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International Symposium and Book Launch

Realizing the Right to Health
Whose Role is it Anyway?

Monday 22 June 2009
Auditoire Jacques Freymond & Parc Barton
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
132 rue de Lausanne, Geneva
About the book

Realizing the Right to Health
Contains 40 chapters by 60 leading health care practitioners, human rights advocates, health officials, and other experts in the international right to health movement. Chapters cover eight core topics: the human rights perspective on health, prioritizing women’s health, right to health in emergencies, people & groups at risk, key health challenges, multilateral institutions and responses, the role of health care practitioners, and strengthening health care systems.

International Symposium
2-6pm, Auditorium Jacques-Freymond

2:00-2:30 pm Welcome & Keynote Address
Welcome: Mary Robinson, President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and Andrew Clapham, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.
Keynote Address: Kyung-wha Kang, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

2:30-4:00 pm Discussion Panel I
Realizing the Right to Health at the National Level: Whose Role is it Anyway?
Panel Chair: Mary Robinson
Panel Discussants:
Professor Mary Crewe, Director of the Centre for the Study of AIDS, University of Pretoria (South Africa)
Professor Eibe Riedel, Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Len Rubenstein, Executive Director, Physicians for Human Rights
Professor Lynn Freedman, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Iain Byrne, Senior Lawyer, INTERIGHTS

4-4:30 pm coffee break

4:30-6:00 pm Discussion Panel II
Realizing the Right to Health at the International Level: Whose Role is it Anyway?
Panel Chair: Andrew Clapham
Panel Discussants:
Gian Luca Burci, General Counsel, World Health Organization
Geoff Adlide, Head of Advocacy and Public Policy, GAVI Alliance
Tido von Schoen-Angerer, Executive Director, Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines, Médecins Sans Frontières International
Professor Stephen Marks, François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health

Book Launch
6-8pm, Parc Barton

Invitation
Please join us for a reception in Parc Barton (outside the cafeteria of the Graduate Institute) after the symposium to celebrate the launch of the book Realizing the Right to Health, Volume III in the Swiss Human Rights Book series, edited by Andrew Clapham and Mary Robinson, and co-edited by Claire Mahon and Scott Jerbi.

Symposium participants and those unable to attend the symposium are all warmly invited to attend the book launch.

Official Launch
Realizing the Right to Health will be officially launched by:
Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Head of Political Affairs, Division IV-Human Security, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
Prof. Georg Kohler, University of Zurich, Editor of the Swiss Human Rights Book series
Andrew Clapham and Mary Robinson, editors of Realizing the Right to Health

Registration and further information
Attendance at the international symposium and book launch are free of charge. Please RSVP to Ms Ioana Cismas, indicating whether you will attend the symposium, book launch, or both, at ioana.cismas@graduateinstitute.ch.
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