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Continuation of our series on new human rights challenges and developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges and what these mean for human rights and capacity building.

- This issue we link to an article, [What is the greatest challenge to the future of human rights? We the people are](#) by Stephen Hopgood, Professor of International Relations at the University of London. In it he focuses on Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and decries the way that western countries have overlooked this article and argues that it is critically important now that the social contract is under threat worldwide.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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- 2019 – 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and People’s Diplomacy Training Program in Timor-Leste – applications are now open: [Application Form](#) and [Brochure](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – Reflection and Evaluation Workshop on Capacity Building Programs on Migrant Workers’ Rights – Draft Summary Report](#)
- 2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [Summary Report](#)
- 2018-19 Indonesian Migrant Workers Program reports – [Module 1](#), [Module 2](#), [Module 3](#) and [Module 4](#) (new)
- 2018 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [Report](#)
- 2018 – Migrant Workers Rights in Qatar – [Summary Report](#)
- [2018 Malaysia Migrant Workers Program – Module 5 - Report](#)
- 2018 Nepal - Review & Reflections on Advocating on Migrant Workers’ Rights Along Migration Corridors – [Program Report](#)
- [2018 Sabah, Malaysia - Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Partnerships for Sustainable Development –](#)
- [The 2017 DTP Annual Report is available on line](#)

OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

- [New self-paced E-learning Course 'Human Rights in Development Cooperation'](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- Fijian alumna [Louchrisha Hussain](#) (28th Annual Program, Timor-Leste, 2018) is the Programme Manager and Acting Director of the Citizens’ Constitutional Forum (CCF) where she manages CCF’s programs to eliminate

discrimination, address human right violations and promote the rights of marginalized groups in society such as LGBTIQ.

- Indonesian DTP alumna and trainer Yuyun Wahyuningrum, the Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) [spoke at the opening ceremony of the International Human Rights Model United Nations](#) at Atmajaya University, Jakarta. She outlined her and AICHR Indonesia's activities since 14 January 2019.
- Papuan DTP alumna [Wensislaus \(Wensi\) Fatubun](#) (22nd Annual Program, Timor-Leste, 2012) is presenting at the UN OHCHR regional workshop on media and freedom of expression, 29 April – 2 May in Bangkok
- Australian DTP alumna Barbara Shaw (Oxfam Indigenous Youth Program – Australia, 2009) [was recently elected deputy chair of the Central Land Council](#). Barbara is only the second woman in the CLC's history to win the office.
- Singaporean DTP alumna and trainer, migrant rights advocate and human rights defender Jolovan Wham has been convicted and sentenced in Singapore for his peaceful human rights activities - FIDH has issued an [urgent appeal](#).

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [New report with key elements for companies to navigate changing business & human rights legal landscape](#)
- South Korea: [OECD Guidelines complaint over workers killed and injured in Korean shipyard crane accident](#)
- [China commits to UN Human Rights Council to respect human rights in its foreign investments](#)
- [States and real estate private equity firms questioned for compliance with human rights](#)
- [Global database maps fashion factories to crack down on slavery](#)
- Australia: [Draft Guidance on Modern Slavery Act \(2018\) released for public consultation \(deadline 19 May\)](#)
- Australia: [New nationwide survey for international students on work and accommodation](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Millions of forest-dwelling Indigenous peoples are facing eviction in India](#)
- [Do Indigenous peoples hold the key to saving Myanmar's remaining forest?](#)
- [Indigenous peoples' rights to autonomy and self-government](#)
- [The UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, says Timor-Leste's drive to promote Indigenous customary practices has contributed to the progress in building the nation](#)
- [Traditional knowledge at 'core' of Indigenous heritage, and 'must be protected', says UN Forum](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [Advocacy and collaboration strategies for migrant workers' rights: Reflection and Review Program](#)
- [Kuwait prepares to launch massive crackdown on migrants](#)
- Bangladesh: [Migrant workers face job uncertainty as a shortage of flights to the Middle East results in increased migration costs](#)
- [Migrant worker leaders elected in Jordan garment factories](#)

Women's Rights

- [UN Women and partners launch new initiative to repeal discriminatory laws worldwide](#)
- Australia: [Big win for women's reproductive rights in the High Court](#)
- [UN commission agrees roadmap on ensuring women's social protection, mobility, safety, and access to economic opportunities](#)
- [Security Council adopts resolution to reduce sexual violence in conflict and end rape as a weapon of war](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Racism: UN experts condemn mosque attacks, urge action against nationalist populism and supremacist ideologies](#)
- [Human Rights Council unanimously recognizes vital role of environmental human rights defenders](#)
- [States' Human Rights Obligations in the Context of Climate Change - 2019 Update](#)

- [Abidjan Principles on the human rights obligations of States to provide public education and to regulate private involvement in education](#)
- [States are failing millions mired in housing crisis, says UN expert](#)
- [The UN Human Rights Committee – A Year in Review – 2017](#)
- [Death penalty: as world executes fewer prisoners, Singapore, Vietnam and Thailand are killing more](#)
- [Civil society leaders & groups call on governments to urgently reverse deteriorating conditions for environmental & human rights defenders](#)

Development

- [UN expert issues new guiding principles on economic reforms and human rights](#)
- [Will IMF stick its head in the sand on human rights Guiding Principles on impact assessments of economic reforms?](#)
- [US Supreme Court rules against World Bank's claim of absolute immunity](#)
- [OECD: Plummeting aid figures fail to meet spending target while leaving poorest behind](#)

ESC RIGHTS

- [The role of economic, social and cultural rights in empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality](#)
- [Human Rights Council calls upon States that are yet to ratify the ICESCR, to consider doing so with priority and to review any reservations to the Covenant](#)

UPR

- During the May 6-17 Sessions the following will be reviewed: [Bhutan](#), [Brunei Darussalam](#), [Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#), [Qatar](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [The Colombo Declaration on the role of the judiciary in advancing women's right to equality in marriage and family relations](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- **Take action:** [End Aboriginal Deaths In Custody - Abolish the offence of public drunkenness](#)
- [UN Human Rights chief calls on the Morrison Government for 'more humane policies' for refugees](#)
- [Supreme Court finds mandatory sentencing laws should not have applied to 12 year old Aboriginal boy](#)
- ['It's time for this to stop': Aboriginal woman dies in custody 20 years after her father](#)

Brunei

- [New Penal Code Imposes Maiming, