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# McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

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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Navigating the new landscape of social distancing, curfew, strict sanitary guidelines, and remote teaching, the Centre found creative ways of connecting with, and supporting, our vibrant community. In February, we took over the responsibility of steering CHRLP towards its second decade and started a process of consultation with our community to renew our research, program, and public engagement agendas. Taking advantage of our access and familiarity with Zoom technology, we conceived a weekly online “coffee hour” which became a lifeline for many, particularly for our overseas graduate students and visitors, who acutely felt the social isolation.

Our continued engagement with cutting-edge issues led to a successful international conference on “Academic Freedom in a Plural World”, and a seminar series looking at the multi-dimensional impact of the pandemic from micro and macro perspectives. Celebrating the bicentennial anniversary of McGill University, the Humphrey lecture was delivered by Professor Obiora Okafor who invited us to reflect on the theme of a Right of Peoples and Individuals to International Solidarity, a timely and important conversation during the global pandemic. Another highlight for the Centre was the international symposium which marked the 75th anniversary of the Nuremberg trials. This bilingual hybrid event, organized in partnership with Université libre de Bruxelles, was one of the first major events of its kind to be organized at the Centre since the pandemic began and it provided us with an opportunity to explore new conference formats.

Thanks to the generosity of our old and new partners and the adaptability of our students, 29 students were able to pursue a human right internship under the auspices of IHRIP. In spite of numerous constraints posed by the pandemic, the Centre was able to host at-risk scholars from Turkey, the DRC, and Russia.

We are grateful to our community, friends, donors, and particularly to our exceptionally-talented students for their support and inspiration during a challenging year. We are looking ahead to 2022 with solidarity and much optimism.

Frédéric Mégret and Nandini Ramanujam
Co-Directors
Although the Centre is based at the McGill Faculty of Law, and many of the Centre’s members are law professors and lecturers, we are committed to an interdisciplinary approach to human rights. 50% of our members are either cross-appointed or drawn from outside the Faculty of Law, and include political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists, geographers, historians, and specialists in religion and social work. As of December 2021, the CHRLP team comprised 36 Full Members and 8 Associate Members.

**Full Members**

- Kirsten Anker (Law, McGill)
- Mark Antaki (Law, McGill)
- Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry (Law, McGill)
- Adelle Blackett (Law, McGill)
- Megan Bradley (Political Science, McGill)
- Angela Campbell (Law, McGill)
- François Crépeau (Law, McGill)
- Allison Christians (Law, McGill)
- Irwin Cotler (Law, Wallenberg Centre)
- Armand de Mestral (Law, McGill)
- Myriam Denov (Social Work, McGill)
- Bernard Duhaime (Law, UQAM)
- Pearl Eliadis (Law, McGill)
- Omar Farahat (Law, McGill)
- Evan Fox-Decent (Law, McGill)
- Jane Glenn (Law, McGill)
- David Howes (Anthropology, Law, Concordia)
- Sébastien Jodoin (Law, McGill)
- Derek Jones (Law, McGill)
- Alana Klein (Law, McGill)
- Matthew Lange (Sociology, McGill)
- Jacob Levy (Political Science, Philosophy, McGill)
- Catherine Lu (Political Science, McGill)
- Marie Manikis (Law, McGill)
- Frédéric Mégret (Law, McGill)
- Victor Muñiz-Fraticelli (Law, Political Science, McGill)
- Vrinda Narain (Law, McGill)
- Ronald Niezen (Anthropology, Law, McGill)
- René Provost (Law, McGill)
- Nandini Ramanujam (Law, McGill)
- Shaheen Shariff (Education, McGill)
- Francois Crépeau (Law, McGill)
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- Jane Glenn (Law, McGill)
- David Howes (Anthropology, Law, Concordia)
- Sébastien Jodoin (Law, McGill)

**Associate Members**

- Payam Akhavan (Law, Massey College)
- Michael Brown (ISID, McGill)
- Daniel Cere (Religious Studies, McGill)
- Homa Hoodfar (Anthropology, Concordia)
- Laura Madokoro (History, Carleton)
- Yolanda Muñoz (Human Rights Consultant, Independent)
- Aristide Nononsi (Lawyers Without Borders Canada in Mali)
- Cecilia Thompson (Human Rights Consultant, Independent)
The CHRLP is a true "centre" - it is multidisciplinary, engaging with a wide range of committed and engaged experts. The generous support and community-building of the CHRLP fosters the development of open spaces for collaboration and idea-generation. These spaces have been invaluable to me, my work and my research for more than a decade and put me into contact with incredible students and researchers who have enriched my research and supported a wide range of social justice projects.

