



Human Rights Interest Group

NEWSLETTER

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HRIG Business Meeting and Substantive Session at the ASIL Annual Meeting

Please join us for the HRIG Business Meeting and Substantive Session on Thursday, March 28 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the DuPont room at the ASIL Annual Meeting. HRIG Co-Chair Aaron Fellmeth will give a brief tutorial on Avenues of Human Rights Advocacy in the United States, including how to organize and file an amicus brief, file a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and make a submission to the UN Human Rights Committee. HRIG Co-Chair Jill Goldenziel will talk about her experience working on the UN Global Compact for Migration as a representative of ASIL and the Academic Council on the UN System. She will also talk about how ASIL members can get involved in similar initiatives. We also hope to hear about your ideas and aspirations for the Interest Group's agenda in 2019.

HRIG Co-Sponsored Panel at the ASIL Annual Meeting

Please also join us for the HRIG co-sponsored panel on The Law (and Politics) of Displacement: Migratory and Refugee Crises under International Law at 1:00 – 2:30 pm on Thursday, March 28, in the Columbia 5-8 room. HRIG Co-Chair Jill Goldenziel will moderate. Panelists include Lindsay Jenkins from UNHCR, Itamar Mann from the University of Haifa Faculty of Law, Fatma Marouf from Texas A&M School of Law, and Dan Sullivan from Refugees International. It promises to be a great, interactive discussion!

HRIG Activities

On November 2-3, 2018, Prof. Leila Sadat and the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute held a conference at Washington University Law, co-sponsored by the HRIG, entitled “Interdisci-

plinary and Human Rights Approaches to the Gun Violence Crisis in the United States.” In January 2019, several participants in the conference submitted a petition to the UN Human Rights Committee entitled “The U.S. Gun Violence Crisis as a Violation of U.S. Obligations Under The ICCPR.”

In December 2018, members of the HRIG wrote and filed a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on behalf of the Muslim Association of Hawai’i and its Imam, Dr. Ismail Elshikh, to seek a declaration that the Trump Administration’s “ban” on immigration and refugees from certain Muslim countries violates U.S. obligations under international human rights law.

Seeking an HRIG Vice-Chair

Application Deadline March 14, 2019

The HRIG is seeking a volunteer to serve as Vice-Chair. Duties will include assisting the Co-Chairs with Interest Group administration and helping to plan the group’s annual events. If interested, please email the HRIG Co-Chairs:

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with a CV and brief statement of interest by March 14.

Call for Papers: *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*

The Italian law journal DIRITTI UMANI E DIRITTO INTERNAZIONALE (“Human Rights and International Law”) is seeking English-language submissions on the topic of Deconsolidation of Democracy, Populism and Human Rights. The journal is very well known in Italy, and the editors aim to make it more international. They are especially seeking contributions from non-Ital-

ian scholars. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Announcement: ABILA International Law Weekend Midwest

Join ASIL’s sister organization, the American Branch of the International Law Association for International Law Weekend Midwest on March 16 at the University of Dayton School of Law. For more information, see

<https://www.udayton.edu/law/events/gilvary-symposium.php>

The conference will include a panel on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: Norms in International Refugee and Asylum Law.

Member Announcements

On June 21, 2018, HRIG member Prof. Angela Banks was interviewed on PBS regarding the U.S. policy of separating migrant children from their families:

<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2018/06/trump-immigration-executive-order/>

At International Law Weekend 2018, co-sponsored by ABILA and ASIL, HRIG member Prof. Diane Amann organized a well-attended panel on Protecting Children in Conflict.

In November 2018, Co-Chair Aaron Fellmeth of Arizona State University College of Law was awarded the Dennis S. Karjala Professorship of Law, Science and Technology. On November 10, he served as discussant at the ASIL Mid-Year Meeting panel on “Human Rights Treaties at the National Level,” where he was misidentified by ASIL organizers as “Adele Dazeem.”

Co-Chair Jill Goldenziel spoke at the UN Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Migration in Marrakech in December 2018, representing the Academic Council on the UN System. Her related article was published in THE NATIONAL INTEREST on December 16. See:

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/nonbinding-un-human-rights-agreement-can-still-be-powerful-38832>

What about you? Do you have a new job? A new publication? Have you passed a new career milestone? Share your information with the co-chairs at the email addresses above and we will publicize it in an upcoming HRIG newsletter.



We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Best wishes,

Jill Goldenziel & Aaron Fellmeth
HRIG Co-Chairs