Human Rights; A Canadian Perspective

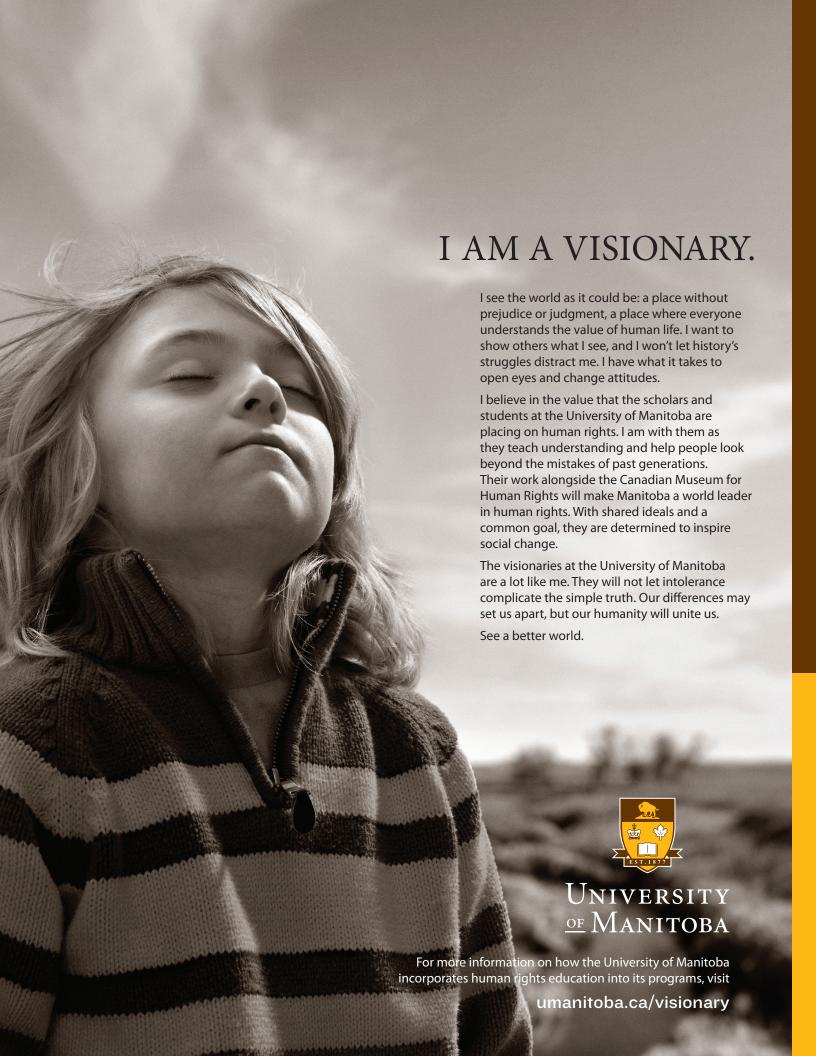
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Canadian Political Science Students' Association Association des Etudiants de Science Politique Canadienne







WELCOME.



On behalf of the University of Manitoba, welcome to our community of learning, discovery and engagement. The human rights issues that will be discussed and debated at the Canadian Political Science Students' Association annual conference are fundamental to building a more just society.

The University of Manitoba has more than 150 scholars dedicated to the study and promotion of human rights issues. It is home to the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, the Centre for Human Rights Research Initiative, and the *Canadian Journal of Human Rights*, which is published by the Faculty of Law.

The expertise that exists at the University of Manitoba and on campuses throughout Canada, coupled with our institutions' strong protection of academic freedom, means that universities are uniquely positioned to advance work on human rights.

It is our privilege and responsibility to take on these issues, drive debate in our communities and beyond, and ensure human rights are defended at home and abroad.

Best wishes for an outstanding conference,

Dr. David T. Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor



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Welcome from the National Conference Director

On behalf of the Canadian Political Science Students' Association / Association des Etudiants de Science Politique Canadienne and the University of Manitoba, I would like to welcome you the CPSSA/AESPC 2012 conference on Human Rights; A Canadian Perspective.

The conference committee has been working for the past year to create an experience that is both academically stimulating and socially engaging. Building on the success of last year's conference hosted by the University of Victoria, the Executive Conference Committee sought to continue the right balance between the academic and social. With reference to our academic sessions, this event would not have been possible without our many sponsors who have facilitated our high calibre of speakers, all of whom are greatly respected experts in their fields.

The support for this organization has grown, with fifteen schools participating in this year's conference. I hope that you stay in contact with the delegates that you meet and see them at future CPSSA conferences. This conference gives political science students from across the country the unique opportunity to interact and build connections with other delegates, which our social events are planned to further facilitate. I encourage you to take this opportunity, as, speaking from experience; it can have tremendously positive implications in your personal and professional life. As well, the Expressions Journal gives undergraduate students the chance to showcase papers covering a variety of topics to more than just their professors. I encourage everyone to submit a paper for the next issue.

