

# PROGRAM

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**CRITICAL  
PERSPECTIVES ON  
HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
CONFERENCE, NEW YORK  
2019**

New York, March 13-15, 2019

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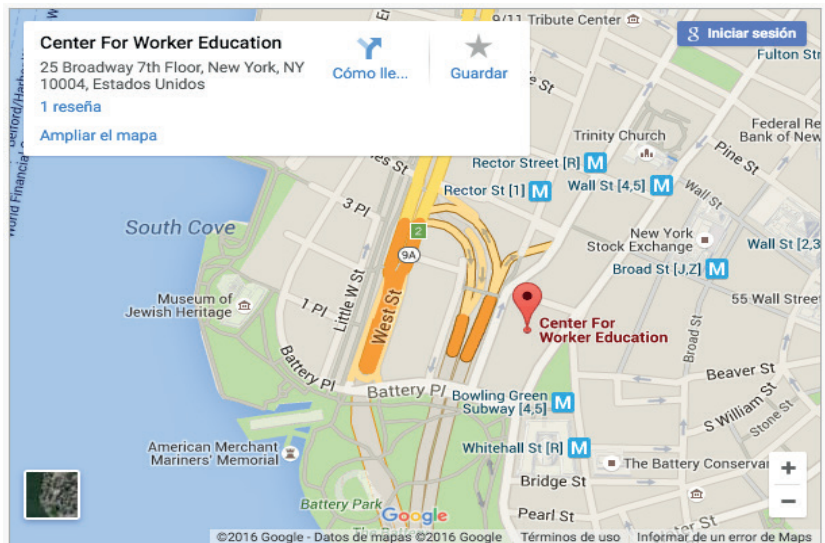
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AND HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES



HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
A YEARBOOK FORUM AT  
THE CITY COLLEGE  
OF NEW YORK

# CONFERENCE LOCATION

City College of New York  
Division of Interdisciplinary Studies  
Center for Worker Education  
25 Broadway, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10004



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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE


The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrated its 70th birthday on December 10, 2018. Since that statement of principles following the mass atrocities of WWII, the world has witnessed the spread of human rights discourse, norms, law, and institutions at both the domestic and international levels. Eleanor Roosevelt's prediction that "a curious grapevine" would spread the ideas articulated in that 1948 General Assembly document seems to have come to fruition. Nevertheless, the aspirations of the Declaration remain far from fulfilled, as grave violations of rights continue to be perpetrated around the globe, often with impunity. Economic inequality, racism, sexism, and multiple refugee crises have engendered and exacerbated the rise of political extremism. Addressing such issues, as well as many others, the **Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference** aims to explore the contested legacy of human rights in increasingly uncertain times. It seeks to foster dialogue and scholarship from a wide range of perspectives. Some conference presenters are scholars and activists who continue to view the human rights project as a moral and ethical challenge to power; others see it as an enabler of political and economic domination. The **Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference** participants gather to reassess the origins, foundations, and contemporary forms of human rights discourse, ideas, and practice today, seventy years on.

Conference presenters have institutional affiliations that span nearly twenty countries: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.


The **Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference** is part of a larger initiative at The City College of New York, CUNY—shared among the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Division of Humanities and the Arts, and the President's Office—dedicated to human rights studies, public programming, and scholarship.



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 13**

 9:00 - 10:00  
Registration

## **PANEL 1: MIGRANTS/REFUGEES I**


 10:00 - 11:30


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Danielle Zach, Adelphi University and CUNY, City College

- ..... **Is the Black Mediterranean Liberal Human Rights' Achilles' Heel?**  
Marcela F. González, CUNY, City College, and Lucas Arrimada, University of Buenos Aires
- ..... **An Ethical Investigation into the EU Partnership with Libya to Curb Immigration**  
Angesom Ghebremeskel Teklu, Brandeis University
- ..... **Why the Norms of International Cooperation and Responsibility Sharing for Refugees are Problematic? The Case of the EU in 2015 and the Failure of the Relocation Agreement with Greece**  
Ioanna Maria Kantartzi, Carleton University
- ..... **Human Rights Violation Pointers for Migrants and their Families**  
Ngide Terence Hene, Friedrich–Alexander University Erlangen–Nürnberg

