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Luncheon Presentation



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12:30 – 2:00 pm 509 O’Brian Hall

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Closing Guantanamo Bay: A New Set of Human Rights Challenges



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Ms. Hall conducts global research and advocacy about the impact of counter-terrorism measures on human rights and civil liberties, with special emphasis on the erosion of the prohibition against torture, states' nonrefoulement obligation, and the growing use of diplomatic assurances against torture.

Ms. Hall is the author of several reports documenting the transfers of alleged terrorism and national security suspects to countries where they are at risk of torture and ill-treatment, including in the rendition context. She has served as an expert on this topic in cases before UN treaty-bodies, the European Court of Human Rights, the UK Special Immigration Appeals Commission, the Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar, and in US federal court, including on cases concerning the slated repatriation of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

Ms. Hall has been involved actively in the campaign to resettle Guantanamo Bay detainees who have been cleared for release but cannot be repatriated due to fears of risk of torture on return. In July 2008, she monitored the military commission of Salim Hamdan, Osama bin Laden's former driver, at Guantanamo Bay.

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