



WSBA World Peace Through Law Section

December 2008

Women, War and Collective Security Wednesday December 17, 2008

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On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, the section presents "*Women and Collective Security*," a half-day program featuring several distinguished speakers, at the WSBA Offices, 1325 4th Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle. Registration starts at 12:30; the program runs from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Because our year-end programs almost always fill up, please pre-register to avoid disappointment.

Faculty: **Moni T. Law**, lawyer and WSBA bar leaders program manager, will open the seminar with a twenty-minute film that she produced, "*Female Faces of War*." The film reveals the impact of the Iraq war on women, featuring an American female soldier, an Iraqi woman who advocates for refugees, a female veteran who advocates for veterans and a mother whose son was killed in the war). Ms. Law will briefly cover major international human rights treaties which protect the rights of women and girls, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The film will be followed by two highly regarded speakers. **Professor Nada Elia** is a professor of gender and global studies at Antioch University. She is the president of the Association of Middle East Women's Studies, the founding member of the National Council of Arab-Americans, and is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Middle East Women's Studies. Professor Elia is currently at work on a second book on women's activism in the 21st century.

The program also features **Professor Won Kidane**, assistant professor of law at the Seattle University School of Law, who teaches and writes in the areas of immigration law, administrative law, and international and comparative law. Before joining the Seattle University Law School, Professor Kidane taught at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, and worked as a legal officer in association with the African regional office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), where his duties included refugee status determination, and the protection of rights of refugees.

Cost: WPTL Section members: free, Non-WPTL Section members: \$2,5, Law students: \$10 (includes section membership); 4.0 general CLE credit applied for. *We hope to see you there!*

January 2009 Program

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the section presents Associate Professor Mark Chinen of the Seattle University School of Law, who will discuss Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan, the renunciation of war as a sovereign right by a state. Learn whether this controversial post-World War II Article can be a model for world peace in the 21st century. 1 CLE credit to be applied for.

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"Sexual violence... as a tactic of war... may impede the restoration of international peace and security"

- *United Nations Security Council Resolution 1820, June, 2008*

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- 01/31/06: *Above the Law: How U.S. Avoidance of International Human Rights Obligations Eased the Way for Torture*; Jamie Mayerfeld; ID: 154643
- 02/28/06: *International Women's Rights and the Global Economy*; Martha Schmidt
- 03/28/06: *Darfur, Genocide and the Law*; Brian Steidle, Phil Ginsberg, Agnes Oswaha, Diane Baer
- 04/25/06: *International Criminal Court*; Rick Lorenz
- 05/30/06: *Microfinance and Education: Legal Structures to Promote Peace in the Developing World*; Bob Dickerson
- 06/27/06: *Human Rights, Burma and the Law*; Larry Dohrs, Elie Halpern & Katrina Anderson
- 07/25/06: *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*; David East, Charles Sipos, Joe McMillan
- 08/29/06: *Khmer Rouge Tribunal for War Crimes in Cambodia*; Ron Slye, Katrina Anderson
- 09/26/06: *Journey with an Afghan School*; Julia Bolz
- 10/31/06: *International Law and the Rights of Indigenous People*; Joel Ngugi, Patricia Paul
- 11/28/06: *Lawyers and Darfur: What Can Be Done?*; Phillip Ginsberg, Jen Marlowe, Bob Weldon
- 12/28/06: *Year-End Round-up of Human Rights*
- 01/30/07: *What Is an Illegal Order?*; Panel
- 03/27/07: *Perspectives on Kosovo*; Mary Patricia Treuthart
- 04/02/07: *Legislative Update: US Department of Peace*; Matt Harris
- 05/31/07: *Overview of Health & Human Rights*; Beth Rivin, Roslyn Solomon
- 06/26/07: *The Inter-American Human Rights System*; Salvador Tinajero
- 07/31/07: *The Shifting Terrain of Human Rights in Contemporary Guatemala*
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- 09/25/07: *Police Militarization*; Paul Richmond
- 10/30/07: *Practicing International Human Rights Law at the United Nations*; Jean Connolly Carmalt
- 11/27/07: *International Human Rights on the Local Level*; Roslyn Solomon
- 12/27/07: *Lawyers for Warriors*; Panel
- 1/29/08, *Democracy & Sharia in Kyrgyzstan*; Kirk Portmann,
- 02/26/08, *Women's Land Rights: Poverty Reduction and Social Change through Law*; David Bledsoe, Robin Nielsen
- 03/25/08, *Towards Development of a Code of Conduct for International NGOs*; Wendy Johnson
- 04/29/08, *Inside the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*, Susannah Sharp
- 05/20/08, *American Exceptionalism*; Martha L. Schmidt, Marcel Green
- 06/24/08, *Hamoui v. Ashcroft*; Bernice L. Funke
- 07/29/08, *Organizing Meeting*
- 08/26/08, *Current Issues Affecting the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Regime*; David Hall
- 09/30/08, *Pakistan's Struggle for Democracy*, Devin Theriot-Orr
- 10/28/08, *Reviving Economic Human Rights*, James Allen, Martha Schmidt, Paul Schlossman
- 11/18/08, *Corporate Accountability for Human Rights Violations under International Law*; Ron Slye

On the Web:

- ICRC on Women and War: <http://www.icrc.org/Eng/women>
- UNSCR for 2008: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc_resolutions08.htm