This conference would not have been possible without the continuous work of the Executive Conference Committee. Working with Mathieu Belanger, Justine De Jaegher, Gabriela Gonzalez, John Kramer, Patrick Obendoerfer and Chris Struc over the past year has been a truly wonderful experience. I am grateful for the hundreds of hours they have put in and that I was able to work with six of my close friends.

I would also like to thank the Political Studies department at the University of Manitoba for fully supporting our efforts for the past year. Catharine Dunlop has been integral to the successful functioning of this conference. The faculty members have provided mentorship and support that made it possible for us to make our ideas for this event a reality.

I look forward to getting to know each of you throughout the conference! I hope this conference provides you many opportunities for personal growth, both academically and professionally. Thank you for coming to Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba for the Canadian Political Science Students' Association 2012 Conference!

Sincerely,
Gillian Hanson
National Conference Director

About the Canadian Political Science Students' Association

The Canadian Political Science Students' Association/Association des Etudiants de Science Politique Canadienne is an organization run entirely by students studying political science at the undergraduate level. Comprised of a Board of Directors and a conference planning committee, the CPSSA/AESPC strives to create a forum for academic conversation and social engagement with political science students from across Canada.

Every year, the CPSSA holds a conference that allows students from coast to coast to come together to share knowledge and perspectives on themes within the discipline of political science. Building relationships between Political Science departments from across the country is the way in which this organization will grow. This organization is supported entirely through student fundraising efforts. The CPSSA/AESPC publishes an online journal titled Expressions which can be found at http://web.uvic.ca/~cpssa/mainpageen.html

Information about the future conferences can be found at www.cpssa.ca or www.aespc.ca

About the Theme

While discussing a potential theme for the 2012 Canadian Political Science Students Association Conference, the organizing committee went over several options.

In light of the construction of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the dialogue this has created, the selected theme seemed an obvious choice. However, due to the breadth of the concept of Human Rights and the fact that the CPSSA is a national organization, it shortly became evident that the choice of "Human Rights; A Canadian Perspective" held an even greater significance.

The term Human Rights, not unlike that of democracy, liberty and equality, has become a "buzzword" in political discussions, often with little regard for its true meaning. Implications of Human Rights cannot be constrained to a particular discipline, predicted through a singular model or understood through an isolated example. It is a concept that is broad and complex, yet undeniably relevant and important. It is the position of the CPSSA that there is no better place to discuss such a heavily nuanced topic than at a conference assembling students of Political Science, whose perspectives are rooted in a multitude of contexts including economic, theoretical, social, and international, among others.

Topics of discussion will include the concept of a "Human Rights Museum", the Welfare State, Michael Ignatieff's "Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry", the Sex Trade, Human Security, Canada's Role in the United Nations, Human Rights as a social construct, Residential Schools, and the historical relationship between Human Rights and government.

Key to these discussions is a reflection on how we define Human Rights, what we consider Human Rights to be, and how we may bridge the divide between the philosophical abstract and real-world application. It is our belief that the 2012 CPSSA Conference will provide an environment that will engage and inform delegates, as well as contribute to the broader academic dialogue.

Justine De Jaegher Patrick Obendoerfer

University of Manitoba Students' Union Celebreation Week, Monday January 23, 2012 - Friday January 27, 2012



DAVID MESLIN

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Dave Meslin believes passionately in getting involved in civic affairs. Founder of the Toronto Public Space Committee, Meslin successfully rallied a growing group of volunteers to wage war against the commercialization of public space. The TPSC has battled big billboards, advertising on garbage cans, billboard trucks in the city and more.

This committed young visionary is proof of what can be accomplished through advocacy. With dedication, imagination and hard work, he shows audiences how to make a difference in their own backyard.



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SAMANTHA NUTT

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from Iraq to Afghanistan, Somalia to the Democratic acclaimed public speaker and a leading authority on the mpact of war on civilians. She is a medical doctor and a Child, an international humanitarian humanitarian organization. Dr. Nutt has worked with children and their families at the frontline of many of the world's major crises Republic of Congo, and Sierra Leone to Darfur, Sudan. award-winning an Samantha Nutt founder of War

Canada's highest civilian honour, for her contributions to improving the plight of young people in the world's worst In July 2011, Dr. Nutt was appointed to the Order of Canada,









BLOODY HARVEST THE KILLING OF FALUN GONG FOR THEIR ORGANS

A LECTURE BY NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINEES DAVID MATAS AND DAVID KILGOUR

Allegations surfaced in 2006 that the disappeared practitioners of Falun Gong, a modern day spiritual/exercise movement in China, were being killed for their organs which were sold for large sums mostly to foreign transplant tourists.

