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FEBRUARY 5–10, 2024



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Open to the U of A and local community, International Week's free events offer a variety of ways to learn about the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, how to effectively engage with them, and how to work together **for a better world.**



GHOSTS AND DANDELIONS:

Exploring Socio-Legal Concepts of Citizenship and Belonging

Jamie Chai Yun Liew, Professor (Law) University of Ottawa



MONDAY | FEBRUARY 5 | 12:00 – 12:50 PM | ONLINE



Simultaneously writing her debut novel, *Dandelion* and her academic book, *Ghost Citizens*, was an experience of how creative writing and academic research worked symbiotically to provide discussion on legal constructions of citizenship and foreignness. Grounded in narratives from stateless persons, Jamie will talk about how questions of belonging informed her use of the term “ghost citizens” and why it is important to share the emotional and psychological impact of exclusion through storytelling.

MODERATOR

Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Professor (Arts)

BIOGRAPHY

Jamie Chai Yun Liew is a writer, lawyer and professor at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. Her debut novel, *Dandelion*, was longlisted for CBC Canada Reads 2023 and won the Asian Canadian Writers Workshop Jim Wong-Chu Emerging Writers Award 2018. *Ghost Citizens: Decolonial Apparitions of Stateless, Foreign and Wayward Figures in Law* will be published in February 2024 with Fernwood Publishing.



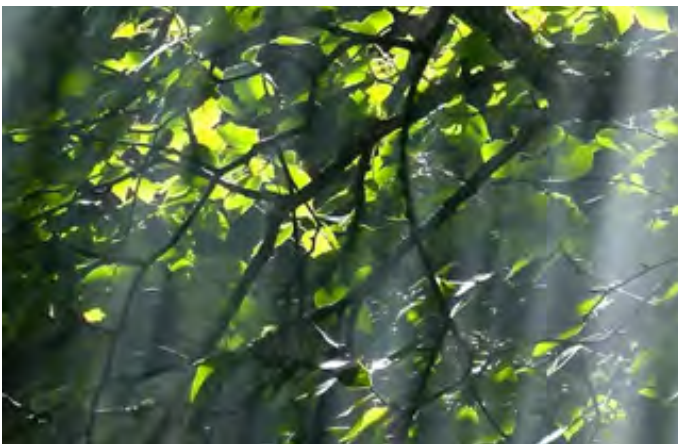
FROM SORROW TO SOLUTIONS:

Addressing Eco Grief Through Action

Featuring Chris Turner, one of Canada's leading voices on climate solutions and the global energy transition, and Stephanie Olsen from Refugia.



MONDAY | FEBRUARY 5 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | TELUS 150



Join the Environmental Studies Students' Association for a panel discussion between leading professors and scholars on how to meaningfully navigate personal eco-grief and how we can use our grief for good. The discussion will cover the relationship between climate change and mental health and the role of climate optimism in our efforts to address environmental change. An interactive element will allow the audience to connect with the speakers, hoping to create a community around this topic.

C3i Art Competition

FEBRUARY 5–FEBRUARY 9 | PEDWAY: FINE ARTS



Student art creations on the question, “**The Universal Declaration of Human Rights after 75: Whose Rights/ What Rights after 75?**” will be on display throughout the week.



Human Rights Before and After Environmental Protection



Marie-Catherine Petersmann, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, London School of Economics

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 6 | 12:00 – 12:50 PM | ONLINE



Any casual reader of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will notice that it contains no mention whatsoever of the environment. Environmental concerns only entered popular and political consciousness in the 1960s, and started appearing in international human rights instruments from the 1970s onwards. The relationship between the environment and human rights is straightforward according to most international courts and human rights scholars: we need to protect the environment 'in order to' protect human rights. In reality, the relationship between the environment and human rights is more fraught.

MODERATOR

Prof. Peter Szigeti, University of Alberta Faculty of Law

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Marie Petersmann's research lies at the interface between international environmental law, human rights and critical legal theory. Her work focuses on the material, subjective, spatial, and temporal boundaries of socio-ecological harms in a changing climate, and explores new strategies for reparative legal actions and climate justice in the Anthropocene. She is currently working on a project funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) on *Anthropocene Legalities: Reconfiguring Legal Relations within More-than-human Worlds* (2022-2025). Her book, *When Environmental Protection and Human Rights Collide: The Politics of Conflict Management by Regional Courts*, was published with Cambridge University Press in 2022. She sits on the Editorial Board of the *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law* (RECIEL).



Children's Rights and Human Rights



TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 6 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM | TELUS 134



Are children just “rights holders in waiting”? How should children’s right to privacy be protected? How should we understand children’s rights in light of policies such as Saskatchewan’s recent “Parents’ Bill of Rights” and efforts to ban Gay-Straight Alliances in schools, along with books that tell stories of same-sex parents and Pride celebrations? How, in such an environment, can schools and teachers provide inclusive education for all students?

MODERATOR

Dr. Lynette Shultz, Professor (Education)

PANELISTS

Featuring panellists Professor Anne McGillivray, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba; Aubrey Abaya, Public Legal Education Coordinator, Centre for Constitutional Studies, U of A; and members of Dr Tonya Callaghan’s research team “Advancing Healthy & Socially Just Schools and Communities” at the U of C.



AT HOME WITH HUMAN RIGHTS:

Activating Local and International Human Rights Strategies

**Audrey Macklin, Professor (Law) and Chair in Human Rights,
University of Toronto**



TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 6 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | TELUS 134



BIOGRAPHY

Professor Audrey Macklin is Professor of Law and Chair in Human Rights at the University of Toronto. She teaches, researches and writes in the area of migration and citizenship law, business and human rights, and administrative law.

Through her scholarship and personal engagement, Professor Macklin engages with transnational interdisciplinary scholarly networks, civil society and legal actors. She frequently comments in Canadian and international media and appears in the documentaries *Continuous Journey* and *The Secret Trial Five*. Her op-eds have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Toronto Star*, and *The Washington Post*. She has also represented public interest interveners before the Federal Court, Federal Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

From 1994-96, she was a member of the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board. She has consulted for the United Nations and domestic tribunals and participated in international human rights fact-finding missions.

Professor Macklin was named a Trudeau Fellow in 2017, awarded the Ludwik and Estelle Jus Human Rights Award and the Caroline Tuohy Award for Impact on Public Policy and is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR).

In 2019, a young Edmontonian who came to Canada as a child refugee from Somalia faced deportation. Professor Macklin will address the international, national and local aspects of this case and consider several relevant international human rights instruments - including the Convention on the Rights of the Child - as well as advocacy to resolve individual cases and to effect legal change at the national level.

MODERATORS

Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Professor (Arts) and Péter Szigeti, Assistant Professor (Law)



POSTER PRESENTATION:

The Promise or Peril of the UN Sustainable Development Goals



WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7 | 1:30 – 3:00 PM | TELUS CENTRE ATRIUM



2023 represents the halfway point to achieving the UN SDG's by 2030. Students from the Colleges of Social Sciences and Humanities will present their assessment of our progress on achieving the SDGs. Student posters will showcase where progress has been made, where greater effort is required or propose ideas that would advance a particular SDG. Join us and help select the winning posters.



WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE C3I AS OUR EVENT PARTNER ON MULTIPLE ELEMENTS OF I-WEEK 2024

The Collaborative College Community Initiative (C3i) is a professor, staff, student and community initiative that brings together the Faculties of Arts, Business, Education and Law with civil society to spark new discussions and conversations amongst all members of the College, as well as the larger University and community. As a project of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, the initiative provides a space for interdisciplinary collaboration. The initiative involves Professors Yasmeen Abu-Laban (Chair), Allen Ball (Arts), Sean Caulfield (Arts), Lynette Shultz (Education), Angelique Slade Shantz (Business) and Péter Szigeti (Law) along with Reneé Vaugeois (Executive Director John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights) and Nariya Khasanova (Ph.D. Candidate).



IGNITE CHANGE: 75 Years of Advancing Human Rights



WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM | TELUS 134



To mark the 75 anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights held a major international conference attracting delegates from around the world in December 2023. University of Alberta students who served as rapporteurs for the conference will discuss their experiences at the Ignite Change conference. Join students as they share their learnings and ideas for igniting change on human rights issues.

MODERATORS

Renée Vaugeois, Executive Director, John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights

Yasmeen Abu Laban, Professor (Arts)

Nariya Khasanova, Graduate Student (Political Science)



Boil Alert film Screening and Discussion



WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7 | 6:45 PM | METRO CINEMA GARNEAU THEATRE



Executive produced by Calgarian and Nehiyaw performing artist Michelle Thrush, follow activist Layla Staats as she embarks on a dual journey to explore the Indigenous relationship to water as well as her own identity struggles she has grappled with her entire life as a Mohawk Woman. An Official Selection of the 2023 Toronto International Film Festival. A discussion of the film and Q&A with Dr. Paulina Johnson, Dr. JA Morrow and Producer Michelle Thrush will follow the screening.

