



Human Rights Law Centre Launches Newsletter to Commemorate its 15th Anniversary

Welcome to the first HRLC newsletter! To commemorate fifteen years of worldwide research and capacity building projects, we have great pleasure in launching our newsletter, which will be released each semester to keep you updated on the breadth of our activities. Each edition will include a 'Unit Focus' providing a briefing on one of the Centre's operational Units - we start with the Post Conflict and Capacity Building Unit on page 4.

Professor David Harris and Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Co-Directors

The Human Rights Law Centre was established in 1993 to conduct human rights research in post-Soviet Russia and provide training to the judiciary and law enforcement agencies across the former territories. Since these early projects, the Centre's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and the establishment and strengthening of the rule of law has grown to accommodate the key human rights challenges experienced in our increasingly globalised world. Through our dedicated Centre team, members and international network of fellows, partners and consultants, the Centre carries out policy-linked research, training, technical cooperation, capacity building and publications, collaborating with governments, intergovernmental organisations,

academics, students and civil society in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

In response to the expansion of the Centre, a number of operational Units were created in 2005 that reflected and defined Centre expertise. To date, the seven operational Units are: Business, Trade and Human Rights, European Human Rights Law, International Criminal Justice, Post Conflict and Capacity Building, Publications, Short Courses and Training, and Student Activities. Centre work is carried out with the support of a number of donors, including the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, the European Fundamental Rights Agency and the Nuffield Foundation.

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European Human Rights Law Unit: new research awards

Led by HRLC Co-Director Professor David Harris, the European Human Rights Law Unit engages in research, training, teaching and consultancy work on European human rights law. In 2007, the Unit was contracted to prepare UK reports for the European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), as part of the Human European Consultancy consortium project for the FRA on National Reports on the promotion and protection of Fundamental Human Rights. The reports will be written by the HRLC Expert Team, led by Professor Harris and including Professor Stephen

Bailey (Professor of Public Law and Head of School of Law); Professor Jeffrey Kenner (Chair in European Law); Professor Therese Murphy (Professor of Law and Critical Theory); Jeremy McBride (Barrister, Monckton Chambers); and Philip Leach (Senior Lecturer in Law, London Metropolitan University). In 2007, the Unit also undertook responsibility for the European Court of Human Rights and African Commission on Human Rights sections in the Oxford University Press new online international law reports series. The Unit has also worked with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in connection with the reform of the UN human rights system, and is part of the Academic Network of the European Social Charter aimed at improving understanding and widespread use of the Charter through teaching and publication.



ICC Judge Sir Adrian Fulford opens the HRLC Conference on 'The International Criminal Court and the State'

Judge Sir Adrian Fulford (ICC Trial Division) opened the Conference by assessing the ICC as a living institution, giving an overview of the successes and shortcomings of the Court five years after its establishment. A podcast of Judge Fulford's lecture is available on the HRLC website.

The International Criminal Court and HRLC

Established in 2003, the HRLC International Criminal Justice (ICJ) Unit has conducted a range of capacity building, technical and bilateral assistance programmes for government representatives, lawyers and civil society from over 90 States, with particular focus on national implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). In 2006, the Centre joined the ICC's Legal Tools Project - a project working to provide electronic legal services to aid the investigation, prosecution and defence of core international crimes - to create and maintain a dynamic, fully searchable database of national legislation implementing the Rome Statute. Since 2006, bilateral assistance missions have been conducted with the Offices of the Attorney General in Samoa and Fiji, following which Samoa enacted its legislation in November 2007. Further missions are expected in the Caribbean region over 2008.

In November 2007, the Unit hosted International Criminal Justice Week, including a day-long conference 'The International Criminal Court and the State', with keynote speakers including Judge Sir Adrian Fulford and Morten Bergsmo and culminating in the formation of the Legal Tools Project Partners Network. The Unit also attends the ICC Assembly of States Parties (ASP), where members have spoken at fringe events of the Coalition of the International Criminal Court (CICC). The Unit and CICC co-hosted the first Caribbean region fringe seminar, Ratification and Implementation of the ICC Statute at the Sixth ASP in December 2007. The Unit is headed by Dr Olympia Bekou (Lecturer, School of Law) and Emilie Hunter (HRLC Research and Programmes Coordinator), with the assistance of 8 research students.



Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda

In December 2007, Professor Michael O'Flaherty, undertook a mission to Northern Uganda on behalf of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to study aspects of the Ugandan Transitional Justice Programme.

Reports on European Court of Human Rights Judgments and the African Commission

The European Human Rights Law Unit is working with Oxford University Press (OUP) to prepare the European Court of Human Rights and African Commission on Human Rights sections of the new online

Oxford Reports on International Law. The Unit will prepare over 500 headnotes and commentaries on key Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, and on decisions of the African Commission.

Samoa enacts legislation following HRLC assistance

During the ICC ASP in December 2007, the Samoan State Representative to the ICC, Professor Roger Clarke, announced that Samoa had enacted its legislation implementing the Rome Statute. Dr Olympia Bekou visited Samoa in February 2006 as part of HRLC's commitment to provide bilateral assistance, capacity building programmes and technical assistance. In January 2006, School of Law academic and international criminal law expert Dr Robert Cryer also undertook a drafting visit to Fiji.

International Community in the Aftermath of the Yugoslav Crisis, AHRI 2007

A member of the Steering Committee, HRLC continues its active engagement with the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) programme, Human Rights, Peace and Security in EU Foreign Policy. Emilie Hunter, Kevin Turner (Research Fellow), Dr Daniel Moeckli (Lecturer, University of Nottingham) and Dr James Harrison (former HRLC Research and Programmes Coordinator) have been involved in the current working group themes: Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement, International Criminal Tribunals, Development Cooperation and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and High Commissioner for National Minorities. Emilie and Kevin took part in the 2007 Annual Conference, hosted by the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights.



Minister meets Iraqi students

Iraqi Minister for Human Rights visits HRLC

The Iraqi Minister for Human Rights Mrs Wijdan Mikha'il Salim and Dr Adel Al-Masoodi and Saad Al-Ibrahim, Directors from her Ministry, visited the University of Nottingham in October 2007. Mrs Mikha'il Salim was welcomed to the University by Vice-Chancellor Sir Colin Campbell, Professor

Stephen Bailey and Emilie Hunter, before addressing law students on the work of the Ministry. The Minister and her delegation also met with Iraqi scholars and students from across the University, including Professor Dlawer Ala'Aldeen (Professor of Clinical Microbiology) who had led the International Office activity in Iraq and helped build relationships with a number of Iraqi universities. The visit formed part of the Centre's ongoing capacity building programmes with the Ministry.

Expansion of Human Rights Law Centre Publications

The Publications Unit produces three periodical publications edited by Professor David Harris, with wide international subscription and readership.

Human Rights Law Review:

Launched in 2001, HRLC edits and manages this publication for Oxford University Press, which seeks to promote awareness, knowledge and discussion on matters of human rights law and policy. While academic in focus, the Review also aims to be of interest to the wider human rights community, including those in governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental spheres concerned with law, policy and fieldwork. The Review publishes critical articles that consider human rights in their various contexts and from global to national levels, book reviews, and a section dedicated to analysis of recent jurisprudence and practice of the UN and regional human rights systems. Since 2007, each Human Rights Law Review volume has been extended to include four issues per year.

International Human Rights Reports:

Published four times a year and available online, the Reports provide primary source materials on human rights matters, including human rights treaties promoted by the UN and other documents adopted within the UN and other international organisations. The jurisprudence of various UN Committees, treaty monitoring bodies, international tribunals, courts and human rights institutions is also included.

Yearbook of the European Convention on Torture:

Published annually, the Yearbook includes official documents of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, such as Committee Rules of Procedure, Annual General Reports, Committee Reports to States on Visits and Replies by States, Ratifications, Committee membership, visits and bibliographies. Volume 1 of the Yearbook covered 1989 to 1992 and subsequent volumes are annual in their coverage, with over 600 pages of materials in English and/or French.

Scholars At Risk: Establishing a Hosting Programme

Supported by the Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA), HRLC is engaged in a human rights based analysis of research opportunities available to at risk scholars and experts. The project will culminate in a publication 'Supporting Scholars At Risk: The Nottingham Approach' and a proposal to establish a University-wide hosting scheme. HRLC work in this area is led by Emilie Hunter.

