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#### Professor Sally Engle Merry

Director of the Law and Society Program  
Professor of Anthropology  
New York University

Thursday, September 24, 2009  
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SALLY ENGLE MERRY is the director of the Law and Society Program and professor of anthropology at New York University. She is the past president of the Law and Society Association and the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology. In 2007, she received the Kalven Prize of the Law & Society Association, an award that recognizes a significant body of scholarship in the field.

Professor Merry's work explores the role of law in the colonizing process, in contemporary transnationalism and in urban life in the U.S. Her recent books are: *Colonizing Hawai'i: The Cultural Power of Law* (Princeton Univ. Press, 2000), which received the 2001 J. Willard Hurst Prize from the Law and Society Association, *Human Rights and Gender Violence: Translating International Law into Local Justice* (University of Chicago Press, 2006), and *Gender Violence: A Cultural Perspective* (Blackwells 2008). She has also recently published articles on women's human rights, violence against women, and the process of localizing women's human rights.