David Matas and David Kilgour produced a number of reports concluding that these allegations were true. The last report was published as a book titled *Bloody Harvest*.

The two will speak about their book and the research that led them to write it.

DAVID MATAS is a Princeton- and Oxford-educated lawyer and human rights activist who has been involved in several different organizations including the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, Beyond Borders, Amnesty International, and the Canadian Council for Refugees. He is the author of numerous books and currently works as the Senior Legal Counsel to B'nai Brith Canada.

DAVID KILGOUR is a former Member of Parliament. During his time in Parliament he was Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committees of the Whole House, Secretary of State for Latin America & Africa, and Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific. He continues to be active in issues of human rights and international concern.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012 6 P.M. ECKHARDT-GRAMATTE HALL

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The Department of Political Science at the University of Guelph offers its best wishes for a successful 2012 Canadian Political Science Students' Association Conference.

We suspect that many delegates may be interested in pursuing graduate education in Political Science or related disciplines.

If so, not only do we have a number of faculty members who have teaching and research interests in the thematic area of this year's CPSSA conference—Human Rights—but we also have related strengths in Public Policy and Management, Judicial Politics, Canadian Politics and Comparative and Global Studies.

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Speakers

In alphabetical order

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy

Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg, served as Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1996-2000. In the Foreign Affairs portfolio, Minister Axworthy became internationally known for his advancement of the human security concept, in particular, the Ottawa Treaty - a landmark global treaty banning anti-personnel landmines. Axworthy currently serves as a commissioner on the Aspen Institute's Dialogue and Commission on Arctic Climate Change. He is a Board member of the MacArthur Foundation, Human Rights Watch, the Educational Policy Institute, the Canadian Landmines Foundation and the University of the Arctic, among others. In 2010, he was made an honourary member of the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba and was given an Ojibwe name - Waapshki Pinaysee Inini, which means White Thunderbird Man.

Dr. Karen Busby

Karen Busby's research has focussed on the discriminatory impacts of laws that regulate sex, sexual and family violence, sexual orientation, obscenity, prostitution, and reproduction. Her work with public interest organizations including the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) and Egale Canada has lead to numerous awards and honours including, most recently, induction into the Canadian Q [Queer] Hall of Fame. She is a professor of law and Academic Director of the Centre for Human Rights Research.

Dr. James Fergusson

Dr. James Fergusson is the Director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, a Professor in the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba, and a Research Fellow with the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute. His recent publications include The Right Debate: Airpower, the Future of War, Canada's Strategic Interests and the F-35 Decision. Canadian Foreign Policy Journal (Fall 2011), Canada and Ballistic Missile Defence 1954-2009: Déjà vu all over again, University of British Columbia Press; and Wilson Wong, Military Space Power: Current Issues, Praeger Security International; and Beneath the Radar: Change and Transformation in the Canada-US North American Defence Relationship, Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute. Dr. Fergusson holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. In addition to his academic publications, Dr Fergusson has been commissioned to write several reports for the Department of National Defence and the Department of Foreign Affairs. He lectures to a wide range of military audiences, including the Canadian Forces College. Dr. Fergusson has testified on several occasions to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veteran's Affairs. He has also a member of the Defence Science Advisory Board.

Dr. Mary-Anne Kandrack

Mary-Anne Kandrack is a Sociologist with more than 25 years of experience in teaching and research. She began her post-secondary studies at the University of Manitoba as a mature student in 1980 receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1983 and a Master of Arts in Sociology in 1987. She then went on to doctoral studies in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton University. Mary-Anne has taught courses at all undergraduate levels and has sat on graduate committees in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Architecture. She takes great pride and pleasure in her teaching and in her student's accomplishments. Mary-Anne has been published in peer-reviewed journals and has participated in a wide variety of local, national and international strategic research initiatives including consultations for UNICEF and the Public Interest Law Group (Manitoba). She has also been active in the community serving two terms on the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council and on the boards of Beyond Borders, Inc. and the Crossing Communities Art Project. Prof. Kandrack was the recipient of a University 1 Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008-09 and the University 1 Ongoing Outstanding Excellence in Teaching Award for 2010-2011. Mary-Anne is in the final stages of completing a memoir that chronicles the adversity of her childhood and how the decision to 'try' university changed the course of her life.

Hon. David Kilgour

David Kilgour is a vice-president of the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies, co-chair of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, past chair of the Latin America and Caribbean policy working group of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian International council, a Fellow of the Queen's University Centre for the Study of Democracy and a director of the Washington-based Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD).

First elected in 1979, he was re-elected seven times, most recently in 2004, for the south-east part of Edmonton. During his time in Parliament he was Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committees of the Whole House, Secretary of State for Latin America & Africa, and Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific. He did not stand in the 2006 election.