## **PANEL 2: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES**

 10:00 - 11:30


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Kathlene McDonald, CUNY, City College


- ..... **Transnational Human Rights Norms Come of Age: Assertions, Influences, and Continuities in the Helsinki Final Act**  
David Pultz, CUNY, City College
- ..... **From the World Foundation to the World Liberal Union. Salvador de Madariaga and Human Rights (1930-1948)**  
José Ramón Rodríguez Lago, University of Vigo
- ..... **A Violent Interlude: Produc(ing) Banana Plantations and Human Rights in the Guatemalan Caribbean**  
Lilianna Quiroa-Crowell, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **Activism and the College Experience: The Anti-Fascist Movement on the CCNY Campus in the 1930s**  
Isabel Estrada, CUNY, City College



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 13**

 11:30 - 11:45  
Coffee

## **PANEL 3: NATIONAL BELONGING**


 11:45 - 1:15


 Room  
7-50


 Moderator:  
Susanna Rosenbaum, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Medievalist Passports. Discussing the Right of Return for Sephardim and Andalusies in post-2012 Spain**  
Carlos Yebra Lopez, New York University
- ..... **Owning the Body, Embodying the Owner: Complexity and Discourses of Rights, Citizenship and Heritage of Southern African San-Bushmen**  
Luan Staphorst, Nelson Mandela University
- ..... **Borders and the Borderless: Citizens and Migrants in the UAE**  
Sarah I. Han, Columbia University

## **PANEL 4: GENDER AND INTERSECTIONALITY**

 11:45 - 1:15


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Kathlene McDonald, CUNY, City College


- ..... **From Structural to Intersectional Discrimination**  
Cecilia Gebruers, Yeshiva University, Cardozo Law School
- ..... **The Story of the Philippine Reproductive Health Law: Moral Discourses, Policymaking, and Human Rights**  
Maria Dulce F. Natividad, University of the Philippines Diliman
- ..... **Female Prisoners in New York State: Are Their Rights to Non-Discriminatory Treatment Being Respected?**  
M. Victoria Pérez-Ríos, CUNY, John Jay College



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 13**

 1:15 - 2:00  
Lunch Break

## **PANEL 5: END OF CONFLICT, CONTINUATION OF VIOLENCE**


 2:00 - 3:30

 Room  
7-50


 Moderator:  
Nicholas Rush Smith, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Counterinsurgency Without Insurgency: Insights on Criminal Violence from Mexican Narco-Messages**  
Philip Luke Johnson, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **Human Rights Standards as a Framework for Humane Prisons**  
Jennifer Peirce, CUNY John Jay College and Graduate Center
- ..... **"And These Are the Disposables": Social Cleansing in Colombia and Mexico**  
Osha Smith-Gittelman, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **Pax Mafiosa or Peacebuilding, Are Gang Truces Successful Ways to Deal with Criminal Violence in Latin America? An Exploration of the Salvadoran 2012-2014 Gang Truce**  
Andrés Besserer Rayas, CUNY Graduate Center

## **PANEL 6: MIGRANTS/REFUGEES II**

 2:00 - 3:30

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 Moderator:  
Kathlene McDonald, CUNY, City College


- ..... **Alternatives to Immigration Detention – Adopting a Human Rights-Centered Approach in Canada**  
Vanessa C. Wachuku, Ryerson University
- ..... **On the Borders of Law: Peremptory Norms, Plenary Power, and the Torture of Migrants**  
Nikki Reisch, New York University
- ..... **The Possibility of a Human Rights-based Approach on Migration: Confronting the Vague Understanding of Human Rights in Estonia**  
Maarja Sau, Estonian Institute of Human Rights
- ..... **The Exigency of Refugee Law in Light of the Rohingya Crisis in India**  
Meghna Bajpai, Hidayatullah National Law University (undergraduate)
- ..... **Justice Empowerment: Strategies Beyond the Law to Promote Dignity and Rights in the U.S. Immigration System**  
Beenish Riaz and Nikita Daijavad, New York University



