



The UN and Regional Systems' Legal Framework on Torture

MARCH 3, 2006
9:30 AM –6:30 PM, ROOM 603

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.

- 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**
- 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, UN Committee Against Torture Vice Chair
- 12:00 – 1:30** **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 3:15** **The Inter-American System's Legal Framework On Torture**
- 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**
- 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**

To RSVP or for more information please contact:
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079 E-mail: secl@wcl.american.edu
Website www.wcl.american.edu/secl