The CHRLP has been an enriching community and an invaluable ally in generating and sharing knowledge at the intersections of disability rights and climate change.

Thanks to the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, I enjoy a generous interdisciplinary forum in which to discuss ideas and problems related to global justice and reconciliation with an interdisciplinary group of colleagues and students. The Centre helps to build intellectual collaborations between faculty, postdocs and graduate students in Law and Arts, and the various annual talks it hosts are highlights in the academic year.

The Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism remains a unique point of convergence for thinking in broad and deep terms about how to translate our commitment to human rights values into a programme of action.

From teaching foundational law courses in private law to leading a seminar on social diversity to offering a jurist’s voice within interdisciplinary research teams on children and youth, there are so many contexts in which the Centre’s distinctive focus on individual human beings and collective interactions informs my own thinking and the challenges we explore together!

Thanks to the online sessions every Friday, I had the opportunity to meet students, researchers and professors that it’d be difficult for me, as a wheelchair user, to meet in person, due to the works around the building and the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. I deeply appreciate the opportunity that the CHRLP gave me to provide a brief overview about my research on the Ainu people, which started in 1994 and stays active in Latin America and Spain, while in Canada and other anglophone settings, my work is mainly associated to disability rights.

As always, I appreciate the intellectual community offered by the CHRLP and was particularly inspired by virtual events organized around refugee scholars at risk.
VISITORS AND FELLOWS

O’BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

Similoluwa Ayoola, Nigeria
Laura Baron-Mendoza, Colombia
Maria Adelaida Ceballos-Bedoya, Colombia
Luis Chinchilla, Honduras
Moushita Dutta, India
S. M. Morsalin Hider, Bangladesh
Pranoto Iskandar, Indonesia
Cynthia Kelechi Eboson, Nigeria
Matthew McKillop, New Zealand
Tanya Monforte, United States
April Amanda Nutakor, Ghana
Jeanne Péres, Canada
Romana-Rivas, Yuri Alexander, Colombia
Vishakha Wijenayake, Sri Lanka

GRADUATE FELLOWS

Luisa Castaneda Quintana, Colombia
Isabella Spano, Italy

O’BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Öykü Didem Aydin, Turkey (December 2020 - November 2021)
Valentin Migabo, Congo (June 2021 - May 2022)
Andrey Shcherbovich, Russia (July 2021 - July 2022)

VISITING FELLOWS, RESEARCHERS, POST-DOCS

Slava Balan, Moldova (2020-2021)
Sonia Cancian, Canada (2021-2022)
Mauro Cristeche, Argentina (2019-2021)
Shimelis Kene, Canada (2020-2021)
Tamara Thermitus, Canada (2020-2022)
Edward van Daalen, The Netherlands (2021-2022)

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Malado Agne, Senegal (2020-2021)
Pierre-Luc Bouchard, Canada (2020-2021)
Achraf El-Hila, Morocco (2020-2021)
Edit Frenyó, Hungary (2020-2021)
Edin Hodžić, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2020-2021)
Nadia Khrouz, Morocco (2020-2021)
Rodziana Razali, Malaysia (2020-2021)
Abdourahmane Seck, Senegal (2020-2021)