Global Health Fair



THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | TELUS 134 & ONLINE

The annual Global Health Fair focuses on global health education and research relating to biomedical science, individuals and communities and provides an opportunity for researchers, clinicians and educators to share their medical knowledge and scholarship on various topics related to global health. Hosted by the College of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.



DOUBLING DOWN:

Making a Difference by 2030

The Honourable Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN in New York



THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | ONLINE



BIOGRAPHY

Appointed in 2020, the Honourable Bob Rae serves as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Prior to his current appointment Mr. Rae served as Canada's special envoy on humanitarian and refugee issues, continuing the important work that he began in 2017 as Canada's special envoy to Myanmar.

The former premier of Ontario and former interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Mr. Rae was elected 11 times to federal and provincial parliaments between 1978 and 2013. He stepped down as a member of Parliament in 2013 to return to legal practice and, in particular, to work with Indigenous communities and continue his work in education, governance and human rights. His passion for social justice dates back to his early days in student politics and community service.

Mr. Rae is a privy councillor, a companion of the Order of Canada and a member of the Order of Ontario and has numerous awards and honorary degrees from institutions in Canada and around the world. He received his Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern History from the University of Toronto and a Master of Philosophy degree as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

This event is part of the Global Health Fair.

Launched in 2015, the UN Sustainable Development Goals provided focus and hope that by 2030, we could address our most pressing global challenges. Now, at the halfway point, it is clear that on many fronts, we are far behind in achieving our goals. Canada's Ambassador to the UN, Bob Rae, will highlight where progress has been made and where we must double down in the time remaining to 2030 to achieve our commitments and realize the promise of the SDGs.

MODERATOR

Dr. Andy Knight, Professor (Arts) and Provost Fellow in Black Excellence and Leadership



Global Goals Talks



FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | EDUCATION NORTH 6-138



Join UAI and the English Language Learning School for short talks by U of A students on the theme of the UN Sustainability Goals - delivered and recorded in person. A short, facilitated discussion will follow each talk.

Clams and the Food-Water-Health-Nexus in Nunavut by Stephanie Gerend

Sustainable Event Planning by Lisa Glock

Nudging Canadians toward a plant-forward diet:

The Power of Default Veg in helping Canada meet its Sustainable Development Goal commitments by Maddie Youngman





Bringing the Law to Life

Keynote Speech and Reception with Justice Sheilah Martin



MONDAY | FEBRUARY 5 | 12:00 – 12:50 PM | ONLINE



In collaboration with Canadians for a Civil Society and the Centre for Constitutional Studies, the College of the Social Sciences and Humanities proudly presents “Bringing the Law to Life”: Keynote Speech and Reception with Justice Sheilah Martin.

The event bookends the Ignite Change conference hosted by Canadians for a Civil Society, Righting Relations, and the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights in December. The conference, held on the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, brought together civil society, academics and decision-makers in dialogue, learning and action on human rights.

The Honourable Sheilah Martin, ‘83 LL.M., a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, will provide remarks regarding advancing human rights, justice, peace and freedom for all. Reception to follow.



2030 Sustainable Development Goals Game



Featuring facilitator Carol Yeung

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | LISTER CENTRE, MAPLE LEAF ROOM



The 2030 SDG Game is a multiplayer, card-based game that simulates taking the “real world” into 2030. This game was inspired by the United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The game participants, working together and in groups, explore how the world can achieve sustainability goals. Can they create a prosperous, fair, and sustainable world?

The 2030 SDGs Game is a powerful simulation experience that helps participants explore what the world could be like in 2030 and hints at the mindset and actions required to build a better world. In the game, participants spend time and money to run projects to achieve their mission...

What kind of world will emerge by 2030? What will be the impact of their decisions? What will the other people in this world do? All is revealed as participants play the game.

After the simulation, there is time to reflect and discuss what was experienced, what change is possible, and how to connect the game world to our real world.



ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION: **Top 30 Under 30 Celebration**

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | TELUS 150 AND ATRIUM

The Top 30 Under 30 Award is an annual campaign by the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC). The award features 30 outstanding young people, nominated by their community and selected by a committee of Top 30 alumni for their commendable work in making the world a more just, fair, and sustainable place for all. The award recipients are recognized at a public Top 30 Celebration event during International Development Week. 2024 will mark the 13th year of the Top 30 awards, with 390 youth being honoured since its inception in 2012.