

THE *Alison L. Des Forges* MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

Counterterrorism, Electoral Politics, and Human Rights

FREE EVENT

**THURSDAY
APRIL 27, 2017**

9AM – 4PM

**107 CAPEN HALL
NORTH CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**

We like to view counterterrorism as an essential policy to keep innocent people safe, and electoral politics as a way to protect human rights. Yet, counterterrorism measures can result in immigration policies and military tactics that violate human rights, and elections and referenda may provide opportunities for racist demagoguery, nativist discrimination, and violence against civilians. This symposium will explore these counterintuitive relationships, and seek ways to mitigate the unwanted side effects resulting from such policies and institutions.

Schedule of Events

9:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOMING REMARKS

9:30- 11:00 AFRICA

Human Rights in the Context of Elections in Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda

Sarah Jackson, Deputy Regional Director, Amnesty International (via Skype)

International Responses to Human Rights Crises in Sudan and Southern Sudan

Jehanne Henry, Senior Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch

Political Process, Inclusion and Citizen Satisfaction with Governance in West Africa

Ryan Dalton, Program Officer, Central and West Africa, National Democratic Institute

11:00-12:00 LUNCH

12:00-1:30 EUROPE

Recasting Refugees as Terrorists: Populist Exploitation of the National Security Narrative in European Electoral Politics

Julia Hall, Expert on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, Amnesty International

European Complicity in U.S. Drone Attacks and Mass Surveillance

Eric Töpfer, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor, German Institute for Human Rights

Turkey's AKP after the July 15 Coup Attempt: Moving towards End Game

Howard Eissenstat, Associate Professor, St. Lawrence University

2:00-3:30 UNITED STATES

National Security and Human Rights in the U.S.

Naureen Shah, Director, Security with Human Rights, Amnesty International

U. S. Counterterrorism and Human Rights Post Presidential Election

Laura Pitter, Senior U.S. National Security Counsel, Human Rights Watch

National Security and Recent Changes in U.S. Immigration Policy

Nicole Hallett, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Community Justice Clinic, University at Buffalo School of Law

3:30-4:00 WRAP-UP GENERAL DISCUSSION

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This symposium honors the life and work of human rights advocate Alison Des Forges.
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