



# 2024 HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

## Human Rights Institutions in the Middle East and North Africa: Promises and Perils

SEPT 19 | 11:30A-12:45P | UNO CPACS 132D

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Nineteen national human rights institutions (NHRIs) operate in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), with some dating back to the early 1990s and others emerging in the 2000s. UN endorsement and support aimed at advancing human rights through these state-funded and mandated bureaucracies has failed to safeguard human rights, serving at best as modest promoters and at worst as tools to justify regimes' authoritarian policies. Furthermore, regional intergovernmental organizations, notably the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, have demonstrated limited effectiveness for human rights promotion and protection. The most promising avenue for advancing human rights in the MENA continues to be in the empowerment of civil society actors and social movements. Through an analysis of institutional shortcomings and the potential of grassroots initiatives, this talk seeks to underscore the pivotal role of non-state actors in fostering meaningful progress in human rights protection and promotion within the MENA region.

## Latin American Contributions to Human Rights Law, from 1948 to Now

SEPT 26 | 11:30A-12:45P | UNO CPACS 132D

**Panelists:** Dr. Samuel Moyn, J.D., Chancellor Kent Prof. of Law and History, Yale University; Dr. Cristián Doña-Reveco, Assoc. Prof. of Sociology, UNO; Dr. Lana Obradovic, Assoc. Prof. of Political Science, UNO; Dr. Brett Kyle, Assoc. Prof. of Political Science, UNO. **Moderator:** Dr. Laura Alexander, Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies, UNO

In this human rights forum, a panel of experts will discuss how Latin American lawyers, diplomats, and activists have contributed to the development of human rights principles and law, from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the present time. This will be a lively discussion of the ups and downs of international human rights in the last 75 years, with a focus on Latin America.

## Humanitarian Law: Reducing Brutality in War Since the War on Terror

SEPT 26 | 7:00P-8:30P | UNO CEC 201/205/209

*Dr. Samuel Moyn, J.D., Chancellor Kent Prof. of Law and History, Yale University*

This year's Goldstein Lecture on Human Rights will reconstruct the origins of humanitarian law: the attempt to impose legal rules on the conduct of war with the goal of reducing war's brutality. From the start, some thinkers have worried that implementing laws of war would backfire, or even make war permanent. The talk will reflect on the implications of recent wars since 9/11/2001, examining whether these worries were misplaced or well-founded.

## Tours at the Samuel Bak Museum

SEPT 19, 26, 27, 1:00P | SEPT 26, 4:00P | SAMUEL BAK MUSEUM: THE LEARNING CENTER

Samuel Bak is an internationally celebrated artist and Holocaust survivor. The Samuel Bak Museum is offering additional tours for Human Rights Week. If you cannot attend, check their website for their regular tour schedule for guests of all ages.

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