News

Geospatial Project In the Spotlight
Researchers from the Geospatial Technologies and Human Rights project were featured by Physics Today, LiveScience, and German Public Radio, addressing topics from unusual buildings in China to evidence collection.

Coalition

Thank You
Thank you to our sponsors and all who participated in last week's Coalition meeting on children's rights, science, and technology. Materials will be posted shortly on the meeting site.

Sociologists Without Borders and the Science and Human Rights Coalition
Sociologists Without Borders has played a key part in the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition. A new article positively evaluates that role.

New Member
The Coalition welcomes the Association for Information Science and Technology as a Member of the Coalition. We look forward to working together!

Statistics: "Numbers Racket in Argentina"

On-Call Scientists

New On-Call Scientists Available
Welcome, new volunteers! On-Call Scientists now includes:

- A physician with experience in management of disaster-related emergency medical services

AAAS Events

AAAS Annual Meeting
February 14-16, 2013
Boston, MA

Science and Human Rights Coalition and Council Meeting
July 11-12, 2013
Washington, DC

Other Events

Symposium: Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights
February 8-9, 2013
Knoxville, TN

Course: Use of ICTs and Social Media for Human Rights Work
February 13 - April 30, 2013
Online

Discussion: Intellectual Property and Human Rights
February 21-22, 2013
Washington, DC

Course: Psychological Consequences of Migration and Asylum
March 6 - April 16, 2013 (Online)

Workshop: DNA, Human Rights, and Human Trafficking
March 20, 2013
Durham, NC

Course: Human Trafficking and Smuggling
April 17 - May 28, 2013
Online
- A geochemist studying environmental changes, fluent in French
- A forensic archaeologist with experience identifying missing persons
- An organic chemist studying CO2 capture, fluent in Hindi
- An ecologist with experience writing and reviewing environmental impact assessments

Could your human rights organization benefit from their expertise? In 2012, On-call Scientists connected human rights organizations with biologists, ecologists, physicians, psychologists, statisticians, anthropologists, engineers, computer scientists and more. Pro bono assistance ranges from one-off consultations to long-term projects. Find out more [here](#).

**Calls for Volunteers:**

Human rights organizations seek help creating online visualizations of data, including interactive maps that document human rights violations. They also seek advice from experts in cryptography. If you are interested in these projects and are suitably qualified, please volunteer [here](#).

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**Other News**

*Investigating the sale of surveillance equipment to Khadafi (FIDH)*

*CT Expert to Launch Inquiry into Civilian Impact of Drones (OHCHR)*

*US: Salary data on 1/3 of all adults up for sale (NBC)*

*US: School considers ownership over all student work (WashPost)*

*US: Trade Commission issues report on mobile privacy (FTC)*

*US: Facebook re-enables facial recognition as default setting (TNW)*

*Expert: Cloud services probably not used for spying (ITWorld)*

*Google: Government information requests increasing (TechWeek)*

*Google: Warrant required for Gmail searches (ArsTechnica)*

*Japan launches two new spy satellites (Yomiuri)*

**Course:** Health Sector Reform: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches, July 2013

International Human Rights Network

Galway, IE

**Resources**

Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations

Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights

Science and Human Rights Syllabi

Starter Kit: Helping Your Society Promote Human Rights

Organizations Defending the Human Rights of Scientists

Bibliography: Science and Human Rights

Partnerships: Scientists and Human Rights Organizations

**Reading List**

Disability-related questions for the United States (CHRUSP)

Framing Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights for Mobilization and Advocacy (Northeastern)

Understanding Human Rights (ETC)

Beyond Reasonable Doubt (Berkeley)

The Human Right to Water and Sanitation (Merkourios)

Health Care in Danger (ICRC)

Report on obligations relating to a safe, clean, healthy environment (OHCHR)

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