UK Research Office Launches in China

Emilie Hunter represented the University of Nottingham at the launch of the UK Research Office in Beijing in October 2007. As the only human rights-focused UK delegate at the launch, Emilie was able to discuss the China-related activities of the Centre with other academics and UK research councils.



Kaliningrad delegation engages with key British judicial institutions

Five leading legal professionals from the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad took part in a capacity building programme on human rights and criminal justice in December 2007 to gain insight into the working practices of the British criminal justice system. The delegation received lectures from Professors David Harris and Paul Roberts, alongside field visits to key institutions including Lowdham Grange Prison, Nottingham Crown and Magistrates' Courts, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Crown Prosecution Service and Nottinghamshire Probation Service.

Unit Focus: Post Conflict and Capacity Building Unit

Led by Professor Michael O'Flaherty, the Post Conflict and Capacity Building Unit has an international reputation for its applied research and training and capacity building programmes. Major outputs include groundbreaking book publications, reports that impact on national and international human rights policy, and development and delivery of specialised training and capacity building programmes for governments, intergovernmental organisations and civil society actors.

Consolidating the Profession: The Human Rights Field Officer is a research, training and capacity-building project that supports the enhanced delivery of services by intergovernmental human rights field operations. The project is directed by Professor Michael O'Flaherty, and is carried out in partnership with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC), Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, University of Pretoria Human Rights Centre, and individual experts in human rights Professor Viti Muntarbhorn and Mr Roberto Garretón. The project is funded by the Irish Government.

The project research programme identifies and fills knowledge gaps regarding the roles and functions of Human Rights Field Officers (HRFOs). In-depth research papers highlight good, bad and promising practices, and practical recommendations to improve the training and professional performance of HRFOs. "The Human Rights Field Operation: Law, Theory and Practice" (Ashgate, 2007) is a significant new resource in this area, developed in connection with the project research activities and edited by Professor O'Flaherty. An equally ambitious second volume, already under development, will



Participants at training programme in Kabul, Afghanistan (September 2007)

focus on the specific professional responsibilities of the individual HRFO.

HRFO project training programmes have been conducted for UN human rights field operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Africa. Modules seek to increase participants' skill and knowledge in areas such as monitoring, advocacy, cooperation with treaty monitoring bodies and special procedures, intergovernmental and civil society partnerships, the ethical dimensions of human rights fieldwork, and the history and current practice of human rights field operations. Project modules piloted in these programmes are being finalised in coordination with the OHCHR Methodology, Education and Training Unit and will be provided to OHCHR and other HRFO deploying intergovernmental organisations.

An annual Expert Consultation on Human Rights Fieldwork is convened to build upon research papers generated during the year, held in locations affected by the work of HRFOs. The 2006 Consultation was convened in Sierra Leone, which allowed for the participation of HRFOs from Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Uganda. In 2007, the Consultation was convened in Thailand in order to facilitate the participation of HRFOs from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Iraq, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. Project reports on these Consultations are available on the website.

The HRFO project is in the advanced stages of producing a set of Guiding Principles for Human Rights Field Officers. The Guiding Principles will constitute the first articulation of a comprehensive set of professional standards specific to the work of HRFOs. A key component of the Guiding Principles is the Statement of Ethical



Commitments of Human Rights Professionals. The Statement emerged from the projects research into the ethical dimensions of human rights fieldwork, and the research was integrated into training activities and subjected to extensive review and debate in Expert Consultations. It is envisaged that the Guiding Principles will be presented to the major HRFO-deploying agencies at the project's final Expert Consultation, provisionally scheduled for July 2008 in Geneva.

The project's dedicated website contains all research, training and consultation related outputs, as well as resource materials and information on human rights field operations, training opportunities and recruitment, and a regular newsletter. It is a comprehensive resource for all those concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights in post-conflict settings, and was recently selected by HURIDOCS to be included in its new human rights information search engine.

During 2004 to 2006, extensive Capacity Building for the Iraqi Government was carried out by the Unit in response to a request for assistance from the Iraqi Minister of Human Rights. Negotiations are underway to develop and deliver specialised training programmes for other Iraqi government ministries and departments.

Kevin Turner
HRFO Project Officer

School of Law

The Human Rights Law Centre forms part of the School of Law, with a long history of engagement with School activities.



