# Colloque sur la 70e anniversaire de la DUDH – Symposium on the 70th UDHR Anniversary Où est la DUDH à son 70e anniversaire dans le monde et au Canada ? Where is the UDHR at its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the World and in Canada?

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# Conférenciers/Panelists et/and présentations

# **Key-Note:**

#### Mohammed Al-Shuwaiter

## "On the Role of the UDHR in My Life"

Mohammed is a legal researcher and consultant from Yemen. He holds an LLM in international law from the American University Washington College of Law, specialized in international humanitarian law and human rights. Mohammed has provided consulting services to a number of international organizations, including the UN and World Bank, on various topics pertinent to the MENA region, including countering violent extremism, violations of human rights, detention during the Yemen conflict, and the minimum legal age of marriage. Mohammed earned his law degree and first LLM in Islamic Jurisprudence in Yemen, where he worked as a constitutional consultant with the Rapporteur of the Constitutional Drafting Committee and as a legal researcher with the Ministry of Justice. For his advocacy, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship in law and human rights at the American University in Washington, DC. He came to Canada in 2018.

# **Conférenciers/Panelists:**

#### Darren O'Toole

#### "Reflections on Indigenous Peoples in Canadian Law"

Darren is an Associate Professor of Law who teaches Aboriginal Law, Indigenous Legal Philosophy, and Philosophy of Law. In addition to a JD and LLM, he holds a BA, MA and PhD in Political Science. He has maintained an interest in Canadian Politics, the History of Political Ideas, Political Economy, Methodology and Epistemology. A descendant of the Bois-Brûlé (Wiisakodewininiwag) of the White Horse Plains in Manitoba, who in 1870 foisted upon the nascent Dominion of Canada the first French common law jurisdiction in the British Empire, Professor O'Toole studied the common law in French at the Université de Moncton. His PhD dissertation analyses the "discourse" of the Métis Resistance in 1869-70 that reveals republican conventions in both speech and act. Professor O'Toole's published research has focused on the land claims of his Métis ancestors that led to the Manitoba Métis Federation v. Canada and Manitoba case. His current research explores the Anishinabek legal order, with his interest in Indigenous Law, focusing on relations with the land and self-determination, leading to an interest in legal anthropology and legal pluralism.

#### Zoé Boirin-Fargues

#### « Quelle place pour la DUDH dans la pratique des entreprises ? »

Zoé est doctorante en droit à l'Université d'Ottawa, sous la direction de la Professeure Sophie Thériault, en cotutelle avec l'Université Paris Sorbonne, sous la direction du Professeur Matthias Audit. Sa recherche porte sur la définition, par les managers d'entreprises minières au Canada, des obligations de leur entreprise en lien avec la consultation des peuples autochtones. Son projet vise plus précisément à comprendre comment ces managers naviguent entre les différentes normes qui composent leur environnement de travail.

## Julie Ynes Ada

# "Taking on Cultural Violence against Girls in Nigeria: The UDHR as a Useful Tool"

Julie is in her 2nd year of a PhD in Law at the University of Ottawa, under the supervision of Prof Mona Paré. Julie is a South African trained Lawyer who completed her first LLM in International Human Rights Law in 2013 at the University of Cape Town (South Africa), and earned a second LLM in Comparative Law in 2016 at McGill University. Julie's PhD research addresses violence against women and girls. She is currently a research assistant at the University of Ottawa and has worked on issues around disability and women's rights, comparative constitutional law, children's rights and environmental justice.

#### **Gloria Song**

# "What She Should Have Done: Moving beyond 'Serious Efforts' and 'Cookie Cutter' Analyses of domestic violence-based refugee claims from Guyana"

Gloria is a PhD student in law, working under Prof. Angela Cameron and Prof. Jackie Dawson as part of the Change and Economic Development in Arctic Canada research team at the University of Ottawa. She is also a senior analyst with Polar Knowledge Canada (formerly the Canadian Polar Commission) working in Arctic research policy and engagement. Previously, she practiced as a poverty lawyer for the Legal Services Board of Nunavut in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. In the past, she worked on access to justice issues in domestic violence at the Legal Assistance Centre's Gender Research and Advocacy Project in Windhoek, Namibia, as part of the Canadian Bar Association's Young Lawyers International Program, and continued researching these themes in Georgetown, Guyana, as the 2016 Governance and Justice research award recipient through the International Development Research Centre. After graduating with a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School, Gloria clerked at the Federal Court for the Hon. Mr Justice Leonard Mandamin, the first Indigenous judge on the federal bench. Gloria holds the Shirley Greenberg Scholarship in Feminist Law.

#### Preetima Pathak

## "Postpartum and Postnatal Care in Rural India; Special Reference to WHO Guidelines"

Preetima is a PhD student in Common Law working under Prof. Elizabeth Judge. Her research topic is Progress and potential of the Intergovernmental Working Group in accessibility of essential medicines to Low and Medium-Income Countries. Preetima is currently working on a Feminist perspective in analyzing the socio-legal causes for non-accessibility of health care during the postpartum and postnatal period in rural India with reference to the WHO guidelines. After graduating (BA and LLB Hons) from Utkal University, Odisha, India, she completed her LLM from Amity University, India, and thereafter she worked as a Paralegal in CPA Global, working alongside with Intel U.S. Attorney in drafting Patent Prosecutions. Preetima was also an Intake Advisor with Manitoba Start (Immigration Settlement Services) where she helped new immigrants in accessing services and in their job searches.

#### Aboubacar Dakuyo

#### « La relation entre la DUDH et les droits coutumiers du Soudan du Sud: tensions et possibilités »

Aboubacar est candidat au doctorat à l'Université d'Ottawa sous la direction du Prof. Pacifique Manirakiza. Son domaine d'intérêt général porte sur la mise en œuvre des mécanismes de justice transitionnelle dans les contextes de violations massives des droits de la personne. Ses recherches doctorales portent sur la mise en œuvre d'une approche transformative de la justice transitionnelle au Soudan du Sud. Aboubacar est titulaire d'une maîtrise en droit international (LLM) de l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQÀM) et d'une maîtrise en art (MA) en études du développement de l'Institut des hautes études internationales et du développement (IHEID) à l'Université de Genève. Au CREDP il coordonne le groupe de recherche sur les Outils juridiques de la Cour pénale internationale et est Assistant d'enseignement et de recherche du Prof. John Packer.

#### Veaceslav (Slava) Balan

# "Are the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals underpinned by the UDHR and the human rights of Indigenous Peoples, and will Indigenous Peoples be left behind?"

Veaceslav (Slava) is a human rights researcher and practitioner, originally from Moldova, now settled in Canada. During the last three years (2015-2018) Slava led the work of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Moldova. Before joining OHCHR in 2015, Slava worked with UN Women and UNDP in Moldova, as well as with Amnesty International in Moldova. In 2004-2007 Slava lectured at the Moldovan Academy of Public Administration. Slava holds a License in Law [equivalent of LLB] from Moldova State University (2000), an LLM in Comparative Constitutional Law from the Central European University (2002), and an LLM in Comparative Law from McGill University (2015). Slava's current areas of professional and academic interest include the UN human rights system, the human rights-based approach to development and law, and the protection of minorities. In September 2018 Slava started the PhD in Law at the University of Ottawa under the guidance of Prof. John Packer. Slava's research will examine whether the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda is based on and underpinned by international human rights standards.

Ce colloque est animé par / The Symposium is moderated by: John Packer, Directeur/or du/of the CREDP-HRREC et/and Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution in the Faculty of Law.