**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 13**

 3:30 - 3:45 : 5:15 - 6:00  
Coffee : Dinner Break

## **PANEL 7: CIVILIAN PROTECTION**


 3:45 - 5:15


 Room  
7-50

 Moderator:  
Danielle Zach, Adelphi University and CUNY, City College

- ..... **Shielding Attackers from Responsibility: The Dilemma of Passive Precaution in Asymmetrical Conflicts**  
Bruce Cronin, CUNY, City College
- ..... **The European Union, Hybrid Threats, “Grey Zones” and the Challenge to Human Rights in the New Multi-domain Security Space**  
David J. Garcia Cantalapiedra, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- ..... **R2P in Syria and Myanmar: Norm Violation and Advancement**  
Jenna Russo, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **UN Monitoring of Sanctions Violations and Human Rights Abuses**  
Louis Charbonneau, Human Rights Watch and CUNY Graduate Center

## **PANEL 8: HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS I**

 3:45 - 5:15

 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Susanna Rosenbaum, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Human Rights in the Context of Healthy Communities: Personal Responsibility and Societal Obligation**  
Jerry Marx, University of New Hampshire
- ..... **Thinking Through Racialized Rights Regimes in the US-Mexico Drug Politic Relation**  
Emily Campbell, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **LGBTQ+ and Access to Sexual Health**  
Brivia Bobby, CUNY, City College (undergraduate)



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 13**

## **OPENING CEREMONY**



6:00 - 7:30 pm



Auditorium

**Introductory Remarks, Vincent Boudreau, President of City College, CUNY**

**Keynote Address, Domna Stanton, Distinguished Professor of French  
Critical Refugee Studies:  
Rethinking Conventions, Securitization, Resistance**



Domna Stanton, Distinguished Professor of French at the Graduate Center, CUNY, is the author, most recently, of *The Dynamics of Gender in Early-Modern France* (2014). In addition to her book, *The Aristocrat as Art*, Stanton is the editor of *The Female Autograph*; *The Defiant Muse*; and *Histories of Sexuality: From Aristotle to AIDS*. She coedited “A Woman who Defends all the Person of her Sex”: *Selected Philosophical and Moral Writings of Gabrielle Suchon* (2010), and *Enchanted Eloquence: Fairy Tales by 17<sup>th</sup>-century Women Writers* (2011). Stanton was president of the Modern Language Association in 2005 and editor of *PMLA* from 1992 to 1997; she co-edited with Judith Butler a special issue of *PMLA* (Fall, 2006) on the humanities and human rights, a field that has engaged her graduate teaching and writing over the past decade. Stanton sits on several non-profit boards and committees, including the Modern Language Association, Human Rights Watch, and Scholars at Risk. Stanton’s next book is *The Monarchy, the Nation and its Others: France in the Age of Louis XIV*.





**THURSDAY  
MARCH 14**



9:30 - 10:30  
Registration

12:00 - 1:00  
Lunch Break

## **PANEL 9: CRITICAL APPROACHES**



10:30 - 12:00



Room  
7-50



Moderator:  
Martin Woessner, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Human Dignity: The Ultima Ratio in Genome Editing Programs**  
Marisa Almeida Araújo, Universidade Lusíada
- ..... **Mapping LGBTIQ Inclusion and Mainstreaming**  
Ariel Mekler, CUNY Graduate Center
- ..... **Postcolonial Theory and Human Rights: Exploring the Relevance of Postcolonial Perspectives with the Example of the Human Rights Discourse on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting**  
Monika Mayrhofer, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute
- ..... **The Future of Social Rights: Rethinking Critical Human Rights Locally**  
Paula Fernandez-Wulff, Real Colegio Complutense, and José Manuel Martínez Sierra, Harvard University
- ..... **Both/And Paradigms in Critical Human Rights Theory**  
Jeff Vesel, University of South Carolina

## **PANEL 10: COURTS**



10:30 - 12:00



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Moderator:  
Itai Sneh, CUNY, John Jay College

- ..... **The European Court of Human Rights: a Victim of its Success? A Critical Assessment of recent Reforms**  
Koen Lemmens, KU Leuven
- ..... **The Drafting History of the European Convention on Human Rights and its Current Limits in Responding to Authoritarian Rise**  
Esra Demir-Gürsel, Freie Universität Berlin
- ..... **The Future of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction in Spain: A Reflection Based on the Cases of Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico**  
Mónica Sánchez Girao, Amnesty International (Spain)
- ..... **A World Court of Human Rights? A Critical Assessment**  
Anna Romaniszyn, University of Ottawa



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 14**



1:00 - 2:00 pm



Room 7-50

## **From Human Rights to Humanity Law: The Current State of Play**




### **Ruti G. Teitel**

An internationally recognized authority on international law, international human rights, transitional justice, and comparative constitutional law, Ruti Teitel is the Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law at New York Law School, Visiting Professor of International Relations at New York University (NYU), and a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was a Straus Fellow at NYU Law School's Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law and Justice (2012-2013). Her most recent book, *Globalizing Transitional Justice*, published by Oxford University Press, provides observations and insights on how the practice and discourse of transitional justice has been evolving, especially in relation to the rise of international criminal law and the increasing centrality of international human rights. Her path-breaking book, *Transitional Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2000), examines the 20th century transitions to democracy in many countries. Born in Argentina, Professor Teitel's interest in the topic grew out of the dilemmas confronting that society in the transition out of junta rule. Her book explores the recurring question of how new regimes should respond to past repression, contending that the law can play a profound role in periods of radical change in advancing a new sense of legitimacy. Her book *Humanity's Law* (Oxford University Press, 2011) explores a paradigm shift in international affairs. Her extensive body of scholarly writing on comparative law, human rights, and constitutionalism is published in many law reviews and edited volumes. She serves on the Board of Editors of Oxford's International Journal of Transitional Justice, as well the Editorial Advisory Board of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law.



**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 14**

## **PANEL 11: PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS**

 2:00 - 3:30

 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Marlene Clark, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Mediating between the Debate on Universalism and Cultural Relativism: An Old Problem in a New Light at the United Nations' Universal Periodic Review Process**  
Gayatri Patel, Aston University Law School
- ..... **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Localization of Human Rights in Africa: Towards the Development of New Paradigm**  
Nlerum S. Okogbule, Rivers State University
- ..... **Who Defines Scarcity? In Defense of a Conflict Perspective on Human Rights**  
Suzy Lee and Jakob Feinig, Binghamton University
- ..... **Fundamental Rights and Private Law in the United States and Germany: A Relationship of Subordination or Complementarity?**  
Bedő Renáta, Eötvös Loránd University

## **PANEL 12: HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS II**

 2:00 - 3:30


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Danielle Zach, Adelphi University and CUNY, City College


- ..... **Human Right to Health: Need for Adjustment!**  
Karl H. Wehkamp, Bremen University
- ..... **Universal Healthcare and Human Rights in Cuba: A Critical Appraisal**  
Elsada Diana Cassells, CUNY, City College
- ..... **Transnational Interdependency and Healthcare System Change: The Role of Humanitarian and Development Aid in Shaping Health Policy in Jordan**  
Sigrid Lupieri, University of Cambridge Lorraine Frisina, University of Bremen




**THURSDAY  
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 3:30 - 3:40  
Coffee

## **PANEL 13: POPULISM AND ILLIBERALISM**


 3:40 - 5:00


 Room  
7-50


 Moderator:  
Martin Woessner, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Populisms and Human Rights: Substantive and Communication Challenges**  
John Morijn, New York University Law School
- ..... **Toward a New Paradigm of Human Rights, or an Impasse? New Attempts to Redefine Fundamental Rights in an "Illiberal" State**  
Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz, Eötvös Loránd University  
Zoltán Szente, National University of Public Service, Budapest
- ..... **Authoritarian Populism and the Anti-Human Rights Project**  
Jefferson Lyndon D. Ragrario, Hong Kong Baptist University
- ..... **Cold War Resistance *deja vous*: Human Rights, Colonialism, and Othering**  
Itai Sneh, CUNY, John Jay College

## **PANEL 14: ART AND EDUCATION**

 3:40 - 5:00

 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Justin Williams, CUNY, City College

- ..... **Participatory Public Art for Human Rights Education**  
Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario, CUNY, City College
- ..... **Kara Walker's Sugar Mama**  
Marlene Clark, CUNY City College
- ..... **Adult Immigrants' Experiences and Contributions in Nonprofit Education and Educational Research: An Ethical, Dialogical, Transformative Approach for New Possibilities**  
Katherine E. Entigar, CUNY Graduate Center



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 14**



5:15 - 6:15 pm



Auditorium

## **Book Talk: Eric Weitz, Distinguished Professor of History**

### ***A World Divided: The Global Struggle for Human Rights in the Age of Nation-States***



**Eric D. Weitz** is Distinguished Professor of History at City College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. He is also the former Dean of Humanities and Arts at City College. Trained in modern German and European history, Weitz also works in international and global history. His most recent book, *A World Divided: The Global Struggle for Human Rights in the Age of Nation-States*, will be published by Princeton University Press in August 2019. His other major publications include *Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy* (2007; Weimar Centennial (third) edition 2018), *A Century of Genocide: Utopias of Race and Nation* (2003; reprint with new foreword 2014), and *Creating German Communism, 1890-1990: From Popular Protests to Socialist State* (1997), all with Princeton University Press. *Weimar Germany* was named an “Editor’s Choice” by *The New York Times Book Review*. Weitz edits a book series for Princeton, *Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity*. He has been the recipient of many fellowships and awards from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and others. Weitz lectures widely in public and academic settings on the history of human rights and genocides and on Weimar Germany.



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 14**



6:30 - 8:30 pm



Auditorium

## **Right to the City and Human Rights in New York City:**

**A Round Table Discussion with Activists, Faculty, and Graduate and Undergraduate Students**



**Organizers:** Susanna Schaller and John Calagione, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, CCNY




**Moderators:** Michael Bobker, CUNY Institute for Urban Systems; John Calagione and Susanna Schaller, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, CCNY


- ..... **Reclaiming Inwood: Asserting Our Right to the City**  
Paloma Lara, Lena Melendez, Candida Uruga, Leadership Council, Northern Manhattan Not for Sale; Cheryl Pahaham, Inwood Legal Action; Nova Lucero, Northwest Bronx
- ..... **Right to the City and Sustainable Infrastructure in the South Bronx**  
Michael Bobker, CUNY Institute for Urban Systems  
Jose Firpo, Ladan Hadji-Mohamed, Kenneth Almario, Graduate Students, Sustainability in the Urban Environment, CCNY
- ..... **No More Dancing in the Street: Urban Cultural Extinction as a Function of Displacement**  
Jasmina Nikolov, Undergraduate Student, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, CCNY
- ..... **Narratives of Belonging and Change: The Contradictions of Gentrification in Bedford-Stuyvesant**  
Mariluz Blandon, Undergraduate Student, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, CCNY



**FRIDAY  
MARCH 15**

 9:00 - 10:00  
Registration

## **PANEL 15: MEDIA**


 10:00 - 11:30

 Room  
7-50


 Moderator:  
Itai Sneh, CUNY, John Jay College

- ..... **News Coverage of Race- and Gender-Based Human Rights: What Gets Covered When?**  
Shawna M. Brandle, CUNY, Kingsborough CC
- ..... **Evangelizing Neoliberalism through Megachurches in Latin America and the United States**  
William Collazo, CUNY, City College
- ..... **Media Literacy Education in America: Current Efforts, Legislation and Policies**  
Leocadia Diaz Romero, Murcia State University

## **PANEL 16: DISCOURSE, EMPATHY, AND NARRATIVES**

 10:00 - 11:30


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Lauren Balasco, Stockton University


- ..... **Love, Radical Empathy and Engaging the Oppressor**  
Sari Bashi, Yale Law School
- ..... **Human Rights in Conflict: The Discursive Struggle Among South Korean Activists over the North Korean Human Rights Problem**  
Hyuk Jung, Free University of Berlin
- ..... **Mass Killings, Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Red Line Narratives in Nigeria: Confronting the Inevitable**  
Igwe Onyeka Williams, Rivers State University
- ..... **Writing Human Rights: Prison Writing Programs in Nebraska and Beyond**  
Daniel Wuebben, University of Nebraska at Omaha




