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Created in September 2005, the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism was formed to provide students, professors and the larger community with a locus of intellectual and physical resources for engaging critically with the ways in which law affects some of the most compelling social problems of our modern era, most notably human rights issues. Since then, the Centre has distinguished itself by its innovative legal and interdisciplinary approach to understanding and advancing human rights in a complex and legally plural global community.

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As we take stock of a remarkably dynamic year, it is notable the extent to which the Centre has resoundingly secured a distinct place in the Canadian and global human rights community. During 2016, the Centre has been sought out as a partner, to name but a few, by the City of Montreal, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the Women Living under Muslim Laws Network, and Voices/Voix (a non-partisan coalition of Canadian civil society organizations). This small sample of partnerships underscores the impact of the scholarship and public engagement of our members’ influence on a diverse range of human rights actors and organizations, both in Canada and at the international level. The Centre continues to play a strategic role in the Scholars at Risk Network (SARN) through its representation on the Steering Committee of the SARN Canada section. Our commitment to providing a safe haven for fellow scholars escaping persecution from the state or from non-state actors is reflected in our continuous hosting of a SARN Fellow.

The Centre, more than ever before, has become a place for connecting people and ideas from the North and the South, from the grassroots to the top international organizations. On the one hand, we facilitated a conversation among the mayors of Buenos Aires, Montreal, and Berlin on the opportunities and challenges of integrating migrants into these cosmopolitan cities, which allowed for the sharing of good practices. On the other, we hosted the UN High Commissioner for Refugees who spoke on the current refugee crisis confronting the global community and underscored the imperative for Canada and the international community to act.

Our ethos of building a continuum from the local to global in all our programs and initiatives is also well exemplified through our disability and human rights initiative. Our efforts at the Faculty through the seminar series are complemented by internships with disability rights organizations in Serbia and Argentina, as well as the Shadow report we submitted in April 2016 to the UN Committee on the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities which reviewed Canada’s compliance with its treaty obligations.

Our strength and dynamism are rooted in our diverse and rich community. In 2016, we hosted 8 O’Brien Fellows in residence from 7 countries, sent 26 human rights interns across 5 continents, and have with us 11 O’Brien graduate Fellows from 10 countries. Our growing membership, which is at 32 full members and 6 associate members, is reflective of our intellectual diversity. From delivering the prestigious Massey lectures to receiving distinguished fellowships, awards and honors, our members are recognized as agenda-setters and influential voices in the academy as well as within domestic and international institutions. We will be ending the year yet again by co-hosting an international conference on human rights education with our long-standing partner Equitas. This conference is a testimony to our ability to create enduring partnerships with a diverse range of actors and organizations across Canada and across the world, allowing us an impact far beyond our limited financial and human resources.

In the end, we dedicate this year’s impressive achievements to our exceptional colleague Sharon Webb, whose dedicated service to the Centre and its community allows us to engage, act and impact at so many levels.
OUR COMMUNITY

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François Crépeau
Centre Director
2015 – 2018

Nandini Ramanujam
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Sharon Webb
Program Coordinator

36
Full Members

7
Associate Members
Although the Centre is based at the McGill Faculty of Law, and many of the Centre’s members are law professors and part-time lecturers, we are committed to an interdisciplinary approach to human rights. A significant portion of our members are either cross-appointed or drawn from outside the Faculty of Law, and include political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists, geographers, religious studies, and social work. In 2017, there are currently 36 Full Members and 7 Associate Members on the CHRLP team.

**Full Members**

Payam Akhavan (Law)  
Kristen Anker (Law)  
Mark Antaki (Law)  
Adelle Blackett (Law)  
Megan Bradley (Political Science, Institute for the Study of International Development)  
Angela Campbell (Law, Associate Provost)  
François Crépeau (Law)  
Allison Christians (Law)  
Irwin Cotler (Law; Wallenberg Centre)  
Myriam Denov (Social Work)  
Pearl Eliadis (Law)  
Evan Fox-Decent (Law)  
Jane Glenn (Law)  
Patrick Healy (Law)  
David Howes (Anthropology; Law)  
Derek Jones (Law; Research Group on Health & Law)  
Sébastien Jodoin (Law)  
Derek Jones (Law, McGill Research Group on Health & Law)  
Alana Klein (Law; Research Group on Health & Law)  

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**Associate Members**

Michael Brown (ISID and UN Peace Mediation Expert)  
Daniel Cere (Religious Studies)  
Armand de Mestral (Law)  
Pierre Deschamps (Law)  
Aristide Nononsi (Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa & UN Independent Expert, Sudan)  
Philip Oxhorn (Political Science, Associate Provost (International))  
Cecilia Thompson (Human Rights Consultant)
Member Accomplishments

Accomplissements des membres

Once again, our members have been recognized this year for a wide variety of their many accomplishments. We congratulate each and all for their continued hard work, great ideas, and high ideals. Here are a few highlights from 2017:

- **Payam Akhavan’s** 2017 CBC Massey Lectures, *In Search of a Better World: A Human Rights Odyssey* became the #1 Canadian Bestseller on October 23, 2017. It is a powerful survey of some of the major human rights struggles of our times and what can be done about them.

- **Allison Christians** was promoted to full professor in September. In addition to her current roles as Associate Dean, and the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in Taxation, Professor Christians contributes to our community as an internationally influential and admired scholar and leading disseminator of research via social media.

- **Irwin Cotler** was a recipient of the prestigious Order of Quebec on June 22, 2017. He was also appointed to the Organization of American States’ Panel to investigate crimes against humanity in Venezuela.