He continues to be active in issues of human rights and international concern. A recent book, Uneasy Neighbo(u)rs, co-authored with David Jones, a former American diplomat, discusses the relationship of Canada and the USA in the dynamics of state, industry and culture .In 2010, he published with David Matas Bloody Harvest-The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs. He and Matas were recently awarded the 2009 Human Rights Prize of the International Society for Human Rights in Switzerland for their work in raising awareness of state-sponsored organ pillaging in China. For further information: www.david-kilgour.com.



Undergraduate Political Studies Students Association

The Undergraduate Political Studies Students Association (UPSSA) is an active group in the pursuit of academic support for students of the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba.

Our mission is to generate enthusiasm about political studies through the organization of social and academic events; to represent the interests of students before the Department and other bodies; and to cultivate a sense of community among our members.

We are a proud supporter of the Canadian Political Science Students Association 2012 Conference.

Some upcoming events for the 2012 Winter Term:

- Pub Night
- Charity Gala
- UPSSA 2012-13 Executive Elections

For more information please contact our President, Justine De Jaegher, at upssapresident@umanitoba.ca.



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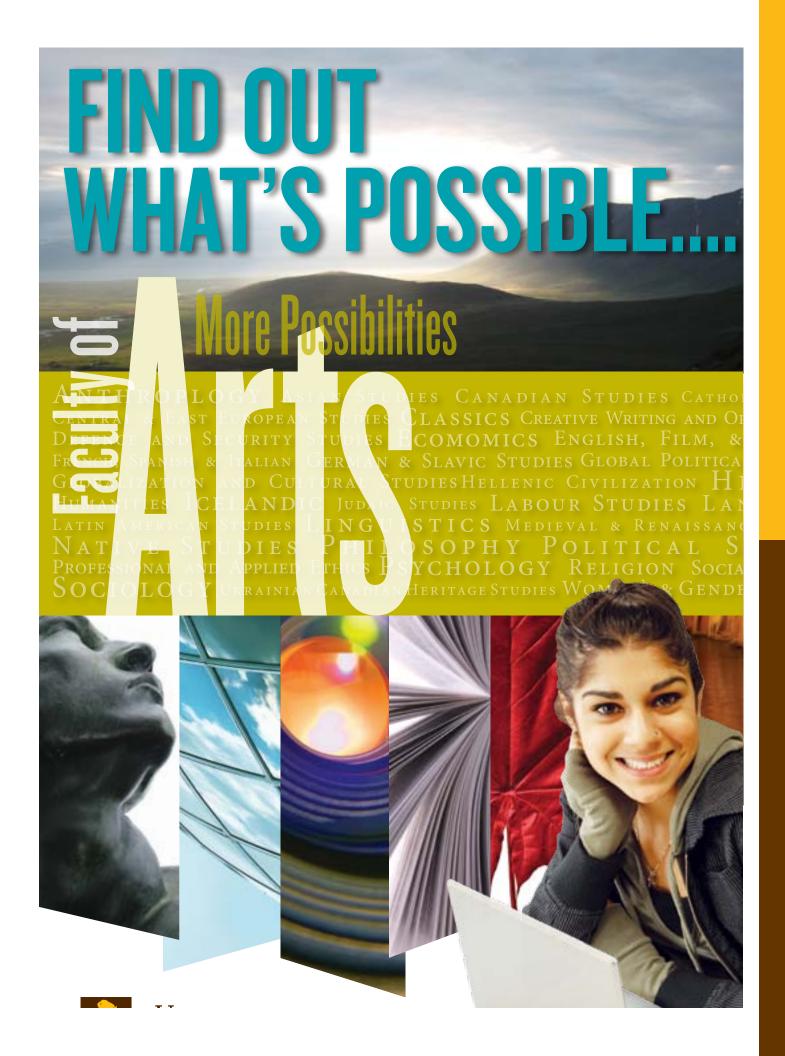
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Dr. Peter Kulchyski

Peter Kulchyski is a full professor of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba. He is non-Native, but attended a government run residential high school in Northern Manitoba, frontier collegiate, before going on to do politics degrees at the University of Winnipeg and York. He is the author or editor of six books, including Like the Sound of a Drum, and numerous scholarly and popular articles.

Dr. Kiera Ladner

Kiera L. Ladner is an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Politics and Governance in the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba. She received her Ph.D. from Carleton University in 2001. She is a leading scholar in the field of Indigenous politics and is widely published in Canada, Australia, the United States and Mexico. She has recently produced an edited collection on Oka@20 with Leanne Simpson entitled This is an Honour Song: Twenty Years Since the Blockades (Arbeiter Ring Press, 2010) and is currently writing a book on Indigenous constitutional law and politics entitled This is Not a New Book. Her current research interests include political reconciliation, decolonization, genocide, resurgence and constitutional politics and she is working on several projects in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Hawai'i.