**FRIDAY  
MARCH 15**

 11:30 - 11:45  
Coffee

## **PANEL 17: JUSTICE**


 11:45 - 1:15


 Room  
7-50

 Moderator:  
Itai Sneh, CUNY, John Jay College

- ..... **Affirmative Action as Transitional Justice**  
Yuvraj Joshi, Yale University
- ..... **Securing Transformative Justice Beyond Transitional Politics**  
Lauren Balasco, Stockton University
- ..... **Right to Be Remembered: Comfort Women Statues**  
Hyokyung Jung, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to New Zealand
- ..... **Reforming the Albanian Legal System and the Perception of Justice as a Basic Human Right**  
Adriana Michilli, University of Padova
- ..... **Transitional Justice in Kosovo and Northern Ireland**  
Jennifer Mueller, Marymount Manhattan College  
Danielle Zach, Adelphi University and CUNY, City College

## **PANEL 18: RIGHT TO MIGRATE**

 11:45 - 1:15

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 Moderator:  
Shawna M. Brandle, CUNY, Kingsborough CC

- ..... **New Horizons for Transnational Rights: Insights from a Case Study with Vulnerable Migrants Living in Brazil**  
Aline Khoury, University of Cambridge
- ..... **The Crisis of Migration: A Protective Approach (Remembering Mary Kibwana, A Lesson for Us All)**  
Alunegbe Oziegbe-Anozie, Rivers State University
- ..... **Migration as Adaptation Strategy: A Critical Approach to the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration**  
Janet Reilly, Sarah Lawrence College
- ..... **The Right to Migrate Within the Nation of Humanity**  
Steven Sacco, The Legal Aid Society of New York






**FRIDAY  
MARCH 15**

1:15 - 2:00  
Lunch Break

## **PANEL 19: A CONFLUENCE OF RIGHTS: THE EMERGING HUMAN RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

 2:00 - 3:30


 Room  
7-50

 Moderator:  
Rebecca Bratspies, CUNY School of Law

- ..... **The Right to a Healthy Environment: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Sumudu Atapattu, University of Wisconsin Law
- ..... **Health, Safety, Labor Rights: Case of Garment and Tea Workers in Bangladesh**  
Chaumtoli Huq, CUNY School of Law
- ..... **The Global Struggle for Food Sovereignty and Peasants' Rights**  
Smita Narula, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
- ..... **Environmental Dignity Rights in Action**  
Erin Daly and James May, Widener University Delaware Law School

## **PANEL 20: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS/BASIC NEEDS**


 2:00 - 3:30


 Room  
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 Moderator:  
Danielle Zach, Adelphi University and CUNY, City College

- ..... **Examining the Challenges and Contested Legacy of Human Rights Within the Practice of Social Work in Sub-Saharan Africa**  
Theophilus Osaheni Osawe, York University
- ..... **Right to Happiness**  
Miguel Escobedo, National University of the Littoral
- ..... **Migration and the Right to Freedom from Modern Slavery**  
Ashok Kumar Pindiga

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

 3:30 - 4:00 pm

 Auditorium

## **Honorary Conference Chair: CCNY President Vincent Boudreau**



Vincent Boudreau was appointed president of The City College of New York by the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York on December 4, 2017. For the past three years he has served as the founding dean of the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at CCNY. From 2002 through 2013, he served as the founding director of the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at CCNY, and is a professor of political science at City College and a member of the City University of New York graduate faculty. A specialist in the politics of social movements, particularly in Southeast Asia, his latest book is *Resisting Dictatorship: Repression and Protest in Southeast Asia* (Cambridge University Press). He also conducts research about government transitions to democracy, collective violence, and the relationship between civil society, social movements, and democratization processes in Indonesia and the Philippines. At City College, where Dr. Boudreau has worked since receiving his degree, he served as the director of the M.A. Program in International Relations, the chair of the Department of Political Science, the director of the International Studies Program, and the deputy dean of the Division of Social Science. He serves on the editorial committee of *Comparative Politics*, and has undertaken projects with ActionAid Asia, Jubilee South Asia, The Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, and Freedom House.