- **François Crépeau** was appointed Belgium’s International Francqui Professor Chair in Social Sciences for 2017-2018. With this appointment, Professor Crépeau joins a prestigious list of former Chairs including several Nobel Prize winners as well as eminent intellectuals such as Michel Foucault.

- **Pearl Eliadis** was appointed Adjunct Professor (McGill Faculty of Law), named “Human Rights Changemaker” (Equitas), re-appointed President, Human Rights Committee (Quebec Bar Association), appointed Senior Fellow (Raoul Wallenberg Human Rights Centre), named Co-Chair (Canadian Centre for International Justice).

- **Armand de Mestral** was the 2017 recipient of the Canadian Council on International Law’s John E. Read Medal which highlights his contributions to the development of international law through teaching, research, and administration.

- **René Provost** received the *Avocatus Emeritus* (Ad.E) distinction from the Barreau du Québec. This award is presented to members who gain distinction because of their outstanding professional careers and outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

- **Daniel Weinstock** was among two faculty members honoured by the Broadbent Institute, Canada’s leading progressive, independent organization championing change through the promotion of democracy, equality, and sustainability. Professor Weinstock was awarded the Charles Taylor Prize for Excellence in Policy Research.
The CHRLP continues to attract some of the brightest scholars and human rights professionals from around the world. We are privileged to receive support from a range of public and private funds that allows us to offer a wide variety of student and research fellowships and assistantships. In 2017, we were pleased to host:

- **11** O’Brien Graduate Fellows
- **8** O’Brien Fellows in Residence
- **3** Associate Fellows
- **4** Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellows
- **3** Visiting Researchers
- **1** Student Intern at the CHRLP
- **4** Disability Initiative Coordinators
- **7** Student Researchers & Coordinators

**GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF FELLOWS AND RESEARCHERS**

- **North America** 29%
- **Europe** 21%
- **Africa** 25%
- **Asia & Oceania** 18%
- **South America** 7%
Thanks to the generosity of alumnus David O’Brien (B.C.L, 1965), the Centre also awards O’Brien Fellowships to support the studies of several new graduate students every year. The students, in turn, contribute to the life of the Centre by convening reading groups, organizing events, sitting of various selection committees, and engaging with the Centre in a wide variety of ways.

In November, the Centre had the great privilege of welcoming Mr. O’Brien to the faculty. He joined all the current Graduate Fellows and Fellows in Residence for an informal lunch and engaged with each of them about their research and other areas of common interest.

In 2017, the Centre welcomed 4 new O’Brien Graduate Fellows:

- Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal, Canada
- Kims Banda, Zambia
- Yvana Lucía Novoa Curich, Peru
- Rapti Ratnayake, Sri Lanka

There are also 7 continuing Graduate Fellows from the 2016-2017 academic year:

- Parisa Akbarimalkeshi, Iran
- Rokeya Chowdhury, Bangladesh
- Maryse Décarie-Daigneault, Canada
- Francesca Farrington, Ireland
- Jose Mauricio Gaona, Colombia/United States
- Tanya Monforte, United States
- Raymond Ouigou Savadogo, Burkina Faso/Canada

The Centre wishes to congratulate 2 LLM graduates in 2017: Muhammad Rezaur Rahman and Sok Young Chang! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
O’Brien Fellows in Residence – Winter 2017

Monica Moyo, USA – An international human rights researcher and advocate for over a decade whose interests lie in human rights approaches to global poverty and economic justice.

Olubayo Oluduro, Nigeria – A Professor of Law at the Adekunle Ajasin University in Ondo State, Nigeria who has published extensively on environmental and human rights issues, reproductive rights, and gender and the law.

Nora Ahmetaj, Kosovo – A founder and former director of the Centre for Research, Documentation, and Publication in Kosovo, particularly interested in prevention, redress, and post-conflict justice and reconciliation.

Assata Kone Silue, Côte d’Ivoire – A professor and researcher at the University Félix Houphouët Boigny specializing in social law with interest in issues pertaining to job insecurity, and the interactions between informal economies and social law in French-speaking sub-Saharan African countries.

O’Brien Fellows in Residence – Fall 2017

Fayyaz Baqir, Pakistan – A decorated human rights advocate and an international human rights and justice specialist with a wide experience in the field of civil society.

Lauren Curatolo, USA – A practicing criminal defense trial attorney in Queens, NY who has provided legal representation to hundreds of indigent clients faced with complex legal and social issues.

Ranabir Samaddar, India – One of the foremost theorists in the field of migration and forced migration studies, he is currently the Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies Research Group in India.

Laurens van Apeldoorn, The Netherlands – As an Assistant Professor of Philosophy, his research is broadly focused on the nature and prospects of the sovereign state, and tax jurisdiction and human rights.
Associate Fellows

Associate Fellows are independent scholars whose work coincides with the intellectual themes and reach of the Centre. In 2017, the Centre hosted three Associate Fellows:

**Éloge Butera, Rwanda/Canada**, is a human rights activist with an active involvement in Canadian public life, having worked in Parliament as a research and legislative assistant to Senator Roméo Dallaire and articling student to Irwin Cotler. Éloge is now working as an advisor on policy and legislative affairs to the Canadian Government in Ottawa.

**Edin Hodžić, Bosnia-Herzegovina**, is co-founder, Director and Head of Public Law Program at Analitika, Center for Social Research from Sarajevo, a think-tank in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has worked on war crimes cases at the Prosecutor’s Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Noam Schimmel, USA**, earned a PhD in Media and Communication from the London School of Economics and Political Science 2014. He has particular interests in the ethical dimensions of human rights law, the politics of human rights and humanitarian aid, and the role of rhetoric and communication in both advancing and limiting human rights.

Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellows in International Migration Law & Policy

The vision and generosity of the Arnold & Blema Steinberg Foundation are at the heart of this Fellowship opportunity at the Centre under supervision of Centre Director François Crépeau. We were delighted to host our first 2 Post-doctoral Research Fellows in the 2016-2017 academic year, and have welcome to new Fellows for 2017-2018:

**Marina Sharpe, Canada** (2016-2017), is a specialist in international migration and holds degrees in law, economics, international development, and also publishes regularly. She is currently a Senior Research Fellow at Global Canada, an organisation focused on bolstering Canada’s impact on international affairs.

**Romola Adeola, Nigeria** (2016-2017), is a legal scholar with expertise in the field of international human rights law with experience in human rights research on law and policy aspects of refugee and protection of IDPs.
Hanna Haile, *Eritrea/United States* (2017-2018), has research and writing interests in international human rights, migration, environmental law, sustainability, and intellectual property rights. She has recently been working on a project which explores the impacts of the activities on copper mining companies and the issues communities face in the Copperbelt of Zambia.

Rouba Essam Al-Salem, *Palestine/Canada* (2017-2018), is a human rights and migration specialist in the Middle East region. Her current research interests revolve around the Canadian private sponsorship of Syrian refugees and the parallels, successes, and challenges of other host countries where private sponsorship has been implemented.

Each year, the Centre welcomes Visiting Researchers, who are in residence at McGill for a limited time. In 2017, the Centre was pleased to host:

**Dia Dabby** is a visiting fellow at the Centre. She holds a Doctorate in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law at McGill. Her teaching and research interests focus on comparative constitutional law, religious diversity, education law, governance, and legal methodology.

**Thun Saray** is a tireless advocate for rights and civil liberties in Cambodia. He is the founder and president of ADHOC, the first human rights advocacy NGO in Cambodia. ADHOC has been protecting and promoting human rights since its inception in 1992.

**Cassandra Steer** is a current Wainwright Fellow at the McGill Faculty of Law. Her current main research interest is the application of the law of armed conflict to military uses of outer space. She is also the Executive Director of Women in International Security (WIIS) Canada.
Student Researchers & Coordinators

Our CHRLP community is especially enriched by the kind collaboration and diligent work of the student researchers and coordinators who lead and support many important initiatives at the Centre.

- **Alizeh Ladak, Maryse Décarie-Daigneault** and **Camille Provencher** all acted as O’Brien Fellows-in-Residence Coordinators in 2017, each providing generous support and guidance to international visitors.

- **Sarah Jackson, Alex Agnello** and **Emilie de Haas** skillfully handled the ever-evolving Human Rights Internship Program. This complex and intense program and the program participants continue to thrive in their care.

- **Camille Provencher** continued for a second year to assist with publicity, events, and administrative support at the Centre. Camille and **Lucas Mathieu** also provided communications support to the Centre.

- Many **O’Brien Graduate Fellows** were also very generous with their time and community engagement. We appreciate the support of each and all!

Interns at the Centre for Human Rights

- **Laura Cullell** (Fall 2017) is a student from the U.N. Mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica. She interned at the Centre from September – December 2017 and assisted with events, publicity, and research.

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Photo by: Jillian Ohayon, Uganda
The following is a sample of the pioneering work undertaken by our members in 2017. This small sample of publications showcases the extraordinary depth of scholarly contribution from our members and affiliates, highlighting the interconnectedness between the Centre’s contribution to both ideas and action. The Centre’s members are prolific in many ways, not least in the publishing of books, articles, and op-eds.


Denov, M., Blanchet-Cohen, N., Fraser, S., and Bilotta, N. The Nexus of War, Resettlement and Education: War-affected Youth’s Perspectives and Responses to the Quebec Education System. International Journal of Intercultural Relations, 60, 160-168 (2017)


Members of the Centre collaborate and also work independently on their research. Below is, again, only a sample of funded projects currently underway at the Centre and among the team.

