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HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

Friday 11th November 2016

Senate House, School of Advanced Study, University of London

This Postgraduate Research Students' conference is a conference series aimed at students working within the broad interdisciplinary field of human rights and social justice. The conferences aim to stimulate research on contemporary human rights issues, problems, challenges and policies, and to facilitate the dissemination of such research. We are particularly interested in inviting papers which go beyond disciplinary boundaries to embrace interdisciplinary perspectives on human rights themes.

For the forthcoming conference, we encourage submissions on the following themes, as well as submissions of a general nature:

- **Human Rights and New Technologies**

The rapidly evolving landscape of new technologies has many potential implications for human rights. How can new technologies be regulated for human rights protection? What potential do new technologies hold for better human rights protection? What is the role of business in regulating new technologies that might impact on human rights?

- **Contemporary Challenges in Refugee Protection**

Analysis of practice in the protection of refugees is a much needed contribution to current state challenges. How are the boundaries of refugee law being stretched by current practices? What are the emerging new challenges for refugee protection, such as climate refugees or protection on the high seas? How can the role of non-state actors in refugee crises and refugee protection be better analysed? How are states addressing integration of refugees?

- **Combatting Torture**

Practices of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment persist despite being widely prohibited in international and customary law. How do different types of monitoring mechanisms function to combat torture? How are states interpreting their treaty obligations to combat torture? What are the new horizons for research into contemporary use of torture by state and non-state actors?

- **Social Mobilisation for Human Rights**

Papers will examine various strategies used by civil society to secure human rights. Focus could be on case studies of national or transnational social mobilisation or comparative studies. What political opportunities are used for social mobilisation for human rights? What new frames are being applied to make human right claims? What creative alliances are being built for social mobilisation purposes?

We welcome papers from many (and multiple) disciplines including Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, International Relations, Law, Environmental Justice, Politics, Migration Studies, Philosophy, Economics, Peace and Conflict Studies, Development Studies, History and the study of social movements.

Please send abstracts of up to 350 words to HRC@sas.ac.uk by 6th October 2016.

Presenters will be asked to speak for 15-20 minutes on their research and work to date. We welcome participation from students at any stage of their postgraduate research studies, including Master's students who are engaging in research (such as a research essay or dissertation) or contemplating undertaking a PhD.

The conference is co-convened by the Human Rights Consortium, University of London, the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex and the Glasgow Human Rights Network, University of Glasgow. The conference venue will be Senate House, University of London, London, UK. Presenters will present their research in panels to be chaired by senior academics who will also serve as discussants.

Participants are encouraged also to register for participation in an evening [event](#) and reception to launch Amnesty International's new publication, *'Combating torture and other ill-treatment: A manual for action'*, 11 November, 17.00-19.00 at Senate House.

Conference Registration: £15.00 (standard) / £10.00 (students/retired/unwaged)