

COALITION CALENDAR

March 16: Can Statistics Help Us Better Understand Human Trafficking?

Davina Durgan, a senior researcher and statistician on the Global Slavery Index of the [Walk Free Foundation](#), an international human rights organization, will summarize the collaborative efforts of the Walk Free Foundation and its partners to evaluate the technical and statistical merits of potential methods of estimating human trafficking prevalence in the United States. More information and registration may be found [here](#).

Apr. 1-30: Call for Entries: Student Competitions

Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit entries for the 2017 Science and Human Rights Coalition's competitions. For both competitions, applications will be accepted between April 1 and April 30:

Essay Competition: Students are invited to submit an essay (up to 1,500 words) on any topic at the intersection of science and human rights. Rules and how to enter may be found [here](#).

Digital Media Competition: Students are invited to submit a creative work of digital media (videos, podcasts, games, apps) that explores the connections between science and human rights. Rules and how to enter may be found [here](#).

July 27-28: Save the Date! Coalition Meeting | Article 15

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition meeting in July will focus on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. Presentations will include updates on the Coalition's project to better define this right in international human rights discourse and opportunities for future involvement by Coalition members.

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

January Coalition Meeting Videos Now Online

Thank you to everyone who made the latest Coalition meeting a success! Videos of the sessions on the human right to water are now available [here](#). Additional materials, including meeting summaries, will be posted on the same website soon. *We encourage you to use the meeting videos and other materials for your own association or campus. Please contact the Secretariat if we can be of assistance.*

Coalition Responds to Executive Order on Travel

The AAAS released statements on [moves to halt public communications](#) by federal agencies and the [immigration and visa order](#) issued by President Trump on January 27, 2017. AAAS, with 160-plus other scientific, engineering, and academic organizations, [called on President Trump](#) to rescind the executive order on immigration and visas. Many Coalition member organizations have published their own statements responding to the executive order on travel:

- [American Anthropological Association \(AAA\)](#), 1/29/2017
- [American Association of Geographers \(AAG\)](#), 1/30/2017
- [American Chemical Society \(ACS\)](#), 1/30/2017
- [American Educational Research Association \(AERA\)](#), 1/30/2017
- [American Mathematical Society \(AMS\)](#), 1/30/2017
- [American Political Science Association \(APSA\)](#), (PDF) 1/30/2017
- [American Sociological Association \(ASA\)](#), 1/30/2017
- [American Statistical Association \(ASA\)](#), 1/31/2017
- [Society for the Study of Social Problems \(SSSP\)](#), (PDF) 2/02/2017

In addition, thousands of academics have [signed a petition](#) opposing the immigration executive order.

APA Releases Statement against Enhanced Interrogation

The American Psychological Association (APA) issued a [statement](#) to urge President Trump not to issue an executive order restarting the US Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) enhanced interrogation program.

LSA Emphasizes the Importance of Language Rights as Children's Rights

The Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Representative to the Coalition Michel DeGraff recently wrote an [article](#) discussing the effects of "linguistic apartheid" on children's rights in Haiti. The Kreyol [version](#) was published in Haiti's premier daily newspaper.

ACTION ALERTS

SAR Urges Support for Imprisoned Scholar of Disaster Medicine

Scholars at Risk (SAR) is [calling](#) for emails, letters, and faxes urging authorities to release and drop charges against Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali, an Iranian scholar of disaster medicine, who has been imprisoned in apparent connection to his international academic collaboration. Dr. Djalali, an Iranian-born resident of Sweden, who teaches at universities in Italy and Belgium, and whose work involves frequent scientific collaboration with Iranian universities, was arrested in April 2016 while visiting Iran to participate in a series of academic workshops and has been detained in prison since.

SAR Seeks Support for Sociologist and Human Rights Defender in India

Scholars at Risk (SAR) [calls](#) for emails, letters, and faxes to ensure the safety and well-being of Dr. Bela Bhatia, an honorary professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, who is facing retaliation for her peaceful activism. Dr. Bhatia has worked extensively on the indigenous Adivasi population of the Bastar district in Chhattisgarh, India, as well as in India's Maoist movement. In January 2017, Dr. Bhatia accompanied a National Human Rights Commission team to record the statements of Adivasi women who had accused Bastar police of rape and sexual assault and was subsequently threatened and asked to leave her home.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Feb. 22-March 3: US Visit of UN Expert on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, is conducting an official country visit to the US from February 22 to March 3, 2017. As part of this visit, the Special Rapporteur will attend a series of regional consultations to examine the situation of indigenous peoples in the US as it relates to energy issues and extractive industries. Information on how to register for these consultations and receive more details for each event, including a full agenda and specific locations and directions to the venue, may be found [here](#).

March 1: UN Seeks Input on Impact of Overincarceration

The Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights is seeking [input](#) for a report on the non-discrimination and protection of persons with increased vulnerability in the administration of justice with respect to the causes and effects of overincarceration and overcrowding, including with respect to juvenile justice.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Feb. 28 Deadline: Job Application for Director, Access to Medicines and Innovation

The Public Health Program (PHP) of the Open Society Foundations, which is focused on promoting democracy, accountability, and human rights, [seeks](#) a Director, Access to Medicines and Innovation, to be based in its New York office, to lead PHP's access to medicines and innovation work, providing strategic leadership and managing the advocacy, grantmaking, and movement building activities.

Job: Education Data Privacy & Security Fellow (New America)

The Higher Education Initiative of New America, a nonprofit, public policy institute, in consultation with New America's Open Technology Institute, a research and advocacy organization, seeks a [two-year fellow](#) to specialize in the intersection of technology, privacy, and post secondary education.