STUDENT COORDINATORS AND RESEARCHERS

Alexander Agnello (research)
Katrina Bland (research)
Amanda Bowie-Edwards (Disability initiative)
Bianca Braganza (Internships program)
Nicholas Caivano (research)
Emma Classen-Howes (research)
Julia Green (Internships program)
Rachel Kohut (Internships program)
Justin Jalea (Scholars at Risk; communications)
Emma Lodge (O’Brien programs)
Elise Mallette (Disability initiative)
Shona Moreau (Events and communications)
Nevada McEniry-Hatajlo (Disability initiative)
Kayla Maria Rolland (Internships program)
Ellen Spannagel (Disability initiative)
Kimia Towfigh (Internships; communications)
Angela Yang (events and communications)
Raina Young (events and communications)
In October of this year, I was a panelist at an International Bilingual Symposium on Mass Trials for Mass Violences co-organized by the CHRLP and the Université libre de Bruxelles. I participated with a presentation titled “Mass indictments for massive crimes in the context of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia.” In my presentation, I argued that the experience of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia represents a contemporary example of the use of the mass trial framework to deal with massive violence in a transitional justice context. Taking part in this event provided me with a unique opportunity to enrich my legal reflection on mass trials with the comments and questions by other panelists.

~ Yuri Alexander Romaña-Rivas

As a graduate student, I have enormously benefited from the enriching discussion sessions, and seminars on critical human rights issues affecting Canada and the world that CHRLP has been regularly organizing remotely during the time of the covid-19 pandemic. In the context of my master’s thesis, the expertise of my supervisor on the subject of human rights and the environment and who is also associated with the CHRLP- Prof S. Jodoin, has been inspiring and unparalleled. Additionally, I also want to take this moment to express my gratitude to Prof F. Mégret, the Co-Director of CHRLP for an opportunity to collaborate with him for a research paper. Last, but not the least, I am also grateful for the overwhelming support of the CHRLP community that has been a significant part of my journey at McGill.

~ Moushita Dutta

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~ Yuri Alexander Romaña-Rivas

This fall I started a three-month Internship at the Instituto de Empresas y Derechos Humanos of the Universidad de Monterrey. As an intern, I worked in the "VI Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean"; specifically, during the academic session hosted by the Academia Latinoamericana de Derechos Humanos y Empresas (Latin American Academy on Business and Human Rights). Additionally, I’m assisting the elaboration of a Guide on Business and Human Rights for Latin American small and medium-sized companies. McGill’s Graduate Internship Program pays for my internship. The Centre allowed me to connect with like-minded people working in a diverse range of human rights topics.

~ Luis Chinchilla Fuentes

The Centre has helped me strengthen my sense of community as a doctoral student, which has been particularly crucial during the pandemic, a time when so many social ties have been severed.

~ Maria Adelaida Ceballos-Bedoya
Visiting Fellows, Graduate Fellows and Fellows in Residence 2020-2021
The dynamism and intellectual diversity of our community of scholars and thinkers provides a fertile environment for collaborative and innovative research. These themes are a dynamic work-in-progress overview and showcase some of the expansive research agenda of our members.

**Transnational Human Rights, Justice and Governance**  
Adelle Blackett, Allison Christians, Sébastien Jodoin, Frédéric Méguet, René Provost, Mirja Trilsch

**Mobility, Migration and Sustainable Development**  
Megan Bradley, François Crépeau, Myriam Denov, Nandini Ramanujam

**Indigenous Governance and Legal Traditions**  
René Provost, Kirsten Anker and Ronald Niezen

**Legal Theory and Cultural Legal Pluralism**  
Mark Antaki, Omar Farahat, Evan Fox-Decent, David Howes, Catherine Lu, Victor Muñiz-Fraticelli, René Provost, Daniel Weinstock, Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry

**Gender Justice**  
Shaheen Shariff, Colleen Sheppard, Nandini Ramanujam, Marie Manikis

**Health, Environment, and Policy**  
Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Sébastien Jodoin, Angela Campbell, Derek Jones, Alana Klein, Nandini Ramanujam, Daniel Weinstock

**Constitutionalism and Human Rights**  
Vrinda Narain, Colleen Sheppard, Evan Fox-Decent

**Diversity, Inclusion and Access to Justice**  
Angela Campbell, David Howes, Sébastien Jodoin, Shauna Van Praagh, Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Nandini Ramanujam

**Peace, Conflict, and Emerging Global Orders**  
Megan Bradley, René Provost, Myriam Denov, Jon Unruh
As part of a multi-stakeholder mobilization featuring leading lawyers and civil society organizations such as Medecins du monde, I co-launched an initiative to seek justice for children born in Quebec who were denied access to public health insurance.

