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GENDER DIMENSIONS OF THE REFUGEE CRISIS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016



Please join the International Human Rights Program at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law and Human Rights Watch for a panel discussion on protecting women's rights during the global refugee crisis.

Wednesday, July 6 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Victoria College, Alumni Hall
University of Toronto
73 Queen's Park Crescent

Please RSVP to Kara Norrington at kara.norrington@utoronto.ca by Monday, July 4th.

PANELISTS:



LIESL GERNTHOLTZ

Executive Director, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch

Liesl Gertholtz is the executive director of the women's rights division. She is an expert on women's rights in Africa and has worked and written extensively on violence against women and HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. Her work at Human Rights Watch has included documenting access to safe and legal abortion in Ireland and sexual and gender-based violence in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake.

ROTHNA BEGUM

Researcher, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch

Rothna Begum is the women's rights researcher for the Middle East and North Africa region. While at Human Rights Watch she has, among other work, documented the abuse and exploitation of migrant domestic workers in Gulf states; the sexual slavery of Yezidi women and girls by ISIS in Iraq; and the government response to domestic violence in Morocco.



GEORGETTE GAGNON

International Human Rights Lawyer

Georgette Gagnon is an international human rights lawyer and a Distinguished Fellow with the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. From 2010-2015, Ms. Gagnon was the Director of Human Rights for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and Representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights based in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ms. Gagnon worked with Human Rights Watch as the Executive Director of organization's Africa Division from 2004-2010.

ARIF VIRANI

Member of Parliament for Parkdale—High Park

After a rewarding fourteen-year legal career advocating for human rights and access to justice as a constitutional litigator, Arif Virani is now a Member of Parliament and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. Mr. Virani has an Honours B.A. in History and Political Science from McGill University, and completed his LL.B at the University of Toronto.



Photo: Aisha, 45, was paralyzed after a sniper shot her while she was shopping in Aleppo, Syria. She is largely confined to a first-floor bed in the home she now shares with her family in Gaziantep, Turkey. @2014 Samer Muscati / Human Rights Watch.