LL.M. in Human Rights Law

The School of Law is proud of its human rights programme. Our world class team exposes students to the most exciting and important ideas and developments in the field. All of the senior human rights teaching staff have international reputations; they have also amassed second-to-none experience of human rights policy making and practice in the framework of such organisations as the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

The modules at the heart of the programme provide a thorough grounding in international human rights law. Many of the more specialised topics are cutting edge and innovative, such as, for instance, 'Mental Disability and International Human Rights' and 'Rights, Human and Other Animals'. One module taught by HRLC's Professor O'Flaherty, 'International Human Rights Field Operations: Law in Practice', is the only course of its kind in the world.

The learning experience is greatly enhanced by the wide international background of the student body, bringing together talented and committed people from across the globe, many of whom have considerable experience of human rights work. We also try to assist students with internships and other work to gain experience of human rights in practice. Many of our students, after completion of their degree, obtain jobs with the United Nations or other international organisations, with governments or non-governmental organisations, or otherwise in the field of human rights.

We run an exciting programme of guest lectures, delivered by distinguished scholars and practitioners. We regularly host

groundbreaking conferences and other events that contribute to the development and the application of the international legal standards.

Through its **Student Activities Unit**, HRLC supports a number of student-led human rights initiatives. These include;

Annual Student Human Rights Conference: Organised by a Student Committee drawn from the School of Law, with support from HRLC, the student conference sees academics and expert practitioners give keynote speeches on a topical human rights theme, followed by panels of student presentations. The 2008 theme is 'International Human Rights and the Environment', while previous topics have included 'International Criminal Accountability'; 'The UN Security Council and Human Rights'; and 'Whose Culture? Whose Rights? Exploring the Universality of Human Rights Law'.

Human Rights Film Series: Run by PhD student Gearóid ÓCuinn, the Human Rights Film Series began in 2006 to showcase engaging and provocative films which articulate human rights issues from around the globe. Films are introduced by thematic experts, and close with open discussions. Throughout March 2008, the Series will move to Broadway Cinema in Nottingham to present a special series of human rights films introduced by high profile speakers and directors, including *Taking Liberties* (introduced by director Chris Atkins); *Drowned Out* (introduced by Mr M.C. Mehta, Indian Supreme Court Advocate); *The Devil Came on Horseback* (introduced by Dr James Smith, AEGIS Trust Director), and *In This World* (introduced by Deirdre Sheahan, Paragon Law).

Kosovo Field Trip: Four LL.M. students joined a HRLC field trip in February 2007 where they met with representatives from key organisations, local political groups and community leaders to engage in discussions on human rights field operations.

Internships and Bursaries: 7 students benefited from HRLC-sponsored placements in 2007: Gwyneth Williams (UN Human Rights Committee Internship); Annika Jones and Elizabeth Gomez (International Criminal Justice Internship); Claire Boyce (Torture Yearbook Internship); Mark Chadwick, Maeve McCormack and Beth Jones (European Human Rights Law Internship); Deepamala Abeysekara (UN Headquarters Bursary) and Catherine Namakula (Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum Bursary).



Students at the popular Human Rights Film Series



Business, Trade and Human Rights Unit Impact Assessments of International Trade Agreements

Established in 2006, the Unit focuses on the human rights implications of the international trading system and multinational corporations within that system. To date, its projects have included a British Academy funded project, 'Impact Assessments of International Trade Agreements; A Human Rights Approach', run by Dr James Harrison. The project proposed a methodological framework for utilising human rights norms and standards to analyse the impact of international trade law rules. To advance interdisciplinary understanding and cooperation, a web-based catalogue of social impact assessments of international trade agreements was published for use by both practitioners undertaking future assessments and for academics who may wish to study the agreements. The project also delivered a comparative analysis of the methodologies of the assessments, and produced a set of foundational principles for conducting impact assessments of future trade agreements. In addition, the Unit supported two publications by Dr James Harrison 'The Human Rights Impact of the World Trade Organisation' (Hart Publishing, 2007) and 'A Human Rights Approach to Conducting Impact Assessments of Trade Agreements' (article forthcoming, 2008). The Unit is now undertaking preliminary research on human rights and trade from Asian and European global perspectives. This project will run in partnership with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Shanghai Jiaotong University.