I am also currently working on a global project funded by the United Nations through UNDP to develop and update guidance on reprisals against national human rights institutions, situating the work in relation to recent concerns about narrowing civil space and attacks on human rights defenders, especially women human rights defenders and those working in the area of environmental rights.

Pearl Eliadis

In my research, I have been investigating the connection between sensory diversity and social and legal diversity. The Probes section of the “Law and the Senses” website (http://lawandthesenses.org/probes/) contains a number of probes written by McGill Law students (including students attached to the CHRLP, like Elise Mallette) that explore such topics as multiculturalism, Indigenous legal traditions, disability and courthouse architecture from a sensori-legal studies perspective. My involvement in the CHRLP is also reflected in the discussion of the connection between social transformation (including revolution) and sensory transformation in “The Sensory Studies Manifesto” (forthcoming from the University of Toronto Press).

David Howes

In this field, the opportunity to collaborate with the Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Programme, in coordination with the CHRLP, has been an invaluable opportunity to produce information and provide support to international advocates to advance disability rights in the dialogue on climate change.

Yolanda Muñoz
Under the leadership of Nandini Ramanujam, the Centre has been dedicated since 2012 to providing opportunities for people with disabilities and those interested in becoming the next generation of advocates. Here were a few items on the agenda in 2021.

Disability, Human Rights and the Law Initiative
The CHRLP’s Disability and Human Rights Initiative is now in its tenth year. This initiative continues to explore compelling issues in Disability with a focus in 2021-2022 on Reconciling Reality with Resilience: Human Rights, the Right to Health, and People with Disabilities as Experts in Adaptation and Creativity, which seeks to engage law students, professionals, and academics at the intersections of labour law, policy, and disability rights.

Disability and Human Rights Internships
Every year, the CHRLP provides opportunities to IHRIP interns to work in the field of disability rights. For summer 2021, the following students worked in disability-related fields:

- Isabel Baltzan - Legal Clinic on Human Rights and Disability, Lima, Peru
- Chloe Rourke - Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Winnipeg
- Ellen Spannagel - Forum for Human Rights, Prague, Czech Republic

Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Program
The Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Program (DICARP) is a partnership between the Canada Research Chair in Human Rights and the CHRLP. Drawing on the “human rights model of disability, DICARP works with disability and climate activists and experts from around the world to generate, co-produce, share, and translate knowledge on how efforts to combat climate change can be designed and implemented in ways that respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of disabled persons. The team consists of Sébastien Jodoin, Yolanda Muñoz, Nandini Ramanujam, Katherine Lofts, and a team of students including Amanda Bowie-Edwards, Elise Mallette, and Ellen Spannagel. In November 2021, Sébastien Jodoin and Katherine Lofts intervened at COP26 in Edinburg.
We are committed to engaging with Indigenous rights and justice, and one way this is reflected is in the rich array of experiential learning opportunities available to students.

The Centre arranges internship opportunities within organizations engaged in Indigenous affairs. In 2021, seven interns, some working remotely and others working hybrid or on-site, spent the summer engaged with Indigenous rights.

- **Bryce Lansdell** - Wiya isiwewin Mikiwahp Native Law Centre of Canada
- **Gabriela de Medeiros** - Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- **Garima Karia** - Yukon Human Rights Commission
- **Mathew Yarowski** - Yukon Human Rights Commission
- **Sarah Nixon** - Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services in Nunavut
- **Tim Parr** - Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government
- **Camila Franco** - Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Lima, Peru

The Centre also hosted events in 2021 highlighting Indigenous issues:

**Engaging with Indigenous Law: Redefining our Responsibilities**

Poonam Sandhu, Simon Filiatrault, and Sayre Potter with Professor Aaron Mills and moderated by Professor Omar Farahat

This panel raised and attempted to address the following questions: how do students’ experience on learning about Indigenous sharpens their sense of social justice? How does studying Indigenous law inform the duty to give Indigenous peoples their rightful place in Canada? How does studying Indigenous law help students understand the duty to embrace their Indigenous identity to defend the interests of their community?
As the McGill representative of the Scholars at Risk Network, and a member of the steering committee for the network’s Canadian section, Nandini Ramanujam is committed to providing support and safe-haven to persecuted scholars and to expand the SAR network to include more universities. David O’Brien and the O’Brien Fellows in Residence Program are central to the support for this initiative at the CHRLP.

