

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

AN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM ON

Human Rights at Risk: Popular Uprisings and Regime Change

In the past year, we have witnessed popular uprisings that have led to changes in governments in Algeria, Sudan, and Puerto Rico. At the same time, the United States has used various methods to encourage or force regime change in Iran, Syria, and Venezuela. Internal popular uprisings are often undertaken on pretexts of defending or extending human rights, but they can sometimes result in abuses of human rights. And calls for regime change in the name of “democracy” and “human rights” are often used to justify imperial intervention resulting in additional domestic repression.

Schedule of Events

9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

9:15-11:00 COLLECTIVE ACTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THREE CONTINENTS

Four Threats: What U.S. History Reveals about American Democracy Today

Suzanne Mettler, The John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions, Cornell University

African Protestors: Troublemakers or Heroes?

Lisa Mueller, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Macalester College

Anti-Government Protests in Hong Kong: Diverse Challenges to Human Rights

Ji Yeon Hong, Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

11:00-12:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30-2:30 POLITICAL CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUDAN

From Revolution to Revolution: The Promises and Risks of Ending 30 Years of Military-Islamist Rule in Sudan

Harry Verhoeven, Associate Member, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Popular Change in (Revolutionary) Sudan and (Evolutionary) Ethiopia: An Early Comparative Analysis

Aly Verjee, Fellow, Rift Valley Institute

The Human Rights Drivers and Consequences of Sudan's 2018-2019 People's Revolution

Suliman Baldo, Senior Policy Advisor, The Sentry

Human Rights Priorities during Sudan's Transition

Jehanne Henry, Associate Director, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch

2:30 CLOSING COMMENTS

FREE EVENT

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2020**

9AM – 2:30PM

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