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9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

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The UN and Regional Systems' Legal Framework on Torture

This training seminar is designed to familiarize policymakers, judges, lawyers, advocates and academics with the obligations established under international law concerning torture as well as with the organs and procedures relevant to the prohibition of torture. Anticipated speakers include individuals from the UN, including the UN Committee Against Torture, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and other leading experts in the field.

SPEAKERS AND PANEL TOPICS

9:30 – 9:50 Registration

9:50 – 10:00 Welcome Remarks by Dean Claudio Grossman, WCL, UN Committee Against Torture Vice Chair

10:00 – 12:00 THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

Leading experts will discuss both substantive and procedural issues related to the United Nations Committee Against Torture, including provisions concerning individual grievances, the State Party reporting system, and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The panel will explore related jurisprudence, the prohibition of rendition to torture, and the practice of diplomatic assurances, among other “hot topic” issues. Panelists will also consider the CAT’s impact in terms of the effort to eliminate torture across the globe.

Speakers: **Felice Gaer**, Member and Vice Chair, UN Committee Against Torture; Director of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights; and Vice Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom; **Viviana Krsticevic**, Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) Washington (Invited); **Fernando M. Mariño Menéndez**, Chairman, UN Committee Against Torture; and Professor and Chair in Public International Law, Faculty of Juridical and Social Sciences, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain; **Joao M. Nataf**, Human Rights Officer, UN Committee Against Torture Secretariat

Moderator: Dean **Claudio Grossman**, WCL, Vice Chair, UN Committee Against Torture

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:15 THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM'S LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON TORTURE

This expert panel will examine the framework to eliminate torture under the Inter-American system. Panelists will discuss the procedures and jurisprudence of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as pressing issues and key legal instruments such as the Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture and the Commission’s Report on Terrorism and Human Rights.

Speakers: **Elizabeth Abi-Mershed**, Principal Human Rights Specialist, IACHR; **Florentín Meléndez**, Commissioner, IACHR; **Rick Wilson**, Professor of Law and Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic, WCL
Moderator: **Santiago Canton**, Executive Secretary, IACHR

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:30 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

This panel of experts will discuss a range of issues involving international humanitarian law including the definitions of torture and “other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment” (CID) by various war crimes tribunals and under international law, how those definitions differ from the definitions under the human rights treaties addressed in the earlier panels, relevant jurisprudence, and the prohibition of torture/CID from a military perspective including issues of command responsibility and interrogation.

Speakers: **Verónica Gómez**, Human Rights Specialist, IACHR; **Susana SáCouto**, Director, War Crimes Research Office, WCL; **Dr. Gary D. Solis**, Visiting Professor of Law, U.S. Military Academy

Moderator: **Diane Orentlicher**, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, WCL

5:30 – 6:30 CLOSING RECEPTION