

COALITION CALENDAR

Speaker Announced: January 2017 Coalition Meeting

The next Coalition meeting, to be held Jan. 26-27, 2017 at AAAS headquarters in Washington, DC, will feature, [Marc Edwards, Professor of Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech](#), whose [research team](#) is volunteering time, resources, and expertise to help resolve scientific uncertainties associated with drinking-water issues in Flint, Michigan.

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Omid Kokabee Released from Prison in Iran

[Omid Kokabee](#), a physics doctoral student at the University of Texas and recipient of the 2014 [APS Andrei Sakharov Prize](#) and the 2014 [AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award](#), has been granted conditional parole after five years in Iran's Evin Prison.

SSSP Joins the Science and Human Rights Coalition

At the [66th Annual Meeting](#) of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), held in Seattle, Washington, the board voted to seek membership in the Coalition. SSSP representatives plan to attend the Coalition meeting in January 2017. [SSSP](#) is focused on promoting and protecting sociological research and teaching on significant problems of social life.

Human Rights Highlighted at Coalition Member Meetings

Recent meetings of Coalition member organizations highlighted science and human rights in sessions and symposia, including the Annual Convention of the [American Psychological Association](#), the Annual Meeting of the [American Sociological Association](#), the Annual Meeting of the [American Political Science Association](#), and the Joint Statistical Meetings of the [American Statistical Association](#).

Additionally, the [American Chemical Society \(ACS\)](#) organized a symposium entitled, “The Chemical Sciences and Human Rights” as part of the ACS National Meeting. This event featured speakers from the Committee of Concerned Scientists, Scholars at Risk, and members of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Council Dorothy Phillips and Jeff Toney.

Upcoming Webinar: Chemists, Human Rights, and Global Impact

The American Chemical Society (ACS) will hold a webinar, “Chemists Contributing to Human Rights: Enhancing Research, Teaching and Global Impact,” on October 13, 2016 at 5:00 P.M EDT. The webinar, part of the ACS Science and Human Rights series, will feature [Dr. Jeff Toney](#), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Kean University and the Coalition representative for [Sigma Xi](#). This presentation will focus on integrating human rights perspectives into chemists’ work that can enhance research and teaching by adding global impact to benefit humanity. Information to register may be found [here](#).

ACTION ALERTS

Scholars at Risk Seek Support in Turkey

Scholars at Risk, which works to protect threatened scholars and promote academic freedom around the world, has compiled [a list of actions](#) associations, academic institutions, and individuals can take to support scientists, engineers, and health professionals affected by the Turkish government's response to the attempted coup on July 15.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Impact of Terrorism on Human Rights, Deadline Sept. 25

The UN is calling for [contributions](#) related to best practices and major challenges in addressing the negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly the right to life, liberty and security of the person.

Biodiversity and Human Rights, Deadline Sept. 30

The Special Rapporteur in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is inviting [contributions](#) from all interested stakeholders for the preparation of an upcoming thematic report on biodiversity and human rights.

Rights of the Child, Deadline Oct. 17

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is seeking [contributions](#) for a report on the protection of the rights of the child in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Papers: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Disabilities

[Reproductive Health Matters](#), an international journal on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), invites articles that contribute to building a knowledge base that can inform policy and practice and offer a better understanding of the connection and intersection of SRHR and disability. The journal encourages original research articles and policy and human rights analysis as well as reviews, commentaries, viewpoints, and critical perspectives. Submissions will be accepted between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, 2016. Further information may be found [here](#).

Call for Papers: Health and Human Rights

Health and Human Rights Journal, a peer-reviewed, open-access journal under the editorship of Partners in Health that seeks to increase human rights knowledge in the health field, is seeking article contributions for three special sections to be published in 2017:

- [Abortion and Human Rights](#) with Guest Editors Alicia Ely Yamin, Paola Bergallo, and Marge Berer, publication: June 2017; submission deadline: Oct. 31, 2016
- [Romani Global Diaspora: Implementation of the Right to Health](#) with Guest Editors Jacqueline Bhabha, Margareta Matache, and Teresa Sordé Martí, publication: Dec. 2017; submission deadline: Feb. 28, 2017
- [HIV and Human Rights—Past, Present and Future](#) with UNAIDS Guest Editors Luisa Cabal and Patrick Eba, publication: Dec. 2017; submission deadline: Feb. 28, 2017.

