



**CANADIAN/ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN**

# HUMAN RIGHTS

**ENGAGEMENTS:** A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE LITERATURE AND A RESEARCH AGENDA

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**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
ROOM 2027 IKB

**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
FOUNDERS COLLEGE ASSEMBLY HALL

**Osgoode Hall Law School**  
**York University**  
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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Venue: Faculty Common Room (Room 2027), Ignat Kaneff Building

8.30 am – 9.30 am

**Breakfast**

Room 2027 Ignat Kaneff Building

9.30 am – 10.30 am

**Opening Remarks/Announcements**

**Professor Francois Tanguay-Renaud**

Director of the Jack and Mae NATHANSON CENTRE on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security

**Professor Obiora Okafor**

**Conference Convenor**, Professor & York Research Chair in International and Transnational Legal Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Mr. Okey Kalu**

**Conference Coordinator**, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

10.30 am – 12.30pm

**Session I: Canada in the African Human Rights World**

**Canada in Africa: An Overview of some Canadian Development Projects in West Africa** (*presentation via Skype*)  
**Professor Olabisi Akinkugbe**

Assistant Professor, University of New Brunswick

**Threading a Fine Line: Canada and the Quest for Environmental Rights in Africa**

**Dr. Basil Ugochukwu**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation

*Discussants:*

**Dr. Nadege Compaore**, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Social Science, York University

**Ms. Saratu Bissallah-Alao**, Research Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

12.30 pm – 2.30pm

**Lunch**

Room 2027 Ignat Kaneff Building

2.30 pm – 4.30pm

**Session II: Canadian Anglophone African Engagements in the Human Rights and Health Area**



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**Reproducing Women’s Health Rights: Canadian–African Human Rights Engagement, Normativity, Indigeneity and the Spaces Beyond the (Norm Life) Cycle.**

**Professor Irehobhude Iyioha, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor and Assistant Adjunct Professor, Faculties of Law and Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta.

**Canadian/Anglophone African Human Rights Engagement: A Critical Assessment of the Literature on Health Rights**

**Mr. Uche Ngwaba**

PhD Candidate in Health Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

4.30 pm – 5.30pm

**Session III: Concluding Discussions/Announcements**

**Professor Obiora Okafor**

Conference Convenor, Professor & York Research Chair in International and Transnational Legal Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School

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**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

Venue: Founders College, Assembly Hall

8.30 am – 9.30 am

**Breakfast**

Founders College, Assembly Hall

9.30 am – 11.00 am

**Session IV: Nigeria**

**Human Rights Discourses in Nigeria Across Time: Trajectory, Successes and Potentials for Foreign Engagement**

**Dr. Solomon Ukhuegbe**

Senior Lecturer, University of Benin, Nigeria

**In Search of Accountability: A Critical Assessment of the Literature on the Immunity of State Officials in International Law for Human Rights Violations**

**Dr. Udoka Nwosu-Owie**

Senior Lecturer, Baze University, Nigeria

**Canadian–Nigerian Co–Operation in the Area of Anti–Corruption, 1999–2011: Rhetoric and Substance**

**Professor Paul Ocheje**

Associate Professor, University of Windsor

*Discussants:*

**Dr. Opeoluwa Badaru**, Critical Research Laboratory in Law & Society, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Ms. Rahina Zarma**, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

**Session V – South Africa/Botswana**

**Evaluating Canadian/South African Collaborative Human Rights Initiatives**

**Dr. Moses Phooko**

Senior Lecturer, College of Law, University of South Africa

**Canadian/Botswanan Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Literature and a Research Agenda**

**Dr. Ramadi Dinokopila**

Senior Lecturer, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana

*Discussants:*

**Ms. Halima Doma Kutigi**, Lecturer, Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria

**Ms. Nkechi Eneh**, Justice Ministry, Nigeria

1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Lunch**

Founders College, Assembly Hall

3:00 pm – 5.30 pm

**Session VI – Zambia/Uganda**

**Canadian/Zambian Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Literature and Research Agenda**

**Ms. Misozi Lwatula**

Lecturer, School of Law, University of Zambia

**Canadian/Ugandan Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Literature and Research Agenda**

**Dr. Zahara Nampewo**

Senior Lecturer, School of Law in Makerere University.

*Discussant:*

**Mr. Okey Kalu**, Conference Coordinator, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School



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5.30pm – 6.00pm

**Session VII: Concluding Discussions/Announcements**

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Venue: Faculty Common Room (Room 2027), Ignat Kaneff Building

9.30 am – 10.30 am

**Breakfast**

Room 2027 Ignat Kaneff Building

10.30 am – 12.30 am

**Session VIII – Ghana**

Business & Human Rights in the Ghanaian Extractive Industry: The Quest for Corporate Accountability

**Professor Uwafiokun Idemudia**

Associate Professor, Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University  
&

**Ms. Cynthia Kwakweyah**

MA Candidate, Interdisciplinary Program at York University

**A Critical Assessment of universalism, difference and cultural exceptionalism in Human Rights Discourse and Practice in Ghana**

**Professor Sylvia Bawa**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University

*Discussant:*

**Professor Ibiromke Odumosu-Ayanu**, Associate

Professor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

**Professor Sirleaf, Matiangai**, Assistant Professor of

Law, University of Pittsburgh

12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

**Lunch**

Room 2027 Ignat Kaneff Building



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2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Session IX – Kenya/Tanzania**

**Canada's Human Rights Moments in Kenya's Constitutional Transformation Agenda**  
Professor Sylvia Kanga'ra  
Professor of Law, University of Washington

**Canada/Tanzanian Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment of Literature and a Research Agenda**  
Ms. Julena Jumbe Gabagambi  
PhD Candidate, Open University of Tanzania

**Who Will Remember the Children? – The International Human Rights Movement and Juvenile Justice in Africa**  
Professor Faisal Bhabha  
Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School  
&  
Cristina Candea  
JD/MA Philosophy, Law and Philosophy Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

*Discussants:*

Mr. Maxwell Miyawa, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

Mr. Jake Okechukwu Effoduh, LLM Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

4.30pm – 5.00pm

**Session X: Concluding Discussions/Announcements**

Professor Obiora Okafor  
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