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A Global Lawyer: A Symposium Celebrating the Contributions of Herman Schwartz to the Rule of Law

Friday; September 27, 2019
NT01, Warren Building, Terrace Level
American University Washington College of Law

Professor Emeritus Herman Schwartz's distinguished career has focused attention on the cause of human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law. From the UN to Helsinki Watch, and from Israel and Eastern Europe to the United States, his work on emerging democracies, constitutional reform, and rule of law has inspired a generation of students, scholars, and practitioners to engage in this important work. Join us for a symposium on prison reform, comparative constitutionalism, voting rights, and human rights in Israel, with experts, activists, and academics in celebration of his contributions.

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM – 9:05 PM **Welcome**
Macarena Sáez, Faculty Director, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law
American University Washington College of Law
- 9:05 AM – 9:15 PM **Opening Remarks**
Camille Nelson, Dean
American University Washington College of Law
- 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM **Panel 1: Prison Reform in the United States and Abroad**
William Hellerstein, Professor of Law Emeritus, Brooklyn Law School
Deborah LaBelle, Director of the Juvenile Life Without Parole Initiative, ACLU
Brenda Smith, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs,
American University Washington College of Law
Juan E. Mendez (Moderator), Professor of Human Rights Law in Residence,
American University Washington College of Law
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Panel 2: Building a Human Rights Community in Israel: The Impact of the New Israel Fund Herman Schwartz Fellowship**
Tali Gal, Head of School of Criminology, University of Haifa
Hassan Jabareen, Director, Adalah Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
Tamar Morag, Academic Director of the Child Advocacy Clinic, Hebrew University
(by video)
Dan Yakir, Chief Legal Counsel, Association for Civil Rights in Israel
Ruti Kadish (Moderator), National Director of Young Leadership, J Street

- 12:00 PM – 1:45 PM **Luncheon Conversation: The contributions of Professor Herman Schwartz to Human Rights and the Rule of Law**
Claudio Grossman, Professor and Dean Emeritus, American University Washington College of Law
Aryeh Neier, President Emeritus, Open Society Foundations
Diane Orentlicher, (interviewer), Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
- 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Panel 3: Perspectives on Voting Rights and Social Justice**
Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director, National Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Dale Ho, Director of the Voting Rights Project, ACLU
Allison Riggs, Senior Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice
William Yeomans (Moderator), Senior Justice Fellow, Alliance for Justice
- 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM **Coffee Break**
- 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM **Panel 4: Comparative Constitutionalism: From Theory to Practice**
Mark Ellis, Executive Director, International Bar Association
Vicki Jackson, Thurgood Marshall Professor of Constitutional Law, Harvard Law School
Dick Howard, Warner-Booker Distinguished Professor of International Law, University of Virginia
Susan Carle (Moderator), Vice Dean and Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
- 4:30 PM – 4:35 PM **Closing**
Fernando Laguarda, Faculty Director, Program on Law and Government American University Washington College of Law
- 4:35 PM – 5:30 PM **Reception** (Warren Building Lobby)

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