Inaugural Annual Summer School on Human Rights Monitoring

Over 30 participants from 17 countries took part in the Centre's first residential Summer School 'Reporting to the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies: Maximising the Roles of Governments, National Institutions and Civil Society'. Convened by Professor Michael O'Flaherty, the programme drew on Centre research into treaty body reform, enabling students to gain knowledge, skills and insight regarding, inter alia, the procedures of different human rights treaty bodies, examples of good practice in reporting by State parties, the role of national human rights institutions, effective NGO participation and the impact of the treaty reform debate on reporting. Seminars were led by 12 international experts, including treaty body members and senior UN personnel.



Thai Judiciary complete human rights programme

Forty judges from the Judiciary of Thailand visited HRLC in November 2007 for a two week human rights training programme focusing on different thematic areas related to international human rights law and standards. The programme included civil and political rights relevant to criminal law and human rights protection for vulnerable groups, and study trips to key British institutions. The delegation was greeted by Vice Chancellor Sir Colin Campbell, and

a reception was co-hosted in their honour by HRLC, Paragon Law and the Nottingham Law Society.

Human Rights Law Review Special Edition: Reform of the UN Human Rights Machinery

Following HRLC's 2006 Expert Consultation on UN Treaty Monitoring Reform, Manfred Nowak, Françoise Hampson, Felice Gaer and Michael O'Flaherty, amongst others, contributed articles to a special edition of the Human Rights Law Review, Reform of the UN Human Rights Machinery (Volume 7(1) 2007).



Professor Manfred Nowak delivers Annual Paragon Human Rights Lecture

Professor Manfred Nowak (UN Special Rapporteur on Torture) delivered the Second Annual Paragon Human Rights Lecture in December 2006. His lecture, 'Challenges to the Absolute Prohibition on Torture', addressed the current challenges posed by the 'war on terror' on the absolute prohibition of torture. The annual lecture is co-hosted by HRLC and Paragon Law, an award winning Nottingham law firm specialising in asylum, immigration and human rights. Podcasts and videos of lectures are available on the HRLC website.



Hina Jilani visits HRLC

Hina Jilani speaks on Protecting Human Rights Defenders

Hina Jilani (UN Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders) visited HRLC in February 2008 to deliver a lecture on Protecting Human Rights Defenders. Over 80 students and staff from across the university attended the lively morning event, chaired by Professor O’Flaherty.

Training for UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

Following the production of a Human Rights Training Manual series Professor Michael O’Flaherty delivered a series of training programmes to national level human rights field officers of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan in 2006 and 2007. The training focused on improving participants field monitoring skills and empowering civil society through the development of local partnerships.



Morten Bergsmo appointed Centre Fellow

Morten Bergsmo (former Senior Legal Advisor and Chief of Legal Advisory Service, ICC Office of the Prosecutor) visited HRLC in November 2007 following his award of a Centre Fellowship. His visit coincided with International Criminal Justice Week where he engaged in various public programmes, meeting with the ICJ Unit Student Research team, conducting a seminar on the crime of genocide and presenting a keynote lecture alongside Judge Fulford and Diego Canga-Fano (Legal Advisor, External Relations, Council Secretariat of the EU) at The International Criminal Court and the State Conference.

38 Countries benefit from Training and Capacity Building Programmes

In 2007, individuals from 38 countries took part in Centre training and capacity building programmes, including from Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Colombia, Argentina, Kaliningrad, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Egypt, Yemen, Nepal, Kosovo, Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium, Finland, Poland, Sierra Leone and Thailand.

The Short Courses and Training Unit convenes a wide range of short courses and tailor-made training programmes for practitioners, students and academics from around the globe. Current annual Short Courses include the International Human Rights Law Short Course, Implementing Human Rights Conventions (Chevening Fellowship Programme) and the Summer School on Human Rights Monitoring. In addition, the Centre designed and implemented a range of tailor-made training and capacity building programmes, including two week long residential training programmes on UK experiences of family

law and counselling for Iranian Family Court Advisors (funded by the FCO GOF fund) and international human rights mechanisms for the Judiciary of Thailand.

In 2006, Zimbabwe-based lawyer Brian Penduka took part in the International Human Rights Law Short Course, which led to the creation of an internship position with his NGO, the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum in its London office, and a public lecture in Nottingham by leading human rights lawyers from Zimbabwe. The Short Course is intended for people who are interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of international human rights standards and the international machinery of the UN, Council of Europe, the Organisation of American States and the African Union for implementing these standards.