The Centre remains dedicated to promoting academic freedom. SAR participants bring scholarly knowledge and widely varying lenses through which to understand and analyze their specialist subject matter. SAR has aided over 400 academics and scholars who have faced harassment, censorship, surveillance, intimidation, torture, and other threats. The CHRLP are also privileged to partner with Scholar Rescue Fund who also engage in exceptional work in protecting threatened scholars.

The Centre is hosting three at-risk scholars in 2021:

- Öykü Didem Ayda, Turkey (December 2020 - November 2021)
- Valentin Migabo, Congo (June 2021 - May 2022)
- Andrey Shcherbovich, Russia (July 2021 - July 2022)

In May 2021, Nandini Ramanujam and Vishakha Wijenayake discussed their clinic work with the SAR Canada network as one of the key student advocacy initiatives at Scholars at Risk. These initiatives allow researchers and students to partner with SAR and directly engage in advocacy on behalf of threatened scholars while developing critical skills in human rights research and advocacy. Participants learned about two initiatives: the Academic Freedom Monitoring Project and the Scholars in Prison Project.

In October 2021, Sharon Webb spoke at a SAR webinar on hosting scholars and shared her experience and insights with newer members of the SAR Canada network.
We celebrate the accomplishments of each of our members for their excellent work and contribution to their discipline and to the Centre. Each year, the Centre sees many members publicly recognized for their expertise and career achievements. Congratulations to all members for their continued hard work, great ideas, and high ideals. Here are a few highlights from 2021:

- **Payam Akhavan** was awarded the 2021 Human Rights Award of the LSO and was also appointed Special Advisor on Genocide to the ICC Prosecutor.

- **Adelle Blackett** was appointed chair of Canada’s new Employment Equity Act Review Task Force by Minister of Labour Filomena Tassi.

- **Allison Christians** again made the International Tax Review’s Top 50 list.

- **Irwin Cotler, O.C.** a reçu la distinction d’avocat émérite, Barreau du Québec (2021).

- **Bernard Duhaime** a reçu la distinction d’avocat émérite, Barreau du Québec (2021).

- **Pearl Eliadis** was appointed as Associate Professor (Professional) of the Max Bell School of Public Policy, and as Chair of its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

- **Catherine Lu** became the Director of the Yan P. Lin Centre for the Study of Freedom and Global Orders in Ancient and Modern Worlds, McGill University (July 2021 to July 2024).

- **Marie Manikis** was elected as an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in July 2021.

- **Laura Madokoro** was awarded the Carlton C. Qualey Memorial Article Award from the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (USA) for her article “From Citizens to Refugees.”

- **Rodziana Mohamed Razali** was awarded the Erasmus+ KA107 Teaching Assignment Grant Award 2021.

- **Daniel Weinstock** began a three-year mandate as the Faculty’s Associate Dean (Research) in September 2021.
The following is a sample of the pioneering work undertaken by our members in 2021. 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.

- **Kirsten Anker**, Book Review of *Empire and the Making of Native Title: Sovereignty, Property and Indigenous People*, by Bain Attwood, Pacific Historical Review.
- **Daniel Cere**, “Human Nature is the Bride”, Religion & Arts.
- **Allison Christians** (with Laurens van Apeldoorn), *Tax Cooperation in an Unjust World*, Oxford University Press.
- Idil Atak & **François Crépeau**, "Refugees as Migrants" in *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law*.
- **Myriam Denov** & Meaghan C Shevell, "An arts-based approach with youth born of genocidal rape in Rwanda: The river of life as an autobiographical mapping tool", Global Studies of Childhood.
Catherine Lu et al, "Critical Exchange: On canons and question marks: The work of women’s international thought," Contemporary Political Theory ("Where have all the women gone? Changing the past to change the future of IR thought").


Yolanda Muñoz-González, "Menoko Utari – El orgullo de ser una mujer ainu" in Feminismo e identidades de género en Japón. (Translated as: "Menoko Utari - The Pride of Being an Ainu Woman" in Feminism and Gender Identities in Japan.)