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<td>Kirsten Anker</td>
<td>Chambre des Notaires de Québec, 2017: “Impact and Benefit Agreements and the Involvement of Industry in Indigenous Consultation in Quebec”</td>
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<td>Mark Antaki</td>
<td>SSHRC Insight Grant, 2013-2018. “From Shorthand to Keywords: Uncovering the Common Sense of Canadian Constitutional Law”</td>
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<td>Angela Campbell</td>
<td>SSHRC, 2016- 2022. « Accès au droit et accès à la justice » (ADAJ), co-investigator.</td>
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<td>François Crépeau</td>
<td>SSHRC/CRSH, 2015-2018. « Out of Place: Droit, Littérature, et Migration » (co-investigator)</td>
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<td>FRQSC New Researchers Grant, 2016-2020 Children and Families Affected By War: A Tri-Pillared Approach</td>
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<td><strong>Miriam Denov</strong></td>
<td><strong>SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020. Born of War: The Perspectives, Rights and Needs of Children Born of Wartime Sexual Violence, principal investigator, with René Provost</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Trudeau Fellowship, 2014-2018, Born of War: The Rights and Citizenship of Children Born of Wartime Rape</strong></td>
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<td>$20,000</td>
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<td><strong>David Howes</strong></td>
<td><strong>Australian Research Council 2016-2019. The Cultural Sensorium: An Indigenous Ethnography of the Senses. Co-investigator, with Jennifer Biddle, PI (New South Wales)</strong></td>
<td>AUS $220,000</td>
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<td><strong>David Howes</strong></td>
<td><strong>SSHRC Insight Grant 2015-2019. Law and the Regulation of the Senses: Explorations in Sensori-Legal Studies. Co-investigator, with Constance Classen (SOAN), and others.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>David Howes</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Leverhulme Trust International Network Grant 2015-2018. Evaluating Methods of Aesthetic Enquiry Across Disciplines. Co-investigator, with Dee Reynolds, PI (Manchester University).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>David Howes</strong></td>
<td><strong>SSHRC Grant 2014-2018. Sensory Entanglements: New Cross-Cultural and Cross-Disciplinary Directions in the Creation and Evaluation of Multi-Sensorial Environments. Co-investigator, with Chris Salter, PI (Concordia) and others.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>David Howes</strong></td>
<td><strong>FRQSC - Société et Culture, recherche-création 2014-2017. Haptic Fields. Co-investigator, with Chris Salter, PI (Concordia) and others.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SSHRC, 2016-2019. “Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership” co-investigator with Payam Akhavan and others.</strong></td>
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<td>SSHRC Grant, 2016-2018. “A new form of victim participation in the criminal justice process? A study on the enforcement mechanisms available in Canada to respond to victims’ rights breaches” (principal investigator).</td>
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<td>SSHRC Partnership Grant, 2016-2023. “A multi-sector partnership to investigate and develop policy and practice models to dismantle rape culture in universities” (co-investigator)</td>
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<td>Marie Manikis</td>
<td>FRQSC Grant, 2016-2019 « Vers l’amélioration des relations entre les victimes d'actes criminel et le système de justice pénale? L'étude des mécanismes procéduraux en place pour remédier aux violations des droits des victimes au Canada » (principal investigator).</td>
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<td>Marie Manikis</td>
<td>Bourse de la Fondation du Barreau, 2016-2017 « Vers l’amélioration des relations entre les victimes et le système de justice pénale: L’étude des mécanismes procéduraux dont disposent les victimes d’actes criminels au Québec afin de remédier aux violations de leurs droits » (principal investigator)</td>
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<td>Trudeau Fellowship, 2015-2018. “Insurgent Justice” (principal investigator)</td>
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<td>Shaheen Shariff</td>
<td>SSHRC Partnership Grant, 2016-2021. “A Multi-Sector Partnership to Investigate and Develop Policy and Practice Models to Dismantle &quot;Rape Culture&quot; in Universities” (principal investigator; many co-investigators from across disciplines, including Nandini Ramanujam and Colleen Sheppard)</td>
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<td>SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020. “Systemic Discrimination: Complexities and Challenges” (principal investigator)</td>
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<td>Shauna Van Praagh</td>
<td>SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant, 2017. “Advancing Indigenous Pedagogy on Childhood: Identifying priorities on professional education” (principal investigator)</td>
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Engagement publique

Social and Economic Development of Cities & Successful Integration of Immigrants
Date: June 19
Speakers: Mayor Michael Müller (Berlin), Mayor Horacio Rodríguez Larreta (Buenos Aires), Mayor Denis Coderre (Montreal), McGill Associate Provost Angela Campbell

In a panel that was moderated by McGill University Associate Provost, Professor Angela Campbell, Mayor Michael Müller (Berlin), Horacio Rodríguez Larreta (Buenos Aires) and former Mayor Denis Coderre (Montreal) had an opportunity to discuss how successful strategies for integrating newcomers into our big cities open up opportunities for social and economic development.

Women as Drivers of Solutions in Displacement
Date: November 3
Speakers: Filippo Grandi, Ketty Nivyabandi, Sally Armstrong

This panel explored the leadership of women in finding solutions to displacement. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, has been engaged in refugee and humanitarian work for more than 30 years; Ketty Nivyabandi, a Burundian poet, writer and activist whose leadership in mobilizing women in protest against the Burundi government led to her fleeing from persecution to Canada; and Sally Armstrong is an award-winning journalist who covers conflict zones to shed light on the lives of women and girls.
Is the World Ready for Global Justice?
Date: September 14
Speakers: William Schabas, Nidal Jurdi, Frédéric Mégret
Moderated by François Crépeau

2017 has marked the 72nd anniversary of the establishment of the Nuremberg Military Tribunals, and the 71st anniversary of the establishment of military tribunals in the Far East. In light of all these challenges in the institutionalization of the universality of international justice, more than two decades after the creation of ad hoc tribunals and in view of all the challenges faced by the ICC in only 15 years of operation, this conference brought together different perspectives on the timely theme of “Is the world ready for global justice?” A recorded video of the panel can be found here: https://youtu.be/USqqSj3UQao

Recent Developments in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Date: November 7
Speaker: Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine
Moderated by: Ronald Niezen

Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine has been Chair of the UN's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues since 2013. Mariam advocates the cause of Indigenous Africa particularly in improving the living conditions of the Tuareg.

This event was hosted and moderated by Centre member Ronald Niezen, who also holds the Pearson Chair in Civil Society.
Humphrey Lecture: Human Rights – Human Wrongs
Date: January 18
Speaker: Sally Armstrong

Human rights activist, journalist and award-winning author Sally Armstrong, has covered stories about women and girls in zones of conflict all over the world. Her eye witness reports have earned her numerous awards. Her talk addressed the question of whether this is the age of descent when human rights may fall from the lexicon of common language.

Mozambique at a Crossroad: The Long Road to Peace and Justice
Date: March 28
Organized in collaboration with Avocats sans frontières, this conference was a unique opportunity to explore human rights challenges and strategies in Mozambique, a country faced with important choices for its future development and peace trajectory.