March 10 Deadline: Funding Opportunity: Humanitarian Research

The US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) is calling for [research concept notes](#) that address one of the following: (1) financial tools most effective and sustainable at different stages of humanitarian assistance for refugee populations; (2) the impact of statelessness on economic development; or (3) other compelling humanitarian research topic. After reviewing the concept notes, the PRM will invite select organizations to expand their submissions into full proposals with detailed budgets.

March 15: Abstracts Due for Business and Human Rights Conference

The Santa Clara University School of Law, the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University, the University of Washington School of Law, the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights, the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance, and the *Business and Human Rights Journal* are calling for [papers](#) to be discussed at the Third Business and Human Rights Scholars Conference, Sept. 15- 16, 2017 at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California. Conference participants will present and discuss scholarship at the intersection of business and human rights issues. Upon request, participants' papers may be considered for publication in the *Business and Human Rights Journal*.

March 17: Call for Proposals: Human Rights Research and Advocacy

The University of Dayton's Human Rights Center is [calling](#) for theoretical and applied research proposals from scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and advocates on a broad array of topics in human rights for a conference, "The Social Practice of Human Rights: Charting the Frontiers of Research and Advocacy," to be held Nov. 8–10, 2017.

Aug. 7-11: Summer School on Voting Rights for Mathematicians

Tufts University will hold a five-day program, [Geometry of Redistricting: Summer School](#), from Aug. 7-11, 2017 with the principal purpose of training mathematicians to be expert witnesses for court cases on redistricting and gerrymandering.

Aug. 21: Submission for Special Issue on Business and Human Rights

The *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* invites [submissions](#) for a special issue on research methods related to business and human rights (BHR) to be published in 2018. The special issue will focus on the interdisciplinary potential of BHR research by inviting contributions that develop new methods for research and analysis or pragmatically apply methods across academic disciplines.

SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

Physicians for Human Rights To Receive International Justice & Human Rights Award

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), an organization that uses forensic science, medicine and public health research to document crimes against humanity, will be [awarded](#) the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights at the University of Connecticut in November 2017. PHR was recognized for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines through [sharing of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize](#).

UN Human Rights Experts Comment on US Travel Ban

A group of United Nations (UN) human rights experts (the UN Special Rapporteurs on [migrants](#), François Crépeau; on [racism](#), Mutuma Ruteere; on [human rights and counter-terrorism](#), Ben Emmerson; on [torture](#), Nils Melzer; and on [freedom of religion](#), Ahmed Shaheed) issued a [statement](#)

through the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commission asserting that the Executive Order signed by US President Donald Trump on January 27, 2017, which places a temporary travel ban on nationals from seven-Muslim majority countries from entering the US, is a breach of US human rights obligations. The UN experts also commented on the Executive Order's stoppage of the US refugee program for 120 days, an indefinite ban on Syrian refugees, and the halting of the planned entry of more than 50,000 refugees in the US in fiscal year 2017. "In the midst of the world's greatest migration crisis since World War II, this is a significant setback for those who are obviously in need of international protection. The US must live up to its international obligations and provide protection for those fleeing persecution and conflicts," said the experts.

US Approves Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline

Robert Speer, the US Acting Secretary of the Army, announced to Congress the US government's decision to allow the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, which would transport crude oil across four states from North Dakota to Illinois, and said the government was prepared to offer the pipeline's owner a 30-year easement on a disputed patch of land, according to an [article](#) in the *New York Times*. In September 2016, the [UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples](#) called on US authorities to halt the construction of the pipeline on the grounds that it posed a significant risk to the drinking water of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and threatened to destroy their burial grounds and sacred sites. The move follows an order by US President Donald Trump for an expedited review of the pipeline.

Women in Data Science Conference Examines Human Rights Applications

The second annual conference of [Women in Data Science](#) (WiDS), a conference held in p with Stanford University and other technology-focused organizations, included presentations on human rights data. Megan Price, Executive Director at the [Human Rights Data Analysis Group](#), presented on her organization and its practices to show how data can be use in pursuit of solutions to social inequity.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Article Examines Human Rights and Data

As part of *openGlobalRights'* data and rights article series. Katie Kraska, an ethicist who focuses on rights-based policy approaches to people, animals, and the environment and an intern with the AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights, and Law program, discusses the importance of uniting human rights methodologies. The [article](#) discusses several approaches, including [the Human Rights Documentation Toolkit](#), which aims to provide a space for organizations to work out best practices for both new and old documentation methods in ways that respect and protect victims and their families, their stories and information, and the documenters themselves.

MUST-READ REPORTS

UN Global Impact Report Highlights Technology to Advance Human Rights

The United Nations Global Compact, a voluntary initiative between the UN, businesses, and civil society designed to advance principles in human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption as well as support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, has issued the [2017 Global Opportunity Report](#), which presents five global risks (cities disrupted by climate change, cyber threats, rising inequality, soil depletion, and unstable regions) and 15 new sustainable market opportunities that directly address them. Some key solutions cited were smart water technology, e-learning to conflict-affected areas, and increased use of digital technology, such as blockchain technology and artificial intelligence, to help combat cyber threats and rising inequality.

PEOPLE

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition welcomes the volunteer participation of Mary Cate Carroll, AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition member and member of the American

Sociological Association, as Associate Editor of the Coalition's monthly newsletter. Mary Cate is a recent graduate of New York University with an undergraduate degree in sociology and a minor in public health.

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