Dr. Karine Levasseur

Karine Levasseur graduated with a PhD. in Public Policy from Carleton University in 2009. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba and Director of the Joint Master of Public Administration Co-op Program. Her research interests include state-civil society relations with a specific emphasis on how non-profit organizations and charities participate in the public policy process in Canada. Other research interests include social policy, labour market policy, accountability and collaborative governance.

Dr. Fiona MacDonald

Dr. Fiona MacDonald is an Assistant Professor of Political Studies at the University of Manitoba. Her main areas of research are Indigenous-state relations in Canada, multiculturalism, and feminist political theory. She has published on these topics in Hypatia, The Canadian Journal of Political Science, The Ashgate Companion to Multiculturalism, and the UBC volume First Nations First Thoughts.

David Matas

David Matas is an internationally renowned lawyer and human rights activist. He received a BA from the University from Manitoba, an MA from Princeton University, a BA (Jurisprudence) and a Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford. Mr. Matas has served the government of

Canada in numerous positions including as member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on an International Criminal Court and has been involved in several different organizations including the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, Beyond Borders, Amnesty International, and the Canadian Council for Refugees. In 2010 he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his investigation alongside the Hon. David Kilgour of organ harvesting practices in China as detailed in their book Bloody Harvest: The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs. His other works have included Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada (1987) with Susan Charendoff, Closing the Doors: The Failure of Refugee Protection (1989) with Ilana Simon, No More: The Battle Against Human Rights Violations (1994), Bloody Words: Hate and Free Speech (2000), and Aftershock: Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism (2005). He is currently the Senior Legal Counsel to B'nai Brith Canada.

Dr. Neil McArthur

Neil McArthur holds a PhD from the University of Southern California. He has worked as a policy advisor to the federal government in the Privy Council Office and the Department of Human Resources Development. He is the author of the book David Hume's Political Theory (University of Toronto Press, 2007), as well as numerous articles. His research and teaching currently centres on the philosophical foundations of human rights, and on sexual ethics and the philosophy of sexuality.

Dr. Marilou McPhedran

MARILOU McPHEDRAN - born and raised in rural Manitoba - is a lawyer who specialises in international human rights, particularly comparative constitutional law and legal empowerment of the poor, currently directing the Institute for International Women's Rights as part of her responsibilities as the principal (dean) of The University of Winnipeg Global College - to which she was appointed in June 2008, having resigned as the Chief Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission and as the Ariel F. Sallows Chair in International Human Rights at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. Prof. McPhedran was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1985 for her co-leadership in the successful campaign for stronger equality protections in the Canadian constitution and her alma mater, U of Winnipeg, awarded her an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1991. She co-founded several internationally recognized non-profit systemic change organizations, such as LEAF - the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, which has conducted constitutional equality test cases and interventions for almost 30 years. She is a pioneer in research and advocacy to counter human rights violations through systemic reform - in law, medicine, education and government. In 1997, she founded the International Women's Rights Project, now located at the University of Victoria Centre for Global Studies and had assignments for monitoring and reporting on aspects of human rights in South Africa, Swaziland, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, The Philippines, Russia and Pakistan. An affiliate of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, she chaired two Ontario public inquiries into the sexual abuse of patients; co-investigated and co-authored a number of research / policy projects including: the ten-country pilot study to assess impact of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (2000), Gender blindness in the R2P Doctrine (2005), The Virus of Inequality: Women and HIV AIDS (2006) Recommendations on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 (2009). A tenured professor in Criminal Justice, she authored 'Equality Rights' in the Pursuing Justice (2011) textbook and co-authored a pilot high school teaching guide in International Human Rights Law for teachers in BC and Manitoba. Proud mother of two fine young men, Marilou volunteers as the Vice-President of the Canadian International Council - Winnipeg Branch, as a founding board member of the Winnipeg Legal Help Centre and as an advisor to the Antigone Foundation for Young Women's Leadership.

Dr. Dean Peachey

Dean E. Peachey serves as Vice-Principal of the University of Winnipeg Global College. He is Coordinator of Human Rights and Global Studies, and is a member of the joint committee administering the Joint MA in Peace and Conflict Studies between University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba.

His teaching and research focuses on transitional justice (ways of responding to human rights atrocities), and reconciliation in a variety of settings. His recent research examines community-based reconciliation efforts in northern Uganda that arise from two decades of civil war between the government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army.

Dr. Sorpong Peou

Chair of the Politics Department and Professor, University of Winnipeg. He received his Ph D from York University (Toronto). The two fields of his academic expertise are Security and Democracy Studies, with a regional focus on the Asia-Pacific. He was a professor of international security at Sophia University, Tokyo. Prior to his professorial job in Japan, he was a Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore). His major publications include Peace and Security in the Asia-Pacific (Praeger 2010), Human Security in East Asia: Challenges for Collaborative Action, ed. (Routledge 2008), International Democracy Assistance for Peacebuilding: Cambodia and Beyond (Palgrave Macmillan 2007), Intervention and Change in Cambodia: Toward Democracy (St. Martin's Press, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Silkworms, 2001) & Conflict Neutralization in the Cambodia War: From Battlefield to Ballot-box (Oxford University Press, 1997). His forthcoming book is entitled Human Security Studies: Theories, Methods and Themes. He is also on the editorial boards of both Rethinking Peace and Conflict Studies (Palgrave Macmillan) and the peer-reviewed journal Asian Politics & Policy (Wiley-Blackwell).