Vrinda Narain, “The Supreme Court of India and Maintenance of Muslim Women” in Routledge Handbook of Gender in South Asia.

René Provost, Rebel Courts: The Administration of Justice by Armed Insurgents, Oxford University Press.

Rodziana Mohamed Razali & Christoph Sperfeldt, "Statelessness in ASEAN: Causes and Responses to a Protracted Problem", in Human Rights and ASEAN: Indonesian and International Perspectives.


Colleen Sheppard, Discrimination Stories, Irwin Law.


Jon D Unruh, "Rural land tenure resilience in postwar Syria: Implications for restitution and stabilization", Land Use Policy.


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. Among CHRLP members are four Canada Research Chairs and a Fulbright Scholar.

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<td>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), 2018-2025. “Civil Society and the Global Refugee Regime”.</td>
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<td>Fonds de Recherche de Quebec – Société et Culture – (FRQSC), 2019-2021. «Protection des réfugiés, pères et lutte par la justice: du context local au context mondial ».</td>
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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

The following events were held in 2021:

05 Feb: AML Patricia Allen Memorial lecture with Indira Jaising
09 Feb: More Than an Innocent Mistake with David Milgaard
15 Feb: Caste Matters with Suraj Yengde
17 Feb: Discrimination Through Pre-Natal Testing with Chris Kaposy
19 Feb: CHRLP Forum: Justice Readiness and Age Bias with Shauna Van Praagh
10 Mar: WLUML: Centering Women
11-12 Mar: Indo-Canadian Conference on Disability Rights
12 Mar: AML seminar with Gillian Lester and Camille Nelson
15 Mar: CHRLP Forum: Student Freedom of Expression
19 Mar: CHRLP Forum: Le Mot en N... with Tamara Thermitus
24 Mar: WLUML: Entrenching Women’s Rights
31 Mar: WLUML: Evolution & Potential of Jihad
31 Mar: CHRLP Forum: Indigenous Legal Traditions
06 Apr: Disability Rights in Policy Responses to COVID19
12 Apr: WLUML: Breathing Life into the Constitution of Afghanistan
09-10 June: Academic Freedom in a Plural World conference

17 Sept: COVID and Civil Liberties
24 Sept: WLUML: The Future of Women’s Rights in Afghanistan
27 Sept: The Situation of the Hazaras in Afghanistan
30 Sept: Les droits de la personne en danger avec Kenneth Roth
01 Oct: SAR Canada: Hosting Scholars
04-05 Oct: Mass Trials for Mass Violence
15 Oct: AML seminar with Isabel Jaramillo Sierra
25 Oct: Treatment of Prisoners in Canada with Vicki Prais
28 Oct: Rebel Courts Book Launch with René Provost
04 Nov: Crip Camp Film screening and panel discussion
09 Nov: Rule of Law During a Pandemic with Michael Bryant
11 Nov: John P. Humphrey lecture with Obiora C. Okafor
23 Nov: The Long Road Towards Human Rights on the Internet with Andrey Shcherbovich
24 Nov: AML Patricia Allen Memorial lecture with Radhika Coomaraswamy
06 Dec: SAR Canada: Safeguarding Academics and the Academy
Annie Macdonald Langstaff Workshops Series, organized and moderated by Professor Shauna Van Praagh 2020-2021

- **Indira Jaising**, February 5, 2021
- **Law Deans Camille Nelson and Gillian Lester**, March 12, 2021

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- **Isabel Jaramillo-Sierra**, October 15, 2021
- **Radhika Coomaraswamy**, November 24, 2021
Women's Rights in Afghanistan

Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and Women Living Under Muslim Laws Series, moderated by Professor Vrinda Narain

- Centering Women: Negotiating Peace in Afghanistan, March 10, 2021
- Evolution & Potential of Jihad: From Violence to Peace Building, March 31, 2021
- Breathing Life into the Constitution of Afghanistan: The Role of Judges, April 12, 2021
- The Taliban and the Future of Women’s Rights in Afghanistan, September 24, 2021
**Blog 2020-2021: Inclusive Citizenship and Deliberative Democracy**
Under this theme, the blog published 11 posts in 2020-2021. Topics covered a wide range but also had a thread of moral outrage and disillusionment with the state and societal failure to deliver on the promise of dignity and equality for all – a commitment made 72 years ago in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Below are a few selected blog posts:

