

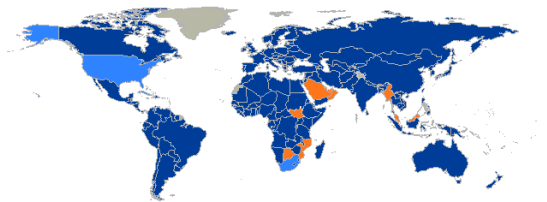
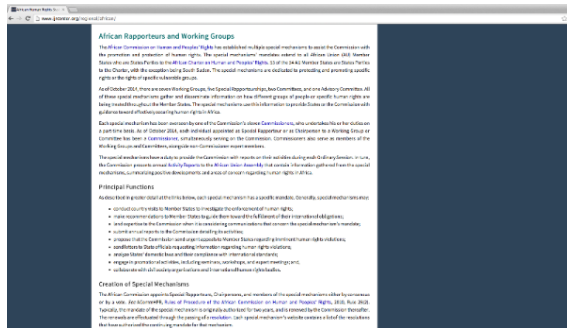
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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER



We are pleased to share our news and updates with you. Read on for the details of the International Justice Resource Center's new tools and activities. As always, we invite you to [share your suggestions](#) with us.



NEW RESOURCES ON REGIONAL MECHANISMS

NEW THEMATIC RESEARCH GUIDES ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN & LGBTI PERSONS

The Online Resource Hub now features

New additions to the Online Resource Hub

new explanations of the African and Inter-American special mechanisms, individuals and groups appointed to monitor and report on specific human rights topics. These special mechanisms cover a wide range of human rights issues and contribute to the development of human rights standards in their regions. Learn more about the special procedures of the [African](#) and [Inter-American](#) systems.

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NEW HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER INTERVIEWS

We are pleased to share two new video interviews with human rights practitioners.

[Roxanna Altholz](#), Associate Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at UC Berkeley School of Law, discusses her career in international human rights advocacy, the work of the clinic, and her advice for aspiring human rights lawyers.

[Cesare Romano](#), founding Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at Loyola Law School, describes his career as a scholar and practitioner and the clinic's projects, including a new database of

include two thematic research guides, on Women's Rights and on the rights of LGBTI persons (concerning the rights associated with sexual orientation and gender identity). These guides take a global look at the international standards, jurisprudence, common violations, and enforcement mechanisms relevant to these two vulnerable groups. Visit the [Thematic Research Guides](#) page to see these and other guides.

[Read the New Guides](#)



REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NEWS

The IJRC News Room has covered many of the significant recent developments at the regional human rights bodies.

In the **Americas**, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights released a report detailing the history and impact of its [friendly settlement procedure](#), and held [hearings](#) on a wide range of human rights concerns throughout the hemisphere. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights

judgments by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

[Watch the Interview Series](#)



DEVELOPMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Over the past two months, the United Nations human rights bodies have been engaged in various activities, including developing new standards and reviewing current State practices.

Fourteen countries' human rights practices were scrutinized during the most recent [Universal Periodic Review](#) session.

The UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries is urging the international community to enact [enhanced regulation of private security companies](#), following the conviction of Blackwater security guards for the Nisour Square killings.

In [three new general comments](#), UN human rights treaty bodies clarified

held Guatemala responsible for its failure to adequately investigate the killing of a human rights defender, found that the [Dominican Republic's](#) mass expulsion of people of Haitian descent violated multiple human rights, and advanced in its processing of several cases during its [105th Session](#). Through a new advisory opinion and a country visit, the Inter-American human rights bodies clarified the rights of [migrant children](#).

In **Europe**, the European Court of Human Rights issued judgments concerning extra-territorial application of the European Convention on Human Rights to the actions of [British soldiers](#) in Iraq, [Ukraine's](#) detention of a political protester, the privacy rights of medical patients in [Russia](#), the right to language interpretation during criminal proceedings in [Turkey](#), and the use of military polling stations during elections in [Azerbaijan](#).

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States' obligations with regard to detention, harmful practices affecting women and girls, and the rights of refugee and stateless women.

A new [International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#) recognizes the growing trend of violence against journalists.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Working Group on Arbitrary Detention have urged Venezuela to release political prisoners, including [Leopoldo Lopez](#).

[UN Climate Summit 2014](#) yielded some political commitments to address climate change and prompted action by hundreds of thousands of advocates and supporters.

The [Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) examined the impact of digital media on childhood and reviewed six States' implementation of their obligations concerning children's human rights.

The UN Human Rights Council has requested an investigation into human rights abuses committed by the [Islamic State](#) and associated groups in Iraq.

The [First World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#) brought indigenous peoples, civil society, and UN Member States together to discuss perspectives and best practices on the realization of indigenous peoples' rights.



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW UPDATES

The **International Criminal Court** opened a second investigation into violence in the [Central African Republic](#).

In South Africa and Argentina, national authorities have initiated proceedings with a view to prosecuting those responsible for human rights abuses in Spain and Zimbabwe, through the exercise of [universal jurisdiction](#).

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A new UN report details human rights abuses by militias in the ongoing armed conflict in [Libya](#).

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WE'RE HIRING!

The International Justice Resource Center is now accepting applications for a new staff attorney to join our team. The selected candidate will play an integral role in IJRC's provision of information, guidance, and training in international human rights advocacy to victims and advocates around the world.

We are also accepting applications for International Human Rights Law Fellowships to begin in the second half of 2015.

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WELCOME, TATIANA!

IJRC is pleased to welcome new law fellow, Tatiana Sainati. Tatiana holds a joint J.D. and LL.M. in international and comparative law from Duke University School of Law, where she graduated Order of the Coif and served on the Editorial Board of the *Duke Law Journal*. Prior to joining IJRC, Tatiana served as Legal Adviser to Judge Rosemary Barkett on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. She is the author of *Human Rights Class Actions: Rule 23 and the Pilot Judgment Procedure at the European Court of Human Rights*, which is forthcoming in the Winter 2014 volume of the *Harvard International Law Journal*, as well as a Note, *Towards a Comparative Approach to the Crime of Genocide*, which was published in the *Duke Law Journal*.

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PANEL DISCUSSION ON RACE DISCRIMINATION

In October, IJRC was pleased to co-

San Francisco

Human Rights Night



HUMAN RIGHTS NIGHT 2014

On December 10th, IJRC will be hosting our third annual Human Rights Night. Together with Human Rights Advocates, Amnesty International, the Bay Area International Link, and the Public International Law Committee of the International Law Section of The State Bar of California, we invite you to connect with human rights defenders from around the Bay Area, learn about current advocacy initiatives, and raise a glass to human rights!

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sponsor a panel discussion organized by Human Rights Advocates entitled "From Oakland to Ferguson: Stories from lawyers challenging racial discrimination in the U.S. criminal justice system."

[See the Flyer](#)



INTERNATIONAL LAW HAPPY HOUR

On November 5th, IJRC joined with the American Society of International Law's New Professionals Interest Group and the Public International Law Committee of the International Law Section of The State Bar of California to host an international law professionals' happy hour in San Francisco. A diverse crowd of new and experienced practitioners and J.D. and LL.M. students attended.

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