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COALITION CALENDAR

25-26 July Coalition Meeting: Climate Change and Human Rights

Don't forget to register for the Coalition meeting! Click [here](#) for the agenda and registration, as well as reports and videos on climate change and human rights to help you prepare for this important discussion.

Remote access: If you cannot attend in person, you can watch the plenary sessions [here](#). Recordings of the plenary sessions will also be made available on the Coalition's website. If you are interested in using the livestream to host a "satellite" Coalition meeting, please contact Theresa Harris at tharris@aaas.org for additional information and materials.

Executive Directors' Circle – 26 July, 8:30-10am

Executive Officers of the Coalition's member and affiliated organizations have been invited to participate in the Executive Directors' Circle which will include an update on the current 'future visioning' activities occurring within the Coalition and then turn to how best to leverage the unique strengths of the Coalition in addressing issues at the intersection of Human Rights and Climate Change. AAAS's (relatively) new COO, Celeste Rohlfing, will chair the meeting. Executive officers should contact Jessica Wyndham at jwyndham@aaas.org if they plan to attend.

Coalition Council Meeting – 26 July, 1-5pm

Representatives of Coalition member organizations will come together to further discussions and make decisions concerning key areas in the Coalition's 'future visioning' process, particularly with regard to Coalition structure and the pursuit of Coalition projects, designation of a 'head' (e.g., President or Chair), determination of a theme to guide Coalition action, and student engagement.

The next Coalition meeting is January 26-27, 2017: Save the date!

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Essay Competition winners announced

Congratulations to the winners of the third annual student essay competition. In total, 42 students from 10 different countries entered. [See the winners here](#). Through the support of the [AAAS-Andrew M. Sessler Fund for Science, Education and Human Rights](#), the winners have been offered travel stipends to attend the Coalition meeting. The winners also received a year of AAAS membership. Many thanks to the 26 judges who volunteered to help review the essays, and especially to Lucas Hackl for coordinating the process.

American Anthropological Association calls for systemic change in US public safety

Expressing "outrage, horror, and sadness," the AAA issued a [statement](#) calling for systemic changes within US society and especially within US public safety agencies. Drawing on the association's public education initiative, [RACE: Are We So Different?](#), the statement encourages the involvement of anthropology in reforms since "anthropology puts the spotlight on how to go from distrust, hatred and fear to understanding, appreciation and respect."

American Physical Society shares news about Omid Kokabee

Coalition Council member Michele Irwin recently shared [news](#) of Omid Kokabee's medical furlough with members of the American Physical Society. Kokabee, a recipient of the American Physical Society's [Andrei Sakharov Prize](#) and the AAAS [Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award](#), was granted a [medical furlough](#) following surgery.

ACTION ALERTS

Doctor released from prison still faces criminal charges

Physician and human rights defender Şebnem Korur Fincancı was released from prison in Turkey after having been arrested and charged with terrorism-related crimes after she participated in a press freedom campaign. Physicians for Human Rights has [called](#) for the charges to be dropped immediately. Fincancı helped develop the [Istanbul Protocol](#) and is credited with training a generation of doctors and scientists in forensic investigation of torture.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Day of General Discussion: "Children's Rights and the Environment"

The Committee on the Rights of the Child will hold its day of General Discussion on September 23, 2016, as part of the Committee's 73rd session at the United Nations office in Geneva, with the goal of identifying laws, policies, and practices that recognize the relationship between children's rights and the environment. [Written contributions](#) should be sent by July 31st. Learn more [here](#).

Public Comment on ICC Draft Policy on Children

The International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor [welcomes input](#) on its Draft Policy on Children, which will be published in November, 2016. The Office welcomes public comment on the draft. Such comments should be e-mailed to OTPLegalAdvisorySection@icc-cpi.int, no later than Friday, August 5, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Abstracts

AGU's [Thriving Earth Exchange](#) (TEX) and the Union of Concerned Scientists invite abstracts for a session at the 12-16 December 2016 AGU meeting: [Making an Impact: Stories, Tips, and Lessons Learned from Collaborating with Communities](#). The deadline for submitting a 250-word abstract is 3 August.

Trainings on human rights monitoring and evaluation

September 26-30, 2016: [Advanced Training on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights \(Geneva Academy\)](#)

November 16 - December 13, 2016: [Data Collection and Analysis for Project Monitoring and Evaluation \(Human Rights Education Associates\)](#)

Funding opportunities: US Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

[Internet Freedom Core Support for Anti-Censorship Technology](#)

[Internet Freedom Annual Program](#)

SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

New research on race, arrests, and use of force in the United States

The Center for Police Equity has released a new report, [The Science of Justice: Race, Arrests, and Use of Force](#). The study compares patterns of stops and the use of force across twelve departments participating in CPE's [National Justice Database](#) project, which uses an interdisciplinary, mixed-methods approach to understanding what produces racial inequality in complex systems.

Report of aggregate data on death toll from US drone strikes

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence [released a long-awaited report](#) on the aggregate number of deaths from drone strikes, including civilian deaths that have occurred outside of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Independent watchdog organizations have produced [consistently higher estimates](#).

UN human rights expert to monitor US political conventions, protests

Maina Kiai, a Kenyan lawyer and international human rights expert, is currently conducting a [16-day mission](#) across the United States in his role as United Nations special rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. His trip will include visits to cities that have experienced massive protests against police violence including Ferguson and Baltimore. He will also visit Cleveland and Philadelphia, host cities of the national political conventions.

The Special Rapporteur will share his preliminary findings at a press conference in Washington, DC, on 27 July, and then will present a final report to the UN Human Rights Council in 2017.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN Human Rights Council adopts resolutions on climate change, online freedoms

The UN Human Rights Council [adopted a resolution](#) on “the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet” (A/HRC/32/L.20), to ensure the same rights protected offline are also protected on the Internet. The High Commissioner will prepare a report on the gender gap in the right to internet use and access for the HRC in June 2017.

Brazilian government criticizes “controlled contact” with indigenous populations

Responding to [an editorial published in Science](#) by two anthropologists in 2015, experts from Brazil's Department of Indigenous Affairs [defended its policy](#) of monitoring indigenous populations against a call for “controlled contact” with increasingly isolated groups.

MUST-READ REPORTS

Record number of environmental activists murdered in 2015

A [new report](#) from Global Witness documents an alarming rise in the murder of environmental activists, which was double the rate for journalists last year.

Study shows mandatory drug treatment not effective, violates human rights

Researchers at Boston Medical Center [reviewed the global evidence](#) on the efficacy of mandatory drug treatment and found that not only was it an ineffective intervention, but also a human rights violation.

PEOPLE

Welcome and farewell to Coalition Council Representatives

Joseph C. Watkins has joined the Coalition as a representative of the American Mathematical Society. Joe is Professor of Mathematics and Chair of the Graduate Interdisciplinary Program in Statistics at the University of Arizona, where he has collaborated extensively with researchers in a variety of the life sciences, notably, genetics, biophysics, anthropology, bacteriology, entomology, and biochemistry. He has also served as an advisor to Amnesty International. Please welcome Joe to his first Coalition meeting in July.

The July meeting will be the last for Anju Khubchandani, who has represented the American Psychological Association on the Coalition Council. Anju has been awarded a scholarship to pursue an MSN/PhD in nursing at Johns Hopkins University. Many thanks, Anju, for your contributions to human rights and best wishes on your new career path!

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