

TORTURE:

CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIVISMS: THE CLASH OF CONVICTIONS

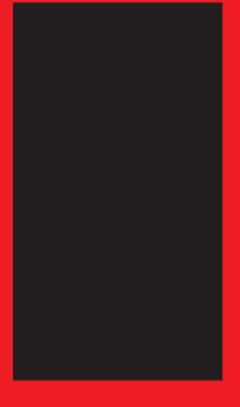
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION AGAINST TORTURE (OMCT)

4-5TH OF DECEMBER **2008**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER GENEVA (CICG)

17 RUE DE VAREMBE 1202 GENEVA

4TH OF DECEMBER 2008	SYMPOSIUM
08h30 09h00-10h00	Registration of participants Plenary Opening by OMCT President, Olivier Mach
	 Introduction to the thematic by OMCT Secretary-General, Eric Sottas
10h00-13h00	Cultural relativism Interventions:
	• Salima Ghezali , Journalist, Writer, Algeria
	Stéphane Hessel, Ambassador, France
	 Yoko Yokota, Professor of Law, University of Chuo, Japan
	 Jean-Paul Ngoupandé, Former Prime Minister of the Central African Republic
	Moderation: José Domingo Dougan Beaca, Vice-President of OMCT
14h30-17h30	Political relativism Interventions :
	 Dick Marty, Swiss Senator, Rapporteur on alleged secret detentions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Switzerland
	 Alvaro Gil-Robles, Former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Spain
	Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, Foreign Affairs Minister, Mauritania
	 Patricia Williams, Professor of Law, University of Columbia, United States
	Moderation: Eric Sottas, Secretary-General of OMCT
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18h00-20h00	Opening Ceremony in the presence of: Kofi Annan, President of the Foundation supporting OMCT;
161100-201100	Laurent Moutinot, President of the Geneva State Council;
	Ralf Heckner, Head of Human Rights Policy Section, Political Affairs Division IV,
	Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the Human Rights Council and Treaties Division at the United Nations
	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
	World pemiere of «The struggle of women of Juárez» by Dominique Othenin-Girard, in the presence of the filmmaker and the actress Noémie Kocher
5TH OF DECEMBER 2008	
09h00-12h00	Economic relativism
	Interventions:
	 Florizelle O'Connor, Former member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Jamaica
	 Thomas E. McCarthy, Former Senior Adviser to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Switzerland
	• Iván Velásquez, Supreme Court of Justice, Colombia
	• Laure Zhang, Researcher EHESS Paris and University of Geneva, China
	Moderation: Yves Berthelot, Vice-President of OMCT
	Conclusion of the Symposium, Eric Sottas, Secretary-General of OMCT
13h30-19h00	Working Groups (not open to the public)
	Limited Places. Reservations: + 41 (0) 22 809 49 35





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