Wallenberg Lecture with Supreme Court of Canada Justice Rosalie Abella
Date: November 13
Speaker: Justice Rosalie Abella

Rosalie Silberman Abella was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2004 after serving on the Ontario Court of Appeal for 12 years. She spoke eloquently of her path from being an immigrant to Canada as an infant to holding a seat on the highest court in the country.
Conferences

The Future of Women’s Rights as Human Rights in the Muslim Contexts
Date: June 7 – 9

Organized by Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUMIL) in collaboration with the Centre, this conference provided a platform for informed dialogue and academic exchange on pressing issues in women’s rights locally and globally in the context of Islam and Muslim countries.

Enabling Civil Society Conference
Date: October 20

This conference was convened by Voices-Voix and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation and was co-hosted by the CHRLP. Participants discussed selected themes that are central to enabling civil society, including Indigenous and disability perspectives, as well as examining global developments in civil society and human rights.

EQUITAS Bridging our Diversities Conference
Date: December 2

The conference provided a unique opportunity to share lessons learned from Canada, Quebec, and Montreal and was framed by Equitas’ extensive experience promoting human rights, pluralism, inclusion, and respect for diversity.
Seminars

Legal Status of Surrogacy and IVF in Latin America
Date: February 15
Speakers: Martín Hevia, René Provost, Lara Khoury

Authority and Military Violence under International Law
Date: February 20
Speakers: Pål Wrange

Indigenous Property: Aboriginal Title, and Barriers to Indigenous Economic Growth
Date: March 27
Speakers: Dwight Newman

Israel – Palestine: Is it Apartheid, or is a boycott justified and legal?
Date: September 18
Speakers: Robert Wintemute

Poverty Alleviation: The Bird’s Eye View and the Worm’s Eye View
Date: October 19
Speakers: Fayyaz Baqir

The Labouring Subject of Refugee Economies
Date: November 23
Speaker: Ranabir Samaddar

Henry James’s “Obscure Hurt” – Chronic Pain as Figurative Being
Date: November 24
Speaker: Michael Snediker

Human Rights, Exploitation, and International Taxation
Date: December 6
Speaker: Laurens van Apeldoorn
In continuing to celebrate the Centre’s tenth anniversary and beyond, we advanced our series of Dialogues between members of the Centre on human rights and legal pluralism. These Dialogues are being filmed, both to capture this moment-in-time in the intellectual life of the Centre, and to serve as pedagogical tools both within the University and beyond.

This series takes its meaning from the incredible breadth of our Centre members’ expertise and experience. The Dialogues also reflect concentrations of expertise within the Centre community. We thank each member for bringing their unique voice to this special series of Dialogues, and especially, for contributing their voice to our community each and every day.

In 2017, we were proud to host 3 dialogues:

**Dialogue 6 of 9: Justice and Pluralism**
Date: May 8
Speakers: Catherine Lu, Jacob T. Levy, Daniel Weinstock

**Dialogue 7 of 9: Frameworks for Governance**
Date: September 25
Speakers: Víctor Muñiz-Fraticelli, Evan Fox-Decent, David Howes

**Dialogue 8 of 9: Voices from the Field**
Date: December 1
Speakers: Pearl Eliadis, Aristide Nononsi, Derek J. Jones

The Series will conclude in 2018 with a talk on Economic Justice.
2. Globalization, Migration, and Mobility

Centre Director François Crépeau not only holds the Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law at McGill, but was also the former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants. Under his leadership and unfailing commitment to the rights of migrants and refugees, the rights and freedoms of such vulnerable populations have come more center-stage at the Centre since he began his Directorship in 2015. Many egregious harms and abuses are directed toward such vulnerable persons and groups. François tirelessly, directly, and concretely addresses such issues in site visits, articles, reports, class lectures, public talks, and all manner of media interventions.

On November 3, the Centre was pleased to host an event which discussed Women as drivers of Solutions in Displacement featuring Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Ketty Nivyabandi, Burundian poet, writer and activist, and Sally Armstrong, award-winning author, journalist and human rights activist.

Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellowships in International Migration Law & Policy

The Centre is delighted to continue to offer this opportunity with the generous support of the Steinberg Foundation. The principal aim of the Fellowship program is to build a community that includes and supports the next generation of international Migration Law specialists. The Fellows work independently and as part of a research team in collaboration with the Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law and the Centre under the leadership and supervision of François Crépeau.
The purpose of the Chair Seminars is to reinforce a Canadian locus for the study and research of international law, with particular attention to the relationship between international legal obligations and domestic law. Through the engagement in teaching and research in public international law, François Crépeau advances the understanding of theoretical and practical dimensions of the implementation of international treaty, customary and other obligations in domestic law with due regard to the constitutional setting in federal and unitary states. The Oppenheimer Chair Coordinators are Lana Rackovic (2016-2017) and Raoul Wieland (2017-2018).

