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NEWSLETTER

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



Proving Genocide: the Karadzic Conviction

Together with local organizations, IJRC organized a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the landmark



Upcoming Training: Migrants' Human Rights

We are thrilled to announce an exceptional line-up of speakers for our September 23rd training on the human rights of migrants. These experts will review current, pressing challenges around migrants' legal representation, migrant workers' rights, detention and

conviction of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic on July 28. A former attorney with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and a forensic investigator for international criminal tribunals discussed the evidence and legal basis of Karadzic's responsibility for the genocide in Srebrenica.

[See the Program](#)



Forced Sterilization Brief

In May, IJRC submitted an *amicus curiae* brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, together with the International Human Rights Clinic at Santa Clara University, in the case of *I.V. v. Bolivia*. While in the hospital to give birth, I.V. was permanently sterilized without her consent. We urged the Court to apply a holistic analysis in cases of forced sterilization, to expand on its analysis of the right to dignity and find a violation of that right in this case, and to order Bolivia to ensure medical professionals receive proper training on informed consent and the human rights of women. We eagerly await the Court's ruling.

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raids, and access to asylum and other protections. They will guide participants in applying human rights norms, advocacy opportunities, and strategies to these problems with a view to enhanced effectiveness and collaboration in their advocacy efforts.

[See the Agenda](#)



Human Rights News

At the United Nations, the Human Rights Council made the long-awaited decision to establish an expert focused on violence and [discrimination against LGBT persons](#).

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention concluded that China is [wrongfully detaining](#) an American accused of spying.

Australia must not exclude [deaf people](#) from serving on juries, the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recently determined.

The World Health Organization issued new guidelines on the rights-based treatment of [FGM survivors](#).

During the first World Humanitarian Summit, participants adopted a [Charter on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#).

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights announced a severe [financial crisis](#) immediately impacting its work.



Summer Interns

This summer, we were pleased to welcome Shenel Ozisik and Saira Yusuf to the IJRC team. Shenel is pursuing a J.D. from Duke University School of Law and holds a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego, where she completed the International Studies program with highest honors. While attending UC San Diego, she volunteered for programs promoting educational access within low income communities and became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating, Shenel worked as the first native English teacher in several schools in the Piedmont, Italy region.

Saira Yusuf is currently a senior at the Nueva School in San Mateo. IJRC's first high school intern, Saira graduated from The International School in Palo Alto and is fluent in French and Spanish and conversational in Arabic. She is the founder of GOAL! (Go Out and Lead!), an organization working with girls in the Mathare Slums of Nairobi, Kenya. She is passionate about human rights and law and hopes to pursue a similar career in the future.

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The Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hear a case involving the "[false positives](#)" killings phenomenon in Colombia.

In new decisions, the European Court of Human Rights addressed the rights of [LGBT migrants](#), and held that psychiatric treatment is necessary to give prisoners serving [life sentences](#) a chance of release.

The European Committee of Social Rights found Ireland's accommodation of [travellers](#) to be inadequate.

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights held that Botswana's use of [hanging](#) was cruel punishment.

The son of former Libyan ruler Muammar [Gaddafi](#) must not be held in secret detention, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights held.

The East African Court of Justice directed the East African Community to investigate Tanzania's [expulsion of migrants](#).

Crises in [Venezuela](#), [South Sudan](#), [Syria](#), [Turkey](#), and [Ukraine](#), as well as [gun violence](#) in the United States, drew the condemnation of human rights bodies.

In Argentina, a court issued the first conviction of a former head of state in connection with [Operation Condor](#).

See our posts on activities in [May](#), [June](#), and [July](#) for an overview of sessions and hearings held by regional and UN human rights bodies.

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Do you run into persistent problems in researching or using international human rights protections that IJRC could help solve?

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International Criminal Law

The International Law Commission adopted new articles toward a draft treaty on [crimes against humanity](#).

Former Bosnian Serb leader [Radovan Karadzic](#), convicted in March for the genocide in Srebrenica, has announced he will appeal.

A new study from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia examines the long-term impact of testifying on [victim-witnesses](#).

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