- Alexander Agnello and Matthew Palynchuk, "Beyond state visions of democracy: envisioning family and workplace as democratic spheres" (8 Apr 2021)
- Slava Balan, "The United Nations at 75: Has It Delivered the Promise of Human Rights?" (7 Dec 2020)
- Rachel Zuroff, "Protecting Freedom of Expression Online" (16 Feb 2021)

**Blog 2021-2022: Solidarity in an Interconnected World**
The blog has published 3 posts so far on this theme with more to come:

- Vrinda Narain, "International Solidarity with the People of Afghanistan" (8 Sept 2021)
- Me Tamara Thermitus, Ad.E. "Journée nationale de la vérité et la réconciliation: Le devoir de mémoire" (30 Sept 2021)

**Forum 2020-2021: Power, Mobilization, and Change**
The Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism (CHRLP) Forum is founded on the principles of inclusive citizenship and deliberative democracy. The Forum aspires to create a space for learning from the past, deliberating about the present, and building a common future together. In the 2020-21 year, the Centre hosted seven discussion groups via Zoom. Below are a few highlights:

- 15 March 2021 - Speaking from Experience: Fostering Dialogue, Learning and Accountability in Law Students, with Bianca Braganza and Dimitrios Valkanas.
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.
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, and the unique and important human rights education it affords, as a factor in their decision to study law at McGill.

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 enrol in a corresponding seminar, Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights, taught by the Program Director, Nandini Ramanujam. The seminar provides 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 2021, we offered new internships with:

- Haitian Bridge Alliance, United States
- Office of the Federal Housing Advocate, Canadian Human Rights Commission, Canada
- Dignity Network, Canada
- British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, Canada
The CHRLP acknowledges the agility and flexibility of our partner organizations and student interns alike during the continued challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time, most government regulations restricted travel for non-essential purposes, and the McGill administration suspended university-sponsored travel to curb the spread of the virus and protect the safety of its students.

In the summer of 2021, most of our interns worked remotely. Some interns completing internships with organisations within Canada, however, were able to spend part of their internship on site.
INTERNERSHIP PLACEMENTS

- Alexandre Recher - Institute for Human Rights and Development In Africa, Banjul, The Gambia
- Attou Mamat - Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, Montreal
- Ayelet Ami - Centre for Law & Democracy, Halifax
- Basile Moreau - Haitian Bridge Alliance, United States
- Bryce Lansdell - Wiyasiwewin Mikiwahp Native Law Centre of Canada, Saskatchewan
- Camila Franco - Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Lima, Peru
- Chloe Rourke - Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Winnipeg
- Chrys Saget-Richard - Equitas, Montreal
- Ellen Spannagel - Forum for Human Rights, Prague, Czech Republic
- Emma Sitland - Human Rights Watch, New York City
- Gabriela de Medeiros - Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- Garima Karia - Yukon Human Rights Commission, Whitehorse
- Hannah Reaburn - Ministry of Justice, Namibia
- Isabel Baltzan - Legal Clinic on Human Rights and Disability, Lima, Peru
- Jannelle Deniset - Ateneo Human Rights Centre (ACHR), Phnom Penh
- Jeremy Wiener - Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, Montreal
- Johanna Cline - Avocats sans frontières, Quebec City
- Kassandra Neranjan - Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), Toronto
- Katerina Cook - Dignity Network, Canada
- Kazumi Moore - Office of the Federal Housing Advocate, Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Kendra Landry - Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL), Sofia, Bulgaria
- Mathew Yarowski - Yukon Human Rights Commission, Whitehorse
- Mehri Ghazanjani - HIV-Aids Legal Network, Toronto
- Mohammed O dusanya - Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, Montreal
- Niamh Leonard - Citizen Lab, Munk School, Toronto
- Nick Pineau - HIV-Aids Legal Network, Toronto
- Sarah Nixon - Malliganik Tukisiniakvik Legal Services, Iqaluit
- Taryn Wilkie - International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Tim Parr - Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government, Waswinipi, Quebec
"When I was finally allowed to travel to Akwesasne, I was placed in the Ontario side of the Department, at the Court House rather than at the main offices. These weeks were by far one of the most interesting work opportunities I’ve ever had... Values of community care and respect for one another are at the forefront of all the work they do. All their work goes home with them, so to speak, because their lived experiences are at the core of the engine that directly interferes with the colonial systemic machine... It was absolutely necessary that I practice emotional delicacy while taking up space so intimately in their community, and I was all the more enriched by the experience."

