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Recent News from the International Human Rights Clinic



Dear friends,

Last week marked the transition from summer to fall in Cambridge. We taught our first classes of the term, welcomed a new cohort of students to our Clinic, and began work on the clinical projects and cases that will keep us busy over the coming months. As we dive into the excitement of the new semester, we wanted to share a few high points from the summer, including the announcement of an endowed fund to support our Clinic's work, and a preview of the fall, particularly a [poster competition](#) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For those who want to keep in touch, make sure you've joined our new [LinkedIn page](#). We wish you a productive and enjoyable fall!

All the best,
Aminta, Anna, Bea, Bonnie, Kelsey, Sanjana, and Susan
The International Human Rights Clinic Team

Summer Highlights

Endowment of The Courage Fund

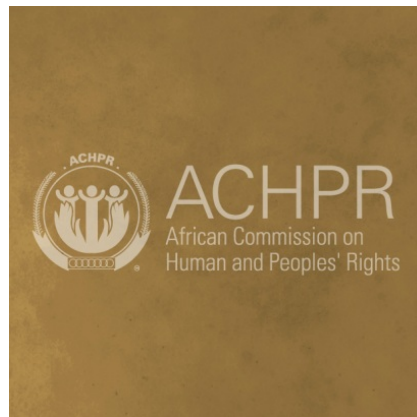
The International Human Rights Clinic is thrilled to announce that Haroon Mokhtarzada, JD '05, has endowed a fund to support our work. His generous gift establishes The Courage Fund “in recognition of the courageous leadership of the Harvard Law School International Human Rights Clinic in advancing justice around the world, even when such work is unpopular or challenges the status quo.” [Read more.](#)

Law Clinics Condemn U.S. Government Support for Haiti’s Regime as Country Faces Human Rights and Humanitarian Catastrophe

On the second anniversary of the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, the Clinic published a [joint letter](#) with the Global Justice Clinic at NYU School of Law, calling on the United States to cease its support for the repressive regime that has overseen Haiti’s deteriorating crisis since Moïse’s death. Citing the Henry administration’s well-documented complicity in human rights abuses and abandonment of rule of law, the letter called on the United States and international community to “create space for Haitian people to return to constitutional order and build their own democracy.”



Clinic Contributes to ACHPR Webinar on the Right to Work



In May, the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR) [held a webinar on the informal economy and the right to work in Africa](#). Aminta Ossom joined Clinic partners WIEGO and the Solidarity Center in speaking at the webinar, which was organized by the Commission’s Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Aminta’s presentation

focused on the legal standards and jurisprudence of the African human rights system. Drawing from the Clinic’s research, she described how governments and human rights mechanisms could apply norms from the regional system to protect the rights of workers in the informal economy. WIEGO and the Solidarity Center shared progress in the recognition of workers’ rights regionally and internationally. They analyzed advancements in national social protection frameworks and exemplar cases from the South African Constitutional Court and African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. Around 100 representatives of AU member States, civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, and other AU organs attended.

Case Studies in Environmental Racism: Seeking Remedies for Lead-Poisoned Roma in Kosovo

In June, Bea Lindstrom joined colleagues from the Clinic's partner Opre Roma Kosovo to present a paper on the lead poisoning of displaced Roma living in UN-managed camps as a case study in environmental racism at Central European University. The conference was an opportunity for Critical Romani Scholars and activists to come together and share experiences and strategies to combat racism faced by Roma communities across Europe.



Bea Lindstrom with Driton Berisha of Opre Roma Kosovo at the Central European University conference.

Fall Preview

Universal Declaration of Human Rights 75th Anniversary Poster Contest

December 10, 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To celebrate, we're hosting a "UDHR @ 75" poster competition, open to all Harvard community members.

Join us for the chance to be creative while reflecting on the meaning and legacy of this historic declaration!

[View full contest details here.](#)

UDHR 75

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is turning 75!
Help us celebrate by submitting an original artwork
inspired by the Declaration.



SCAN FOR FULL DETAILS
SUBMISSIONS DUE 12/10/23

POSTER CONTEST



Celebrating the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights 75



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Upcoming Events

Cultural Destruction in Armed Conflict: The Attack on Yemen's Heritage and Why It Matters

September 12 at 12:15pm
WCC 2004

Human Rights at Harvard Law Orientation

September 14 at 12:30pm
WCC 2009

Clinic Report Launch: “When the Water Runs Dry: Human Rights, Climate Change & Deepening Water Inequality in Delhi, India”

September 21 at 12:15pm
WCC 2009

Affirmative Action after SFFA: Is the US in Violation of International Human Rights Law?

September 28 at 12:30pm
WCC 2004

Prosecution of Atrocity Crimes in Ukraine: Avenues for Accountability

October 2 at 12:30pm
WCC 2004



Women in Informal Employment:
Globalizing and Organizing

The International Human Rights Clinic and WIEGO Are Partnering to Give Power Back to Informal Workers

Over the past four years, the Clinic has partnered with [Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing](#) (WIEGO), a global network of organizations which empowers workers in the informal economy to secure their livelihoods. "Partnering with WIEGO has given my students and myself a concrete example of what effective community lawyering looks like," clinical instructor Aminta Ossom said. [Read more.](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Thinking Outside the Box: Three Human Rights Alumni Forging Their Own Paths

To be successful, human rights work requires a mix of vision and tenacity – the ability to see a problem clearly and then develop creative solutions. IHRC recently spoke with three alumni from the classes of 2018, 2016, and 2014, who are charting their own paths and creating change through innovative thinking, from Cambodia and Geneva to Texas and South Africa. [Read more.](#)



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GRADUATING STUDENT REFLECTIONS

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In this new video series, members of the graduating class of 2023 share their favorite memories of the Clinic and offer insights to new and prospective students on the workings and impact of our Clinic.

First up, we're featuring two LLM students from the class of 2023, Tobi Olasunkanmi and Rebecca Gore. Though only on campus for one academic year,

our LLM students make lasting impressions on and contributions to the work in the Clinic - we are so lucky to have them as part of our community both here at HLS and as colleagues in the human rights movement. Hear more about their time in the Clinic by clicking below!

[Tobi Olasunkanmi, LLM '23 on working with Anna Crowe on the Climate Change and Sexual Orientation \(SOGI\) project.](#)

[Rebecca Gore, LLM '23 on working with Susan Farbstein on Disappearances in Mexico.](#)

Clinician Commentary & News

A Good Summer for Human Rights Cases in U.S. Courts: Alien Tort Statute Update

Susan Farbstein | September 2023

The Alien Tort Statute (ATS) had a good summer. Two critical rulings—one from the Ninth Circuit, the other from the Eastern District of Virginia—plus a settlement in a third case signal that, despite years of chatter about its demise, the statute is far from dead. [Read more.](#)

Providing cluster munitions has 'changed the nature of U.S. involvement' in Ukraine, says Harvard Law expert

Harvard Law Today interview with Bonnie Docherty | August 2023

Bonnie Docherty, interviewed by *Harvard Law Today*, describes the United States' "lethal mistake" in supplying cluster munitions to Ukraine. [Read more.](#)

U.S. Cluster Munition Transfer to Ukraine Ignores History of Civilian Harm

Bonnie Docherty in *Just Security* | May 2023

Drawing on her experience documenting the use of cluster munitions in previous conflicts, Docherty argues that President Biden's July 7 decision to transfer cluster munitions to Ukraine will exacerbate a humanitarian crisis and encourage the proliferation of weapons that have already been banned by over 120 countries. [Read more.](#)



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