Camps that are becoming Cities – Cities that are becoming Camps: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon & Jordan
March 24
Speaker: Faten Kikano

The Power of Life Stories: Situating the Narratives of Migrants and Refugees within the Context of Law
March 27
Speaker: Sonia Cancián

Existe-t-il un ordre public européen ?
September 22
Speaker: Yannick Lécuyer

A Venue for Justice or an Occupation Accomplice? The Israeli High Court of Justice and the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied West Bank
October 13
Speaker: Rouba Essam Al-Salem

Is ‘Political’ International Law the Enemy of Democracy? How Treaties are used to bypass and reduce democracy and what we can do about it
November 6
Speaker: Florian Couveinhes

Canada’s Private and Government Sponsorship of Syrian Refugees: Successes, Challenges, Prospects
November 16
Speakers: Janet Dench, Audrey Macklin, Sarwat Dalal Bashi

Perween Rehman: The Rebel Optimist (a film by Mahera Omar)
November 24
Speaker: Fayyaz Baqir

Migration and Climate Change: Legal and Practical Challenges
November 29
Speaker: Hanna Haile
3. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Under the guidance and leadership of Nandini Ramanujam, the Centre is dedicated to providing opportunities for both people with disabilities and those interested in becoming the next generation of advocates. 2017 has been an exciting year for raising awareness and opening up the Centre as a forum for discussion on a number of issues faced by people with disabilities.

This year, in April 2017, the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) published its concluding observations on the initial report of Canada. In advance of the Committee's meeting, the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism published a Shadow Report examining the current state of protection of the right to legal capacity for persons with disabilities in Canada, and offering recommendations.

The Centre offered 2 new internships this year relevant to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The first is at The Centre for Research and Human Rights Education (Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos), Faculty of Law at the National University of Mar del Plata, Argentina. This internship is a result of the Centre’s collaboration with the Disability Rights Consortium established by the Open Society Foundation. The second is the Mental Disability Rights Initiative of Serbia whose special focus is on those children and adults who are at risk of or who are already residing in social and mental health institutions, since they represent the most endangered and marginalized group.

Disability, Human Rights and the Law Initiative

The CHRLP is pleased to continue the Disability and Human Rights Initiative now in its sixth year. This initiative continues to explore compelling issues in Disability with a focus on law and policy, in keeping with the Faculty of Law’s tradition of analysis, scholarship, and promotion of human rights and social justice. In February 2017, the theme of “Inclusion in Education” continued which explored the obstacles that Indigenous children with disabilities can face in accessing services such as education and health care. It also explored how these obstacles impact Indigenous children’s right to full participation in cultural and family life.

We would like to thank Meghan Pearson, Sydney Lang, Mélisande Charbonneau-Gravel, and Jacinthe Dion who were our hard-working Coordinators with the Centre’s Disability Initiative this year.

In 2018, this Initiative will host an event which discusses Disability and Work which seeks to engage law students, legal professionals, and academics with the intersections of labour law, policy, and disability rights.
Seminars & Workshops

Battling the Many Barriers Facing People with Disabilities in Society
February 3
Speaker: David Lepofsky
Co-sponsored by OSD and RGHl
This seminar explored the reasons why so many people with disabilities across Canada have been demanding comprehensive federal and provincial accessibility legislation. Students learned about the legislative victories both at the provincial and federal level.

Indigenous Children & Disability
March 16
Panelists: Vanda Sinha, Luna Vives, Jacinthe Dion, Shauna Van Praagh
The panel explored the obstacles that Indigenous children with disabilities can face in accessing services such as education and health care, and how these obstacles impact Indigenous children’s right to full participation in cultural and family life. Engaging with the Canadian legal framework, Indigenous law and the UNCRPD, this event called participants to work together to ensure that the rights of Indigenous children with disabilities are upheld as part of our shared process of reconciliation.

Accessibility & Disability in Big Cities
October 27
Panelists: Mélanie Bénard, Laurent Morissette, Omar Lachleb, Stephanie Chipeur
This Seminar explored disability in the built environment through planning, design, and public policy. For the 15 per cent of the world’s population who live with a disability, (many of whom live in urban areas), available evidence reveals a widespread lack of accessibility to build environments.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 4
To mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities and to coincide with this year’s theme of inclusion and accessibility in big cities, the Disability and Human Rights Initiative will project short films by Laurence Parent on accessibility and public transportation.
4. Indigenous Justice & Reconciliation

As a human rights Centre in a leading Canadian university, and as strong believers in the ethos of inclusive citizenship, we are committed to engaging with issues of Aboriginal rights and justice.

The Centre arranges several internship opportunities within organizations engaged in Indigenous affairs. In 2017, Rebecca Jones interned with the Yukon Human Rights Commission, Melisa Demir interned with Instituto Pontificia in Peru, Madeleine Macdonald interned with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Justice Department, and David Matyas interned with Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services in Iqaluit.

The Centre also hosted or co-sponsored several events throughout 2017, highlighting Indigenous issues in different ways, including:

Akwesasne Mohawk Court: Our Inherent Right
January 16
Speakers: Bonnie Cole, Gilbert Terrance, Kyrie Ransom

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
March 8
Speakers: Ellen Gabriel, Maïtée Saganash, Nina Segalowitz, Cassandra Steer

Indigenous Children & Disability
March 16
Speaker: Vanda Sinha, Luna Vives, Jacinthe Dion, Shauna van Praagh

Indigenous Property: Aboriginal Title, and Barriers to Indigenous Economic Growth
March 27
Speaker: Dwight Newman

Indigenous Children and Disability panel, March 16
5. Scholars and Advocates in Danger

As the McGill representative of the Scholars at Risk Network (SARN), and a member of the steering committee for the network’s Canadian section, Nandini Ramanujam believes there is an obligation to aid Scholars and to expand the SAR network to include more universities.

The Centre remains dedicated to promoting academic freedom. SARN participants bring their scholarly knowledge and provide a different lens through which to understand and analyze their respective subject matter. SARN has aided over 400 academics and scholars who have faced harassment, censorship, surveillance and intimidation in their home countries, including a risk of arrest on false charges, detention without trial, torture, disappearance, and murder.

