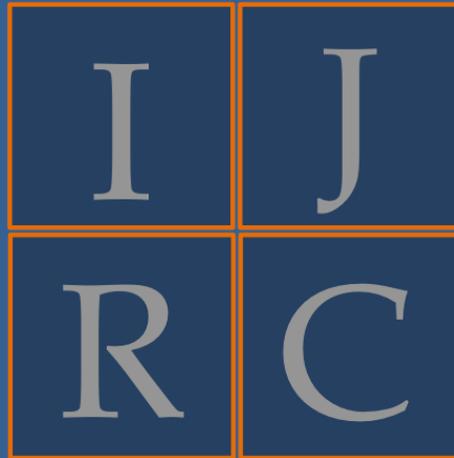


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NEWSLETTER

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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.



WELCOME, AYA!

IJRC is pleased to welcome new Staff Attorney, Aya Fujimura-Fanselow. Aya will be taking the lead on implementing projects in IJRC's three program areas: the Online Resource Hub, Advocacy Support, and Trainings.

Aya has extensive experience as a human rights practitioner and has worked with organizations around the world, including the Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE), International Center for Transitional Justice, and Center for Reproductive Rights. She was a Crowley Fellow and adjunct professor at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School, where she taught and led students in investigating the excessive use of pretrial detention in Bolivia. Aya is a graduate of Fordham Law School and Bryn Mawr College.

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REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NEWS

The IJRC News Room covers significant developments at the regional human rights bodies. Recent stories are summarized below.

In the **Americas**, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its [107th regular session](#), and issued [new judgments](#) addressing forced disappearances and the length of criminal proceedings. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights issued a detailed report on murdered and missing [indigenous women in Canada](#).

A number of human rights bodies responded to [killings by police in the United States](#), and called for the investigation and [prosecution of torture](#) disclosed in a Senate report on the CIA's detention and interrogation program. In Guatemala, domestic courts convicted a former police chief for the 1980 [attack on the Spanish embassy](#) in Guatemala City, but [suspended the genocide trial](#) of former dictator José Efraín Ríos Montt.

In **Europe**, the European Court of Human Rights issued judgments concerning [journalists' use of hidden cameras](#), the [rights of adoptive parents](#) in surrogacy arrangements, and the Netherlands' responsibility for a man's death at a [military checkpoint in Iraq](#). The European Court of Justice [rejected a draft agreement](#) for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights.

In **Africa**, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights issued a judgment concerning Burkina Faso's [criminal defamation law](#) and a victim of



[extraordinary rendition](#) sought the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights' reconsideration of his complaint against Djibouti.

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DEVELOPMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations human rights bodies have been engaged in various activities, including developing new standards and reviewing current State practices.

A UN Working Group advanced its development of a [Declaration on the Right to Peace](#), and the landmark [Arms Trade Treaty](#) entered into force. At the [Lima Climate Change](#) Conference, some progress was made toward an agreement on climate change. In January, the UN also launched the [International Decade for People of African Descent](#).

During its 28th regular session, the [UN Human Rights Council](#) considered a number of human rights issues, including racial discrimination, conflict situations, and the rights of children.

At the January session of the [Universal Periodic Review](#) Working Group, 14 States' overall human rights records were reviewed by their peers.

UN treaty bodies including the [Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#), [Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#), [Committee on Enforced Disappearances](#), and the [Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) were in session to review States' human rights practices in these thematic areas.



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW UPDATES

The [Special Tribunal for Lebanon](#) continues its work, following a three-year extension of its mandate.

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court decided to [withdraw the charges against Uhuru Kenyatta](#), the current President of Kenya, who was accused of having committed crimes against humanity.

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INTERNATIONAL CAREERS PANEL

On March 10, IJRC's Executive Director, Lisa Reinsberg, spoke on a panel focused on international careers. The event, [International Careers: Explore the World As You Work](#), was held at the Commonwealth Club of California and featured professionals from diverse sectors.

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WELCOME, CLARISSA!

IJRC is pleased to welcome new legal intern, Clarissa Choy. Clarissa is a second-year student at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she is pursuing a Social Justice Concentration and participates in the Hastings-to-Haiti Partnership. Clarissa is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego.

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