



BEYOND NATIONAL SECURITY

**Immigrant Communities
and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

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Northeastern University
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Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy

Welcome

to what promises to be a groundbreaking workshop
on human rights in the United States!

“Beyond National Security: Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights” is the latest in a series of institutes on cutting-edge social justice issues sponsored in the last five years by the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE) at Northeastern University School of Law. With Ford Foundation funding, this year PHRGE is hosting more than two dozen leading community activists, immigrants’ rights lawyers, human rights advocates and scholars for this two-day institute.

We’re focusing on two significant trends in the treatment of noncitizens in the United States. Beginning in the mid-1990s, and gaining momentum after September 11, 2001, the federal government has imposed increasingly harsh deportation policies, dramatically expanded the enforcement of immigration laws, and delegated more and more immigration enforcement power to state and local police — all in the name of national security.

At the same time, a wave of state and local laws has taken aim at the rights of noncitizens in areas such as employment, housing, health, family life and education. On both fronts, immigrant communities and their supporters throughout the United States are increasingly turning to the human rights framework in response. An impressive group of participants from a wide range of backgrounds will address these developments during the course of this intensive institute.

During closed working sessions, participants will share information and experiences about the impact of recent federal, state and local laws and policies on the human rights of noncitizens. We’ll also strategize on how international human rights approaches to housing, healthcare, education and workers’ rights can support or strengthen existing social justice work. Participants will explore responses to discrimination and violence targeted at particular groups within immigrant communities — including racial, sexual, ethnic, religious, or linguistic minorities, children, women and persons with disabilities — and how such discrimination undermines other human rights.

We are also excited to welcome the public to two roundtables for further discussion of these critical issues. Institute participants are associated with a wide variety of social justice organizations and projects. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about their ongoing work, as well as PHRGE programs and projects.

Courtroom advocacy, law reform, administrative policy, popular education and civil society activism are critical as the country prepares for major elections and an unprecedented review in November by the United Nations Human Rights Council on its human rights record (the “Universal Periodic Review” [UPR]). At this institute, participants will collaborate to draft “Boston Principles on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Noncitizens,” drawing on international standards. As part of the growing movement to “bring human rights home,” we believe that such principles can be used by advocates as a persuasive organizing tool and adopted by state and local governments in the United States.

We look forward to this gathering as another step in building a sustainable human rights culture at home and transnationally. Thank you for your participation in this important work!

Hope Lewis and Rachel Rosenbloom, *Institute Co-Chairs*

Gillian MacNaughton, *Executive Director,*
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Thursday, October 14, 2010

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration and Lunch Reception

Foyer and Second Floor
Commons, Dockser Hall
(box lunch available
for registered attendees)

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Beyond National Security: Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Public Roundtable Discussion
240 Dockser Hall

INTRODUCTION

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- BREAK

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The Economic, Social and Cultural Impact of Deportation, Detention and Profiling

Nonpublic Session

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- BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Immigrant Communities and Well-Being: The Right to Health, the Right to Healthcare and the Rights of Immigrants with Disabilities

Nonpublic Session

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7:15 p.m.

Institute Dinner

Nonpublic Session

DINNER ADDRESS:

**“The Ombudsman Movement:
An International and
Comparative Perspective
on Local Justice”**

Arlene Brock

Ombudsman for Bermuda and
Regional Vice President
International Ombudsman Institute

Friday, October 15, 2010

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Family Life:
Gender, Children and
Human Rights in the
Home and Community**

Nonpublic Session

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10:35 – 11:45 a.m.

**At the Intersection:
Non-Discrimination,
Equality and the Identities
of Immigrants**

Nonpublic Session

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12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**Bringing Human Rights
Home to Immigrant
Communities**

Public Roundtable Discussion

*240 Dockser Hall
(box lunch available
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• BREAK

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2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**Sustainable Communities:
Supporting Decent Work,
Housing, Health and
Anti-Poverty Strategies**

Nonpublic Session

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3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

**Closing Remarks—
Looking Forward to
Human Rights for All**

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**Bringing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Home
to Immigrant Communities in Massachusetts**

Following the close of our formal program, you are invited to related events sponsored by the Human Rights Caucus and other Northeastern University School of Law student groups. PHRGE encourages all participants to attend.

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