# ABOUT THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK



The City College of New York was founded by Townsend Harris in 1847 as the Free Academy of the City of New York. It is the first public institution of higher education in New York City and the precursor to CUNY. At a time when higher education in America was limited to children of the wealthy and privileged, CCNY was established to provide children of immigrants and the poor access to free higher education based on academic merit alone. Dr. Horace Webster, its first president, described the college as an experiment dedicated to educating “the children of the whole people.” This has remained CCNY’s unwavering mission ever since. Now, in our 170th year, the City College of New York continues to offer an ideal learning opportunity for students, providing an affordable world class education in a wide variety of disciplines.

Today, more than 15,000 students pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees in the College of Liberal Arts and Science; Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture; School of Education; Grove School of Engineering; Sophie Davis Biomedical Education/CUNY School of Medicine; and the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership. Spitzer, Grove and Sophie Davis/CUNY School of Medicine are the only such public schools in New York City. Bolstered by an outstanding faculty whose research and scholarship is widely applauded, access to excellence remains CCNY’s vision.

U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review and Forbes all rank City College among the best colleges and universities in the United States. In its 2016 rankings, U.S. News placed CCNY among the nation’s “Most Ethnically Diverse” institutions. Other accolades come from the Center for World University Rankings that has listed CCNY “one of the world’s best institutions of higher education,” and the American Institute of Physics as a, “a top producer of physics graduates in the nation.”



City College's distinguished alumni include ten Nobel Laureates with the most recent winner being neuroscientist John O'Keefe, Class of 1963, in 2014.

Originally situated at 23rd St. and Lexington Ave. in lower Manhattan, CCNY moved uptown, to its now landmarked neo-Gothic campus in Harlem, in 1907. The college is currently led by Dr. Vince Boudreau, a dedicated member of the campus community for more than 25 years, and the founding dean of the Colin Powell School.

### **About The Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Center for Worker Education**

The Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Center for Worker Education (CWE) is on the Downtown Campus of the City College of New York/CUNY. Founded in 1981, it is one of the leading working adult educational institutions in New York City. It provides working adults with small classes, flexible schedules, individualized attention, an innovative curriculum, and all the resources of a world-class academic institution. Life Experience credit is available.

CWE offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences and a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, with special concentrations in Childhood Studies; Disabilities Studies; Global Labor Studies; History, Politics, and Society; Literary, Media, and Visual Arts; Social Welfare; Urban Studies and Public Administration; and the Americas.

CWE also offers a Master's Degree in the Study of the Americas, with a BA/MA option, which enables students to complete both degrees in a shorter time period.



# THE PATAI PROGRAM



## THE FRANCES S. PATAI PROGRAM

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### IN HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

#### **The Frances S. Patai Program in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies**

Among the most unique aspects of the Center for Worker Education is its commitment to supporting a diversity of profound, yet topical, educational opportunities. One such example of this commitment is its Frances S. Patai Program in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies. The Patai Program at CWE supports courses, conferences, and symposia, as well as public lectures, lectureships, and an annual student essay competition—all dedicated to the lasting and transformative lessons of Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies.

In addition to being one of the first female graduates of City College, Mrs. Patai was a strong supporter of providing educational opportunities to those people who would otherwise possibly not have access to a formal university education. With this in mind, Mrs. Patai bequeathed a generous donation to CWE that allowed for the creation of a program that now bears her name.

Mrs. Patai was motivated by three aims when she gave her support. First, she wanted to keep alive the memory of those volunteers who joined the Abraham Lincoln Battalion to fight against fascism in the Spanish Civil War. Second, she wanted to make sure that students did not forget the Holocaust. She believed that education was an important way to prevent the reoccurrence of genocide. Third, she supported programs that encouraged students to use their knowledge as a springboard for exploring other mass atrocities, including both the realities of contemporary genocide and the ongoing global struggle for human rights.

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