In 2017, the Centre and the Study of International Development (ISID), hosted our third scholar Fayyaz Baqir. Fayyaz is a scholar and former Senior Advisor on Civil Society for the United Nations in Pakistan. He is a highly-experienced human rights defender and development professional whose work focuses on poverty alleviation, inclusive development approaches, and Pakistani social entrepreneurship. With over 15 years of teaching experience, he has taught in over eight prominent universities in Pakistan, the United States, the Netherlands, and Sweden. On October 26, Fayyaz hosted a workshop titled “Human Rights-based Approach to Development: A Case of Access to Water in Pakistan,” with Dr. Madhav Badami as a special guest and discussant. This workshop explored the dynamics of various paths taken for ensuring access to water for informal settlements in Pakistan.

The Centre has also invited another scholar to join us in Fall 2018.

Scholars At Risk Conference

On November 2, the Canadian Science Policy Centre in Ottawa hosted a SAR Conference where Fayyaz discussed “Scholars at Risk and Due Diligence”. Fayyaz spoke about the current conflict in Pakistan and its roots during the final phase of the Cold War and how the “Free World” decided to use totalitarian “Islamist” ideology to mobilize resistance against “totalitarianism” The task of mitigating the divide which threatens scholars lie with universities and charities to pave the way through Due Diligence of critical events.
The dynamism and intellectual diversity of our community of scholars and thinkers provides a fertile environment for collaborative, symbiotic, and innovative scholarship. Some of the current interdisciplinary research projects involve expertise in disciplines extending far beyond law such as public health, economics, social work and environment, which allows us a broad and flexible interaction with human rights and legal pluralism. Since its founding, members of the Centre have been engaged in a wide range of interdisciplinary research that spans international law, humanitarian law, constitutional and statutory human rights, and the ways in which legal pluralism, informal norms and customs intersect with human rights.

**Economic Justice**  
**Researcher: Nandini Ramanujam**  
The Economic Justice program examines how pervasive socioeconomic inequality and poverty create a critical challenge to human rights in an increasingly globalized world. This program reconsiders the human rights and economic justice debate through four interrelated research axes: 1) how the law contributes to the creation and maintenance of socioeconomic inequality; 2) how inequality and unrealized socioeconomic rights in turn undermine civil and political rights; 3) how to develop effective human rights strategies to realize economic justice when the state is no longer the exclusive actor and territorial boundaries are less determinative of unjust outcomes; and 4) how endemic poverty represents a critical challenge for current human rights discourse and approaches.

**Rule of Law and Economic Development**  
**Researcher: Nandini Ramanujam**  
The Rule of Law and Economic Development Research Group (ROLED) engages with cutting-edge issues at the intersection of law and economic development. This year, Nandini Ramanujam and Alexander Agnello co-authored a paper examining the interrelated factors underlying the crisis of access to justice among ordinary Canadians and the increasing number of qualified and underemployed lawyers. It can be found [here](#).

**Research Group on Health and Law**  
**Researchers & collaborators: Alana Klein, Lara Khoury, Daniel Weinstock, Angela Campbell, and Derek J Jones**  
The McGill Research Group on Health and Law is a research network that seeks to foster the sharing of scholarship and ideas among professors and students, and encourages collaborative work on health-related issues. It also seeks to build interdisciplinary bridges across the University with colleagues working on health-related topics. Finally, it aims to provide students with a breadth of opportunities for pursuing intellectual endeavours in the field of health law through course work, independent research, graduate studies, or extra-curricular engagements.
Children and Conflict  
Principal and Co-Investigator: Miriam Denov (PI), René Provost, Shauna Van Praagh  
As recipients of the SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020, Miriam Denov and René Provost continue investigating issues involving children within conflict. The project is entitled; “Born of War: The Perspectives, Rights and Needs of Children Born of Wartime Sexual Violence.”

Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory (LLDRL)  
Founder/Director: Adelle Blackett  
The LLDRL is housed at McGill University’s Faculty of Law in Montreal, Canada, brings together international and interdisciplinary researchers interested in the links between labour law, development and the social contradictions of gender, race and ethnicity.

Cultural Diversity  
Researchers & collaborators: René Provost, Vrinda Narain, Colleen Sheppard, Shauna Van Praagh  
The encounters of law and culture within legal institutions are complex and dynamic, intersecting at multiple sites. We have identified the following areas of focus: translation of cultures, acculturation of justice, and pluralized narratives of law and cultures which we analyze combining legal and anthropological perspectives. Members also engage in research on diverse societies and religious freedoms.

Violence Prevention  
Researchers: Payam Akhavan, Nandini Ramanujam, Colleen Sheppard, Shaheen Shariff  
In the description to the Massey Lectures : In Search of a Better World: A Human Rights Odyssey, Payam Akhavan asserts that “Deceptive utopias, political cynicism and public apathies have given rise to major human rights abuses” and he reflects on how to counteract their most devastating impacts. He also reflects on “the resilience of the human spirit, and the reality that we need each other.

Transformative Clinical Education  
Researcher: Nandini Ramanujam  
Clinical education is a central feature of the CHRLP’s work. Students and recent graduates gain invaluable first-hand experience working with international NGO’s that promote human rights, as well as a variety of international courts. A current research project involves assessing the transformative impact of clinical education.
The Centre has firmly established its presence and reputation in the world through its expanding network of programs which allows us to lend solidarity to organizations committed to protecting and promoting human rights both locally and globally. Some of our initiatives and programs bring eminent individuals and their unique perspective which continue to enrich the life of the Centre, the university, and the larger community.