David Petrasek

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa. Formerly Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of Amnesty International, David Petrasek has worked extensively on human rights, humanitarian and conflict resolution issues, including for Amnesty International (1990-96), for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-98), for the International Council on Human Rights Policy (1998-02), and as Director of Policy at the HD Centre (2003-07). He has taught international human rights and/or humanitarian law courses at the Osgoode Hall Law School, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University, Sweden, and at Oxford University. He has also worked as a consultant or adviser to several NGOs and UN agencies.

Dr. Christopher Powell

Dr. Christopher Powell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Manitoba. As a sociological theorist, he is interested in theorizing state violence as an obstacle to radical social change. He is the author of Barbaric Civilization: A Critical Sociology of Genocide (McGill-Queen's University Press), as well as "What do genocides kill? A relational conception of genocide" in the Journal of Genocide Research (2007) and "Genocidal Moralities: A Critique" in New Directions in Genocide Research (Adam Jones, ed., Routledge, 2011). Further information can be found at his website, at http://tinyurl.com/cjpuofm

Kathleen Shellrude

Kathleen Shellrude is a graduate of the honours program of both the Sociology and Women's Studies departments of the University of Winnipeg. She now works at Mount Carmel Clinic's Sage House, a drop in centre for street involved women. Her passion lies in working with women who have been or are currently involved or exploited by the sex trade. Her approach is grounded in strength based, harm reduction, community capacity building theory and incorporates trauma informed and client centred care. She has also travelled extensively throughout North and Central America and Asia, but is proud to call the North End of Winnipeg her home again!

Dr. Marcus Souza

Marcus L. De Souza is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies (University of Manitoba). He has a LL.B. and a M.A. degrees from the University of Brasilia and a Ph.D. in International Law from the University of London. A former Chevening Scholar (FCO, UK), Dr. Souza was a Researcher in the Chair UNESCO on Human Rights and Violence, and co-chaired the research line "Globalization and Human Rights" within GEDIM-Globalization and economic rights in Mercosul (MOST-UNESCO Program). His research interests include legal responses to the use of force by non-state actors, human rights and humanitarian law, and international peace and security.

Recommended Reading

Want to do some reading prior to the conference? Like what you heard at the conference and want to read more? Here are some suggestions:

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Academic Discussions

Keynote Address
David Matas
Hon. David Kilgour

The Canadian Political Science Students Association and Mouseland Press Speaker Series are proud to present Nobel Peace Prize nominees David Matas and the Hon. David Kilgour. In an event open to the public, the University of Manitoba alumni will be discussing their investigation into the killings and organ harvesting of the Falun Gong, as documented in their recent publication: Bloody Harvest: The killing of Falun Gong for their organs. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at the University of Winnipeg's Eckhart-Grammate Hall, beginning at 6:00pm.

Panel 1: Sex Trade

Moderator: Gabriela Gonzalez

Professor Karen Busby:

"Canada's criminal law on prostitution: what are the implications of the Bedford case?"

Kathleen Shellrude: "Sex Work and Harm Reduction" Dr. Mary-Anne Kandrack: "The Subject in the Sex Trade"

Three women involved in the sex trade have challenged Canada's criminal code provisions on street solicitation and bawdyhouses arguing that they violate their Charter rights by creating unsafe conditions to carry on sex work. In this presentation Karen Busby will look at the implications of the Bedford case should the challenge be successful.

Kathleen Shellrude will give a very short history of the street sex trade of Winnipeg and society's reaction to it. She will go on to talk about how harm reduction and client centred care are intrinsic to caring for women who are currently involved in Winnipeg's sex trade as well as how we can all (whether service providers, general public, friends or family) be allies to those who are street involved.

Finally, in her talk "The Subject in the Sex Trade", University of Manitoba Sociology Professor Mary-Anne Kandrack will discuss the relationship between sexual abuse and sex trade work

Responsibility to Protect

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy

The International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS) (which was initiated by Dr. Axworthy) released its report on R2P in the fall of 2001. In the 10 years since, it has faced a series of success and challenges, with 2011 providing the most significant test of its applicability, as we witnessed in the case of Libya. Dr. Axworthy will provide students with a first hand account of the history of the doctrine and what it means for the protection of civilians in the future.

