

REALIZING RIGHTS 2017

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

Preliminary Programme

Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Opening remarks
9:10 – 10:30	Plenary session
10:30 – 11:00	Health Break
11:00 – 12:30	Concurrent sessions uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival screening – Fauteux Hall 302
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch at University Square
2:00 – 3:30	Plenary session
3:30 – 4:00	Health Break
4:00 – 5:30	Concurrent sessions uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival screening – Fauteux Hall 302
6:30 – 9:00	Banquet dinner with entertainment, featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orkidstra: empowering children and building community through the universal language of music - http://orkidstra.ca/• Prairie Fire Jiggers: a fun, family dance group that shares their love for Métis cultural jigging for audiences of all ages• Spoken word poetry by artists Ali Alikhani, Baraa Arar, Kasper Hamilton, Jamaal Jackson Rogers, Khaleefa Hamdan, Kim Nguyen, Michel Marc Lacroix, and Emma Blanche

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

9:00 – 10:30	Concurrent sessions
10:30 – 11:00	Health Break
11:00 – 12:30	Concurrent sessions uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival screening – Fauteux Hall 302
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch at University Square, with keynote speaker
2:00 – 3:30	Concurrent sessions uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival screening – Fauteux Hall 302
3:30 – 4:00	Health Break
4:00 – 5:30	Plenary session

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

9:00 – 10:30	Concurrent sessions
10:30 – 11:00	Health Break
11:00 – 12:30	Concurrent sessions
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch (open)
2:00 – 3:30	Plenary session
3:30 – 4:00	Concluding remarks

Session topics (TBC)

- National human rights institutions: experiences in Canada and internationally
- Economic, social, and cultural Rights: positive rights and constitutional frameworks
- Competing rights and challenges in modern democracies
- Human rights defenders under siege
- Constitutionalism, human Rights, and the judiciary: changes, challenges, and controversies
- Incorporating international norms in Canada's approaches to domestic human rights protection
- Influence of and challenges for regional human rights systems
- Children's rights and implementing international human rights law in federalist states
- Indigenous Rights, reconciliation, and confronting colonialism in Canada
- Making the case for the systemic remedial authority of human rights tribunals
- Constitutional and legal challenges for enforcing human rights under the American Convention on Human Rights
- Experiences of marginalized groups in advocating for the fulfilment of their rights
- And more...

These and additional panels, including featured speakers, will be confirmed at a later date.

Special events

The conference will feature several book launches (details below), workshops, and film/documentary screenings as part of the 5th edition of the [uOttawa Human Rights Film Festival](#).

Book launches:

- Professors Delphine Nakache and Yves Le Bouthillier will introduce their book “Le droit de la citoyenneté au Canada” (Citizenship Law in Canada, forthcoming English publication) in a special session. It is the first major legal study tracing the transformations of Canadian citizenship laws and regulations and the rights of Canadian citizens.
- The Canadian Section of the International Commission of Jurists will convene a special panel introducing its book on the rule of law and Canada, 150 Years after Confederation, which compiles thought-provoking essays by legal experts from across Canada on the rule of law and human rights.
- The Human Rights Research and Education Centre will launch the 2015 edition of the Canadian Human Rights Yearbook, originally published between 1983 and 1992. It is an authoritative reference on key developments in human rights in Canada and global developments relevant to Canada.

Logistics

All meals provided by the conference will be hosted at the University Square (in front of the Faculty of Social Sciences Building, 120 University Private). Plenary sessions will take place under a comfortable tent situated in University Square. Participants will enjoy ample space to network and meet between sessions.

Concurrent sessions will be held in the Fauteux Faculty of Law Building – 57 Louis Pasteur Private, a 3 minute walk from the University Square.