**International Human Rights Internship Program**

The International Human Rights Internship Program provides students with opportunities to serve as global citizens while contributing to important human rights work in the field. Many prospective and present students cite the Internship Program as a factor in their decision to study law at McGill and the opportunities it affords creates a unique and important contribution to our students’ education in human rights.

In the summer of 2017, 26 students participated in the Internship Program. Photographs taken during their placements feature prominently throughout this report.

Students receive 6 course credits that require the completion of a 12-week placement with a human rights organization, a report on the placement, and a research paper. Participants also enroll in a corresponding seminar, Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights, taught by the Program Director, Nandini Ramanujam. The seminar serves to provide students with a structured and supportive environment in which to reflect on their internship with their peers, and to place their experience within the broader context of critical engagements with human rights law in theory and in practice.

The Centre enjoys collaboration with a wide spectrum of human rights organizations. In 2017 we offered four new internships with:

- The Centre for Research and Human Rights Education (Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos), Faculty of Law at the National University of Mar del Plata, Argentina.
- Centre for Law and Democracy, New Brunswick
- Mental Disability Rights Initiative, Serbia
- Raconte Africain pour la défense de l’homme, Sénégal
• Joel Badali – Mental Disability Rights Initiative of Serbia – Belgrade, Serbia
• Julia Bellehumeur – The Equality Effect Meru, Kenya
• Monika Berenyi – One Earth Future Foundation – Colorado
• Audrey Boily – RADDHO – Dakar, Sénégal
• Sarah Cha – Avocats Sans Frontières Canada Quebec City
• Mark Dance – Canadian Civil Liberties Association – Toronto
• Melisa Demir – Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú) Lima, Peru
• Alexa Franczak – Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group India
• Taylor Gillespie – Centro de Investigacion y Docencia en Derechos Humanos – Mar de Plata, Argentina
• Anastasia Greenberg – One Earth Future Foundation – Colorado
• Rebecca Jones – Yukon Human Rights Commission – Yukon
• Jessye Kilburn – One Earth Future Foundation – Colorado
• Nathalie Laflamme – Equitas – Montreal
• Katerina Lagassé – Ateneo HR Centre – Manila, The Philippines
• Caroline Lavoie – National Human Rights Council of Morocco – Rabat, Morocco
• Elias D. León – The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – San José, Costa Rica
• Madeleine Macdonald – Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – Ontario/Quebec/NY border
• Lucas Mathieu – Mouvement Burkinabè des Droits de l’Homme et des Peuples - Burkina Faso
• David Matyas – Maliyanak Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services, Iqaluit, Nunavut
• Ailsa Miller – Centre for Law and Democracy, Halifax
• Jillian Ohayon – Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHRD) Kampala, Uganda
• Emily Painter – Human Rights Watch – New York, NY
• Sara Pierre – Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) – The Gambia
• Kevin Pinkoski – Law Reform and Dev Commission in Namibia – Windhoek, Namibia
• Andrew Rintoul – LICADHO – Phnom Penh, Cambodia
• Sarah-Grace Ross – Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network – Toronto
International Human Rights Internship Program
Working Paper Series

The Centre’s Working Paper Series enables the dissemination of papers by students who have participated in the International Human Rights Internship Program. Students enroll in the seminar Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights seminar that allows them to write a research paper through a peer review and support process. The papers in this series are intended to showcase and disseminate original and innovative scholarship by our student interns, as well as to elicit feedback and encourage debate on important public policy challenges. The papers are available on the program’s website.

International Clerkships

McGill is the only Canadian university invited to send candidates to the Judicial Assistants Program of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR). The only other universities invited to do so are New York University, Columbia, Yale, Michigan, Geneva and Strasbourg. The Centre is the Faculty’s representative to these international courts and selects a shortlist of law students to forward to each court for consideration. In 2017, the following students were offered clerkships:

- **Jenny Andrea Buitrago-Carranza** (B.C.L./LL.B 2016)
- **Justin Fisch** (B.C.L./LL.B 2016)
- **Fortunat Nadima Nadima** (B.C.L./LL.B 2017)
- **Maria Rodriguez** (B.C.L./LL.B 2017)
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- **Martha Chertkow** (B.C.L./LL.B., 2015) is currently a Crown Counsel with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada based out of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. She also serves as Chair of the Canada Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section in the NWT.

- **Chiara Fish** (B.C.L./LL.B., 2011) currently works as in-house counsel at De Gaspé Properties. One of the defining experiences of her time as a law student was a result of the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism – a Human Rights Internship in Nunavut where she did criminal defense work.

- **Sabaa Ahmad Khan** (D.C.L., 2016) is a former O’Brien Doctoral Fellow at the Centre that was appointed to the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment’s Tri-national Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Centre for Environmental Cooperation.

- **Dianah Msipa** (LL.M., 2013) is a legal researcher for Inclusion International who recently published her work on disability rights titled “The Right to Work and Employment in Southern Africa: A Commentary on How Selected Employment Laws Fare against Article 27 of the CRPD.”

- **Nour Saadi** (B.C.L./LL.B., 2017) is a student at the École du Barreau du Québec and has just been selected to article at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, assisting the Defense team of Mr. Bosco Ntaganda.

- **Marion Sandilands** (B.C.L./LL.B., 2015) helped run the Young Leaders Forum as part of the Global Conference on Democracy. Human Rights, and the Fragility of Freedom in 2013. Having the opportunity to recruit, meet and work with these incredible people from all over the globe was truly inspiring.

- **Sam Walker** (B.C.L./LL.B., 2010) became an Assistant Crown Attorney in Toronto, after practicing criminal and regulatory law with Henein Hutchinson LLP for almost four years.
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