



Advancing the field of International Human Rights Law



**"The IHRP taught me more
about human rights law
than any other course"**

— Ryan Liss, JD 2011



**"The IHRP taught me how to
tell the story of human rights
violations both critically and
with sensitivity"**

— Sofia Ijaz, JD 2014



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Advocacy

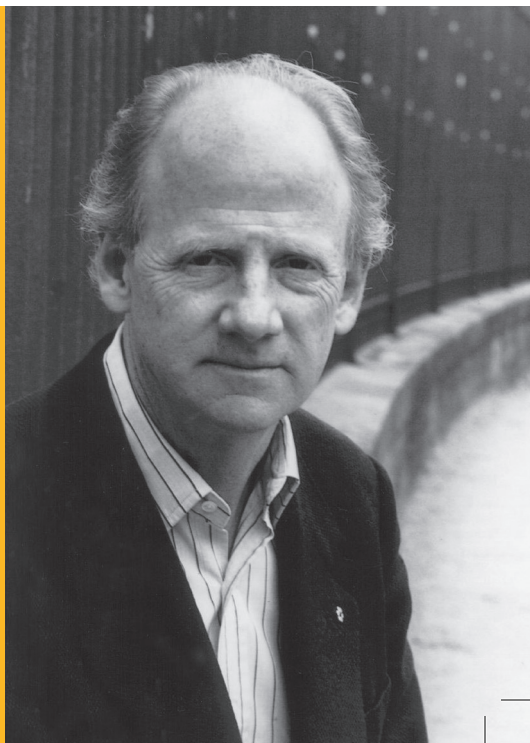
Through our award-winning clinic and volunteer working groups, the IHRP enhances the legal protection of existing and emerging international human rights.

- Successfully intervened in the Omar Khadr case before the Supreme Court of Canada
- Drafted fact-finding report that exposed Canada's treatment of prisoners with mental health issues; the report was relied upon by the UN to find that extended segregation of mentally ill prisoners is cruel, inhuman and degrading
- Assisted mining-affected communities to understand their rights through publication of plain language guides
- Filed complaint to the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of 13 Roma families alleging gross violations of human rights; obtained financial compensation from Romanian government and commitment to implement measures to prevent discrimination
- Successfully brought an international human rights perspective to litigation that held the government of Kenya accountable for sexual violence against girls

IHRP clinic students provided a rigorous legal analysis of the Mexican government's complicity in rights violations against journalists. I have referred to the resulting report in newspaper articles, correspondence with heads of state, and at public speaking events.

John Ralston Saul

*President, PEN International
Canadian author and essayist*



“My IHRP internship nearly 25 years ago opened doors for my eventual career in international human rights law.”

Diane Goodman, *Deputy Representative,
UN Refugee Agency, Nepal*



Capacity-Building

The IHRP provides future lawyers with experiential learning opportunities that emphasize intellectual rigour, ethics, and professionalism. Our alumni have gone on to careers at international courts, NGOs, the UN, and academic institutions.

The IHRP has sent over 300 summer interns to organizations around the world, including the International Criminal Court, UN Women, Human Rights Watch, and grassroots NGOs on every continent.

Knowledge Exchange

The IHRP disseminates knowledge about human rights to students, academics, NGOs, government, and the private sector.

- Responded to dozens of requests from refugee lawyers for comprehensive briefs on persecution of sexual minorities in countries around the world
- Partnered with the International Red Cross to make international humanitarian law more accessible to lawyers, military officials, and academics
- Expanded database of resources for women's human rights defenders in the Global South

“It was incredible to conduct human rights research in Sri Lanka after my first year of law school - the IHRP allowed me to meaningfully engage on issues I have cared deeply about since I was a child.”

– Dharsha Jegatheeswaran,
JD 2015



Flexible & Responsive

The freedom to pursue a diversity of projects without thematic restriction allows the IHRP to respond quickly to changes in the Canadian and international landscape and provides students with a well-rounded view of international human rights advocacy.

The IHRP has an established track record advancing the rights of refugees, prisoners, sexual minorities, women, communicators, and mining-affected communities, both in Canada and abroad.

“The IHRP is one of the hallmarks of the Faculty’s focus on international law, and I am so proud that it continues to grow and expand in ways that impact both our students and global society.”

Mayo Moran
Dean 2006-2014, Faculty of Law

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