BEYOND NATIONAL SECURITY

Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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“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,
Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy
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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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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• BREAK

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 for registered attendees)

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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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