In 2007, International Human Rights Field Operations Short Course graduate and Legal Advisor to the Colombian Attorney General Elizabeth Gomez undertook a research internship with the ICJ Unit, preparing a briefing on ratification and implementation of the ICC Rome Statute in Latin America, South America and the Caribbean.

Yogyakarta Principles on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

The groundbreaking principles on sexual orientation, gender identity and international law were launched in March 2007, drafted by 30 international human rights experts and guided by Rapporteur Professor Michael O’Flaherty. The Principles chart a way forward for governments and

the UN to ensure the universal reach of human rights protections, in response to well-documented patterns of abuse targeted toward persons due to their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity. Following the launch, Professor O’Flaherty has spoken extensively on the Principles, while HRLC has developed detailed annotation to the Principles.

Selected HRLC Events

Previous events:

Public Lecture: The Great Human Rights Challenges of Today

February 2007, University of Nottingham

Professor Ramcharan (former UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights and current Chancellor of the University of Guyana) undertook a Visiting Fellowship as Distinguished Visiting Fellow in February 2007, hosting one-to-one meetings with students, presenting an LL.M. seminar and giving this keynote public lecture.

Roundtable Discussion: Zimbabwe; The Human Rights Issue

September 2007, University of Nottingham

With Dewa Mevvinga (Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum Coordinator) and Nokuthula Moyo (Zimbabwe based expert, former Chair of Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights).

Conference: The International Criminal Court and the State

November 2007, University of Nottingham

This international conference attracted eminent keynote speaker, HRLC's Legal Tools Partners and over 120 participants.

March events:

Human Rights Film Festival

Every Wednesday evening at 5.45pm throughout March 2008, Broadway Cinema Nottingham

The Human Rights Film Series is moving to Broadway Cinema throughout March with a special series of human rights films introduced by high profile speakers and directors.

Ninth Annual Student Human Rights Conference: International Human Rights and the Environment

8th March 2008, University of Nottingham

The conference aims to stimulate multi-disciplinary dialogue on an issue that both links and divides North from South, rich from poor, to discover the synergy between the two issues of international human rights and the environment.

Fair Trials International Young Defenders Network Programme

17th to 21st March 2008, University of Nottingham

HRLC will host this training programme for young lawyers from Bulgaria, Italy, the UK and Romania.

Forthcoming events:

Third Annual Paragon Human Rights Lecture: The Role of Women in Society

12th May 2008, Kuala Lumpur

With guest speakers Shanthi Dairiam (Rapporteur to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) and Professor Vanessa Munro (University of Nottingham).

Annual Summer School

Engaging with the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies; Maximising the constructive participation of Governments, National Institutions and Civil Society

16th – 20th June 2008, University of Nottingham

Registration for the Second Annual Summer School on Human Rights Monitoring is now open. For detailed information on the Summer School, including trainers, methodology, registration and fees, please visit the Short Courses and Training Unit pages of the HRLC website.

In Focus...

Second Annual Summer School on Human Rights Monitoring

16th to 20th June 2008
University of Nottingham

Engaging with the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies: Maximising the constructive participation of Governments, National Institutions and Civil Society

The aim of the 2008 Summer School is to equip participants with knowledge, skills and insight regarding, inter alia, the procedures of different human rights treaty bodies; examples of good and promising practice in reporting by State Parties; the role of national human rights institutions; effective follow-up to concluding observations of treaty bodies; effective NGO participation in the reporting process

and how to instigate and manage an individual communication to a treaty body.

The School is led by Professor Michael O'Flaherty (HRLC Co-Director, Professor of Applied Human Rights and Member of the UN Human Rights Committee) and is designed to benefit current and potential staff of relevant government departments, national human rights institutions, national and international NGOs as well as UN officials and academics. Experts include: Hanna Beate Schoepp Schilling (Member of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women); Jaap Doek (former Chairperson & Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child); Eibe Riedel (Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) and Markus Schmidt (Head of the Petitions Unit, OHCHR).

The course fee is £850 for residential participants, and there is a substantial reduction for non-residential participants. There is a £150 non-refundable deposit on registration and the balance must be paid by 23 May 2008. This fee includes tuition,

accommodation, food (evening meals are not included) and extensive course materials.

For further information and to download a registration form, please visit the Summer School pages of the website.

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