The journal also welcomes general papers on health and human rights at any time, and all issues have a general (non themed) section. Please follow the links above for submission details and deadlines for the Special 2017 Sections; general submissions information is available [here](#).

Call for Abstracts and Papers: Human Rights in Global Health Governance

[Global Health Governance](#), an open-access, peer-reviewed, online journal that explores global health issues and their implications for governance and security at national and international levels, is calling for articles for a [special issue](#), to be published in the fall 2017, which will focus on the application of human rights frameworks in global health governance. The special issue seeks research, review, and commentary articles on three themes that define global governance for health by exploring human rights in the following: (1) the World Health Organization; (2) inter-governmental organizations; and (3) economic governance and funding agencies. Abstracts must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2016, and if accepted, articles are due by June 1, 2017.

Call for Nomination: Young Scientists Advancing Human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

The World Academy of Sciences Regional Office for Sub-Saharan Africa (TWAS-ROSSA) seeks to honor an outstanding young scientist who has made a major contribution to the advancement of human rights issues in sub-Saharan Africa through research and direct community interventions. The deadline for [nominations](#) is Sept. 30, 2016.

SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

The Innocence Project Uses DNA Evidence to Vacate 1988 Wrongful Conviction

With the consent of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, a New Jersey court vacated the 1988 rape conviction of Dion Harrell based on [new DNA evidence proving his innocence](#). In total, he wrongly served four years of an eight-year prison sentence and nearly 20 years on the sex-offender registry. A New Jersey law, enacted in November 2015, created a right for individuals who are no longer incarcerated to access post-conviction DNA testing.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NASA Scientist from Texas Arrested and Detained in Turkey

A scientist from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Serkan Golge, was reportedly arrested and is being detained in Turkey facing legal charges following the coup there, according to news sources. Golge, a US citizen and native of Turkey, was on holiday visiting family in Turkey at the time of his arrest, according to a report by the [American Institute of Physics](#) and [other news sources](#).

Mobile Phone Security Breach Targets Human Rights Activist

Ahmed Mansoor, a human rights activist from the United Arab Emirates, [received a malicious text message](#) that, if opened, would have enabled access to his text messages, emails, calls, contacts as well as recording sounds around him, collecting his passwords, and tracking his location. The Internet watchdog group, Citizen Lab, used the mobile security company, Lookout, to decipher the breach and related spyware.

Students Mobilize at International Human Rights Meeting

The recent EF Global Student Leaders Summit, a leadership conference held in the Hague, The Netherlands, explored the role of human rights in addressing global challenges. An [article](#) in the *Huffington Post* by one of the students attending the conference offered perspectives on the tools and knowledge necessary to make a difference in the areas of human rights and social justice.

READING LIST

Data's Role in Human Rights Advocacy Examined

A recent [article](#) in *Open Democracy* written by [Margaret L. Satterthwaite](#), Professor of Law at New York University and a member of the Coalition Steering Committee, examines the importance of the proper use of data measurement, methodology, and management in human rights advocacy.

Online Privacy Considered a Human Rights Issue

A recent [article](#) in the *International Journal of Law and Information Technology* examines the importance of online privacy both as a technical and an international human rights issue. The article asserts that Internet standards should not be seen as displacing or merely complementing international human rights law, but rather that technical standards and international law can actively inform one another.

Handbook for Human Rights Defenders Launched

The International Service for Human Rights, an international non-governmental organization that seeks to promote and protect human rights by supporting human rights defenders and strengthening human rights standards and systems, has issued [The Human Rights Defender Toolkit](#), a helpful resource that provides an overview of the existing legal and policy framework related to business and human rights as well as tools for strategic engagement with business stakeholders.

PEOPLE

Coalition Member Marks One-Year Anniversary of Death of Child Syrian Refugee

One year following the death of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi, a refugee who drowned near a Turkish beach as his family sought relief from the war in Syria, the refugee crisis in Syria continues. The image of a soldier holding the child became a symbol of the human suffering from the refugee crisis. In an [editorial](#), [Paul Slovic](#), founder and President of Decision Research, Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon, and Coalition member, explains how psychic numbing contributes to societal inaction and resolve.

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