PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, 13 JUNE

8:30 AM-10:00 AM  REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:30 AM  WELCOME

   JONATHAN CRYSTAL, Associate Vice President and Associate Chief Academic Officer, Fordham University
   MELISSA LABONTE, Associate Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Fordham University
   KURT MILLS, Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow

10:30 AM-12:00 PM  OPENING ROUNDTABLE

   Have We Reached Peak Human Rights?

   Moderator:  KURT MILLS, Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
   Speakers:  SEYLA BENHABIB, Eugene Mayer Professor of Political Science and Philosophy, Yale University
              STEPHEN HOPGOOD, Professor of International Relations and Co-Director, Centre for the International Politics of Conflict, Rights, and Justice, SOAS University of London
              SAMUEL MOYN, Professor of Law and History, Harvard Law School

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM  LUNCH

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM  CONCURRENT PANELS

   M01 – The Social Practice of Human Rights
   M02 – Ambiguity and Norm Development in Human Rights
   M03 – The UPR under Review: Assessing its Performance So Far and Looking to the Future
   M04 – Contesting LGBTQI Rights
   M05 – Human Dignity – Philosophical Justification and Institutional, Intergenerational, and Intercultural Challenges
   M06 – The Ethics and Politics of Migration
   M07 – Globalization, Ambiguity, and the Decline of Human Rights?
   M08 – Minority and Indigenous Rights

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  Opening Keynote

   Chair:  JEFFREY FLYNN, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fordham University
   Keynote:  BERTRAND RAMCHARAN, former Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights and former Director of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  COCKTAIL RECEPTION
TUESDAY, 14 JUNE

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  PLENARY KEYNOTE

Human Rights and Global Health Crises

Chair: tbd
Keynote: ELIN GURSKY, Senior Programme Officer, UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on the Response to Global Health Crises

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  CONCURRENT PANELS

TA01 – Scholarship, Conflict, and Human Rights: The Experience of the Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund
TA02 – Rights & Resilience: Human Rights Education and Contested Knowledge Production
TA03 – Renegotiating Sexual Rights
TA04 – The Human Rights Council at 10: Has it Lived Up to its Promise?
TA05 – A Climate of (In)Justice? A Human Rights-Based Approach to Climate Change
TA06 – Contesting the Universality and Indivisibility of Human Rights?
TA07 – The EU's Commitment to Human Rights: Between Ambition and Ambiguity
TA08 – On the Ambiguity of Recognizing and Claiming the Right to Health

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  LUNCH

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  CONCURRENT PANELS

TB01 – Conflict, Contestation, Resistance, and Legitimacy: The Ambiguous Implementation of the International Criminal Court
TB02 – Constructing, Contesting, and Challenging Human Rights in Africa
TB03 – Human Rights in Theory
TB04 – Outsourcing Human Rights to Non-State Actors
TB05 – Climate Rights and Climate Wrongs
TB06 – Business, Trade, and Human Rights
TB07 – Evaluating the Ambiguous Practice of the European Court of Human Rights
TB08 – The Politics of Human Rights in International Organizations

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  COFFEE BREAK

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM  PLENARY KEYNOTE

Gender and Human Rights

Chair: ZEHRA ARAT, Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut
Keynote: GAYNEL CURRY, Gender and Women’s Rights Advisor, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM   COFFEE

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM   PLENARY ROUNDTABLE

Human Rights and the Global Migration Crisis

Chair: DANIEL WHELAN, Associate Professor of Politics & International Relations, Hendrix College
Panelists: KINGSLEY MAMABOLO, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations (INVITED)
          NORAH NILAND, Research Associate, Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding, The Graduate Institute, Geneva and former staffer, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
          ALEXANDER VAN TULLEKEN, Helen Hamlyn Senior Fellow, Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs, Fordham University

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM   COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM-12:30 PM   CONCURRENT PANELS

WA01 – Ambiguous and Uncertain Human Rights in an Age of Terror (part I)
WA02 – Confronting Human Rights Violations in Africa
WA03 – Investigating Economic and Social Rights
WA04 – Exploring the Dynamics of Transitional Justice, Reconciliation, and Healing
WA05 – From Syria and Europe and All the Spaces in Between: Contesting, Containing, and Securitizing Refugees
WA06 – Human Rights and Education
WA07 – Understanding the Dynamics of Compliance with and Resistance to Human Rights

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM   LUNCH

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM   CONCURRENT PANELS

WB01 – Ambiguous and Uncertain Human Rights in an Age of Terror (part 2)
WB02 – The Media and Human Rights
WB03 – The Curious Politics of the Responsibility to Protect
WB04 – Constructing and Critiquing the Refugee Regime
WB05 – The Human Rights of Women and Girls
WB06 – Evaluating the UN Human Rights Council
WB07 – Human Rights and Democratization

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM   COFFEE BREAK
Practitioner Roundtable

Chair: ELISABETH WICKERI, Executive Director, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, Fordham University

Participants: DAISY KHAN, Women’s Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE) and member, Muslim Advisory Council to the NYPD
STEPHEN LAMONY, Senior Advisor for AU, UN, and Africa Situations, Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) (INVITED)
VANESSA TUCKER, Vice President for Analysis, Freedom House
BRUNO STAGNO UGARTE, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy, Human Rights Watch (INVITED)

6:00 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

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