~ Gabriela de Medeiros, Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

“In an ideal world, I would have spent 8-10 weeks up North. The pandemic certainly complicated things. The dates for my departure changed. I was booked to go earlier; this fell through due to changing local guidelines...

My two weeks North were filled with insightful experiences—the type you can only gain by being in person and on the land...

Being in the communities also affected how I wrote the actual report. It provided me with a perspective on how the Cree lived. Conducting the interview in-person was also crucial to the process. Less is lost in-person. Details are lost on screen—over the phone.”

~ Tim Parr, Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government

“My favourite part of the internship was the work itself! I was able to work on a number of different types of work such as research, legislative advocacy, funding proposals, and reviewing/analyzing domestic and international laws. In addition, I was able to attend meetings with various stakeholders including Plan International and the UNHCR, as well as with government agencies. I was particularly happy to work on and learn more about issues that I am really passionate about such as child early and forced marriage, refugees and forced migration, statelessness, labour migration and COVID-19, extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, and terrorism.”

~ Janelle Deniset, Ateneo Human Rights Centre (ACHR)
"Despite unfortunately being required to work remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic, my internship with the organization remained an excellent opportunity for learning and growth throughout the summer. I have come away with a far greater understanding of human rights, criminal law, and harm reduction because of the work I did throughout the summer. I would highly recommend this internship for any student who are interested in any of these areas of law and would like to work with a leading organization in the field."

~ Nick Pineau, HIV-Aids Legal Network

"The final product of my project was the interviews themselves. These typically took place at night for me, so it would be morning in Sri Lanka, and lasted about an hour... All the interviews took place using Zoom... I interviewed women who focused on LGBTIQ+ rights, women’s rights, disability rights, plantation workers’ rights, art, and minority rights. They all were very interesting interviews, and I learned a lot about activism and Sri Lanka from them.

I also appreciated all of the stories they were willing to share with me, and found some of the most meaningful answers that gave me the greatest insight into the individuals I interviewed was when I asked them about particularly memorable experiences. These stories were often ones that were not about big events that would receive significant media attention, but still had a concrete impact on individuals, and I was very grateful those I interviewed were willing to share them with me."

~ Taryn Wilkie, International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES)

"I was able to sit in on any DNC meeting I wished to attend, and often acted as note-taker... It got me thinking critically about how human rights work can help and harm actual human rights, but also how different opinions on these questions are negotiated so that concrete action can be taken. I had caught a glimpse of the world of Canadian human rights work abroad and also made a small contribution to what I feel was a worthy effort, if not the most glamorous. All this from the comfort of my home."

~ Katerina Cook, Dignity Network
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 following students contributed pieces to Volume 9 of the Working Paper Series in 2021:

- Nilani Ananthamoorthy
- Gemma Dingwall
- Maya Gunnarsson
- Alice Jeon
- Mahima Kapur
- Gabriela Lopes
- Jasmine Razavi
- Hanna Rioseco
- Kayla Maria Rolland
- Sandrine Royer
- Andrea Sim
- Marie-Denise Vane
- Sara Wright
McGill submits 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 Supreme Court of Israel also accepts candidacies directly for clerkships. Modest funding is available through the Faculty of Law for the above clerkships.

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. Recently, these courts have taken steps to make the opportunities more available to all, for example, by creating funding schemes to increase opportunities for law graduates from universities based in developing countries. As such, the program is likely to be even more competitive in the coming years, but we have full confidence in our McGill Law graduates, and the Centre looks forward to submitting a shortlist of exemplary students to these courts each year.

In 2021-2022, the following students were offered clerkships at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague:

- Henry Off (B.C.L./J.D. 2021)
- Rhianna Vonk (B.C.L./J.D. 2021)