"Forward to the past - human rights and the idea of progress" (Part of CHRR's Critical Conversations Series: The Idea of a Human Rights Museum)

Professor David Petrasek

As part of the Canadian Political Science Students Association 2012 National Conference and the Centre for Human Rights Research Initiative's series "Critical Conversations: The Idea of a Human Rights Museum", Dr. David Petrasek of the University of Ottawa will provide a public talk entitled "Forward to the Past - Human Rights and the Idea of Progress".

Panel 2: Human Rights and the Welfare State

Moderator: Justine De Jaegher

Dr. Karine Levasseur: "Advocacy Limitation for HR Charities in Canada"

Dr. Fiona MacDonald: "Indigenous Peoples and Neoliberal 'Privatization' in Canada"

In this panel, speakers will discuss human rights with respect to particular aspects of the welfare state. Dr. Fiona MacDonald will address the impact of the neoliberal state on Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Dr. Levasseur will address the topic with respect to the voluntary sector and issues surrounding advocacy for human rights charities in Canada.

"Review and Critique of the Intricate Woven Language of 'Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry' According to Michael Ignatieff"

Celina Beer Natasha Smith

A discussion of Michael Ignatieff's approach to Human Rights theory in Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry. Additionally, there will be a presentation of some of the major critique of his approach.

Panel 3: Human Security

Moderator: Ian Literovich Dr. James Fergusson:

"Western military intervention and the Significance of Humanitarian Impulses" Dr. Marcus Souza: "NATO's Military Intervention in Libya: revisiting the R2P principle"

Dr. Sorpong Peou: "Human Security Studies: Progress & Challenges"

The panel on Human Security will involve a discussion of the NATO Military Intervention in Libya and the implicated issues regarding modern Western military intervention and the R2P principle.

"Canada's Role in the United Nations"

Dr. Marilou McPhedran

Dr. Marilou McPhedran will address Canada's current role in the United Nations in evaluating the question of whether Canada has lost its edge at the UN.

"Human Rights: The evolution of a social construct through time" Ryan Cresswell

Ryan Cresswell will provide an analysis of how the concept of Human Rights has evolved as a social construct and highlights the nonexistence of natural rights. He will also argue how Human Rights have benefitted humanity in terms of the debate on international aid, global governance and global identity.

Panel 4: Residential Schools in the Human Rights Context

Moderator: Suzie De Luca

Dr. Dean Peachey: "Rights and Relationships: Seeking a Common Narrative"

Dr. Christopher Powell: "Barbaric Civilization: A Critical Sociology of Genocide"

Dr. Peter Kulchyski:

"Theorizing residential schools: totalization, human rights, violence and Indigenous peoples in a modernizing institution"

Dr. Kiera Ladner:

"Residential School in the Human Rights Context and the Issue of Political Genocide"

Four academics specializing in the fields of Indigenous governance, genocide, and reconciliation will discuss the Canadian Residential Schools system in terms of Human Rights. This will involve debate with respect to political genocide and the degree to which Aboriginal Rights should be equated with Human Rights.

Human Rights and Government: Perspectives from the History of Philosophy Dr. Neil McArthur

Dr. McArthur will provide a philosophical account of how the role of government with respect to Human Rights has historically evolved.

Social Events

January 18th: Meet and Greet

Following the Keynote address delivered at the University of Winnipeg, delegates will meet at 4play Sports Bar. Located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, this popular lounge is located among the city's most famous attractions, including the MTS Centre (home of the Jets). With sports simulators, Wii games and pool tables reserved for conference attendees, this lounge will provide a great atmosphere for delegates to meet for the first time and compete over a friendly game of simulated golf or hockey.

January 19th: The Cheer on Osborne

This event will take delegates down Winnipeg's famed Osborne Street. Overlooked by Manitoba's legislative building, Osborne is renown in the city for being hip, cultured and eccentric. Lined with unique restaurants, clothing shops, independent movie theatres, used bookstores and more, the street is particularly popular among university students. Located on this street will be the delegate's destination for the night, The Cheer. Arriving in the middle of a home Jet's game, attendees will have the opportunity to experience the energy and excitement that has made the Winnipeg Jets famous in the NHL. As the game ends, the lounge will transform into a 90's Video Dance Party, hosted by a local DJ. Because, as previous conferences have established, nothing creates more lasting bonds than a shared reminiscence over 90's music.

