several persons who have attempted to interfere with the judicial process by revealing confidential information have been prosecuted."

SOURCE: UN DAILY NEWS DIGEST - 24 May 2011

## **FEMALE SAUDI DOCTOR APPEALS TO TOP COURT FOR RIGHT TO CHOOSE A HUSBAND**

*Samia fled to a women's shelter rather than be forced by her male relatives to marry a less educated cousin. Her case illustrates women's growing fight against Saudi Arabia's guardianship system.*

By [Caryle Murphy](#), Correspondent / May 23, 2011

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Samia is a surgeon who, as she says, is "supposed to be a grandma by now."

But she's not even married yet. As with many women in [Saudi Arabia](#), choosing a husband was not solely up to her. Her father and brothers demanded that she marry a cousin, and, she says, beat her when she refused. For the past five years, she has lived in a shelter for battered women.

"I'm a surgeon. I'm responsible for people's lives," says Samia, now in her 40s. "I want to be responsible for my own life."

Samia's situation, described in multiple interviews both in person and via phone and e-mail, is not unusual in Saudi Arabia. It illustrates how this country's guardianship system gives men almost complete control over female relatives, as well as how little recourse women have to escape abusive guardians. She has taken her case to two courts, which both ruled against her, and she and her lawyer now seek a hearing in the country's Supreme Court.

Under Islam, a woman has the right to choose her partner, provided he is morally upright.

But the guardianship system, which stems from tribal traditions and is deeply entrenched in Saudi Arabia's culture and legal system, requires women to get their guardians' permission to marry. Although many men respect their female relatives' wishes, others do not, despite warnings from Muslim leaders.

Read more: <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2011/0523/Female-Saudi-doctor-appeals-to-top-court-for-right-to-choose-a-husband>

## **ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE WITH THIS GENERATION**

Tamara Kreinin

An adolescent girl living in poverty could be the most powerful person in the world. If she is reached early enough, she can accelerate economies, arrest major global health issues and break cycles of poverty. When a girl gets a chance to stay in school, remain healthy, gain skills, she will marry later, have fewer and healthier children, and earn an income that she'll invest back into her family and community. When she can grow into a woman and become an educated mother, an economic actor, an ambitious entrepreneur, or a prepared employee, she breaks the cycle of poverty. She and everyone around her benefits.

Child marriage is one of the barriers preventing the 600 million adolescent girls in developing countries from unleashing their full potential. One in seven is forced into marriage before the age of 15, and if these trends continue, 100 million girls will marry over the next decade – that is about 25,000 children married every day for the next 10 years.

Child marriage triggers a cycle of poverty, disadvantage and despair. At a basic level, it puts girls at a great risk. Fifty percent of girls in developing countries become mothers before age 18 – many before their bodies have matured – which puts them at higher risk for infant and maternal mortality. In fact, the leading cause of death among girls ages 15-19 worldwide is medical complications due to pregnancy. Girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are five times more likely to die in pregnancy or childbirth than women aged 20 to 24; sadly, the vast majority of these deaths take place within marriage.

Read more:

[http://www.globalhealthmagazine.com/top\\_stories/ending\\_child\\_marriage\\_with\\_this\\_generation/](http://www.globalhealthmagazine.com/top_stories/ending_child_marriage_with_this_generation/)

## 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>.

#### 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](http://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](mailto:dirk.voorhoof@ugent.be)

More information about Ghent and Ghent University, see [www.ugent.be](http://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](mailto: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  
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Deadline: **December 31, 2011**

[http://www.usask.ca/law/faculty\\_sessionals/employment\\_opportunities.php](http://www.usask.ca/law/faculty_sessionals/employment_opportunities.php)

## INTERNATIONAL JOBS

Programme Director – Gender, Sexuality & Identity

Amnesty International

Location: London, UK

Last Date: June 1, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_75606.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_75606.shtml)

Adviser - Civil Society

The World Bank

Location: Washington, DC

Last Date: June 5, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_76103.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_76103.shtml)

Migration Lawyer

Open Society Foundations

Location: London

Last Date: June 6, 2011

<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/osf-migration-9may2011.html>

Researchers

Amnesty International

Location: London, UK

Last Date: June 8, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_75935.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_75935.shtml)

Chief of Party, Rule of Law

Management Systems International (MSI)

Location: Ukraine

Last Date: June 10, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_75740.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_75740.shtml)

Program Director Anti Corruption

DynCorp International (Casals and Associates)

Location: Falls Church, VA, USA

Last Date: June 15, 2011

<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/11may2011-dyncorp-anti-corruption-director.html>

Outreach Manager, Judicial Training Project  
Management Systems International (MSI)

Location: Sri Lanka

Last Date: June 18, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_75976.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_75976.shtml)

Senior Child Protection Advisor, Children and Women Protection Project  
Management Systems International (MSI)

Location: Haiti

Last Date: June 25, 2011

[http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article\\_76144.shtml](http://216.197.119.113/jobman/publish/article_76144.shtml)

Fundraiser

Friends of the Earth Europe

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Last Date: June 26, 2011

<http://devnetjobs.tripod.com/fundraiser-foe-26may2011.html>

SOURCE: See more jobs at: <http://www.DevNetJobs.org> or by sending a blank email to:  
[developmentjobs-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:developmentjobs-subscribe@yahoo.com)

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## Educational Courses & Conferences

### FINAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: HREA e-learning courses -- September-December 2011

HREA is issuing a final call for applications for the following upcoming e-learning courses:

- [Use of ICTs and Social Media for Human Rights Work](#) (15 June-30 August 2011)
- [Armed Conflict, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) (19 September-4 December 2011)
- [Child Rights Programming](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)
- [Election Observation](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)
- [Gender Mainstreaming](#) (31 August-15 November 2011)
- [Human Rights Advocacy](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)
- [Monitoring & Evaluation in the NGO Sector](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)
- [Monitoring Women's Rights](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)
- [Project Development and Management in the NGO Sector](#) (14 September-29 November 2011)

The application **deadline is 1 June 2011**. Applications can be submitted online. For further information about each course please click on the course link above. For a listing of all upcoming courses, please visit [www.hrea.org/courses](http://www.hrea.org/courses)

### THE FLETCHER SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCED STUDY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT

Tufts University / Medford, Massachusetts

June 19-25, 2011

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## 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](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](http://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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