



## IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE October 12, 2007

Georgetown University Law Center  
McDonough Hall, Room 200  
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington DC, 20001

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction by Dean T. Alexander Aleinikoff

### **9:15 a.m. - Panel 1: *Immigration Law and International Human Rights***

This panel will address the opportunities that invocations of international human rights law have for the protection of foreign nationals' rights within the immigration system. The Refugee and Torture Conventions already play a substantial role in the framing of immigration law. This panel will focus particularly on the possibilities offered by other international human rights treaties and norms in advancing the rights of immigrants within the immigration law system.

Presenters: Ryszard Cholewinski, International Organization for Migration  
Lesley Wexler, Florida State University College of Law

Commenters: T. Alexander Aleinikoff, Georgetown University Law Center  
Andrew I. Schoenholtz, Georgetown University Law Center

10:45 a.m. Break

### **11:00 a.m. - Panel 2: *The Rights of Noncitizens Beyond Our Borders***

As Guantanamo illustrates, the rights of foreign nationals outside U.S. borders is a particularly contentious subject. This panel will discuss whether international human rights law, broadly conceived, offers greater protection to foreign nationals when they come into contact with the force of U.S. law, and whether developing concepts in international human rights might have some impact on the question of what constitutional rights, if any, foreign nationals outside the United States should be granted. Questions to be addressed could include whether, when, where, and to what extent constitutional and human rights should protect noncitizens outside the United States where they are nonetheless in some way subject to U.S. government authority. The principal focus will be on detainees at Guantanamo, Bagram Air Force Base, and elsewhere. In addition, we hope that panelists will discuss the extent to which the "war" paradigm is implicated, and its effect on human rights norms.

Presenters: Sarah H. Cleveland, Columbia Law School  
Gerald L. Neuman, Harvard Law School

Commenters: David A. Martin, University of Virginia School of Law  
Michael J. Wishnie, Yale Law School

12:30 Lunch

### **2:00 p.m. - Panel 3: *A Comparative Approach to Human Rights and Immigration Law***

This panel asks what U.S. law might learn from the experiences of other nations in reconciling their sovereign right to control their borders with the notion that foreign nationals are human beings entitled to the basic protections of human rights. This panel will focus particularly on the application of international human rights to noncitizens in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Presenters: Catherine Dauvergne, University of British Columbia Faculty of Law  
Raza Husain, Matrix Chambers, London

Commenters: Sharryn J. Aiken, Faculty of Law, Queen's University  
David D. Cole, Georgetown University Law Center

3:30 p.m. Break

### **3:45 p.m. - Panel 4: *Human Rights Strategies for Advancing Immigrants' Rights***

Much of human rights groups' strategy takes place outside the courts. In many countries, this is a necessity, because the courts are entirely inhospitable. This panel will focus on strategies and tactics employed by human rights nongovernmental organizations to expand legal protections for non-citizens outside of litigation—through public education, international fora, organizing, public shaming, and the like.

Presenters: Don Flynn, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)  
Fernando Garcia, Border Network for Human Rights  
Michelle Brané, Women's Commission on Refugee Women and Children  
Paul Hoffman, Amnesty International

Commenter: Lucas Guttentag, American Civil Liberties Union

5:15 p.m. Closing Remarks by David D. Cole and Andrew I. Schoenholtz

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