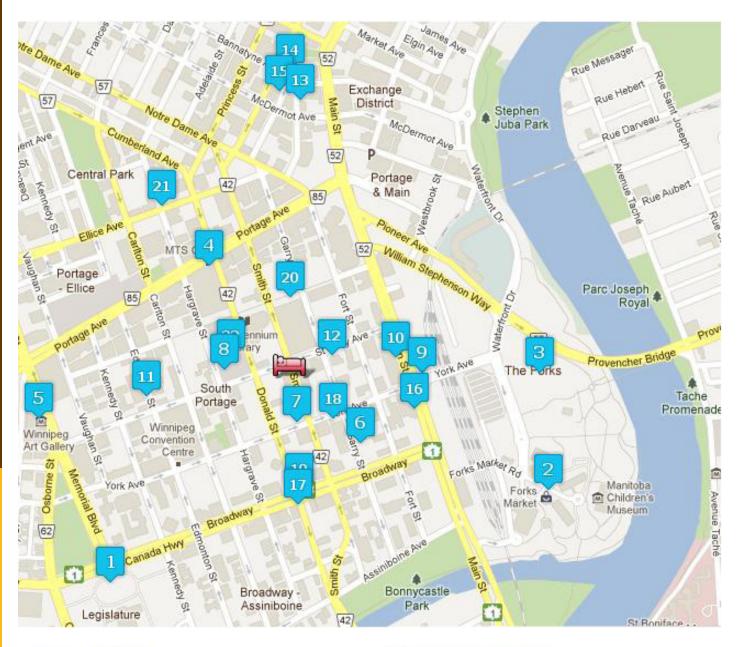
January 20th: Pub Crawl in the Exchange District

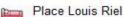
This event will take delegates through Winnipeg's historic Exchange District. Known as the cultural centre of the city and home to the famed 1919 Winnipeg General Strike and North America's most extensive collection of turn-of-the-century architecture, it is a "must see" for visitors. To begin the night, delegates will be split into five previously selected groups, each of which will explore two local Winnipeg Pubs. These pubs were picked specifically so delegates could experience the unique culture of the city's most famous area, and socialize in a more intimate setting. Finally, all delegates will meet at Republic Nightclub, which will feature Winnipeg's famed DJ Hollywood Hype.

January 21st: The Banquet

This semi-formal banquet at the Place Louis Riel will give delegates their last opportunity to exchange information, take pictures, and continue those debates they never quite finished the night before. Beginning with cocktails at 6, then dinner and dessert, the event will mark the last time delegates will meet until CPSSA 2013.

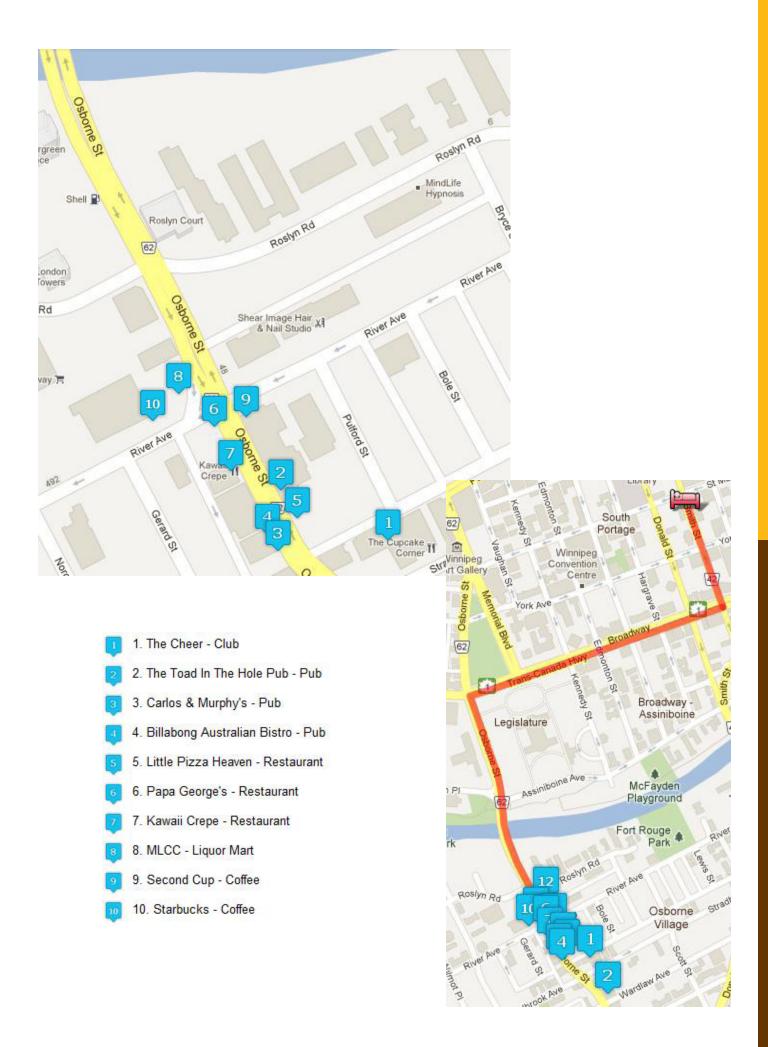
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This year's Winter Feature is:

"The Responsibility to Protect: A Cosmopolitan Argument for the Duty of Humanitarian Intervention"
by
Karina Sangha
University of Victoria, British Columbia

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Sincerely,

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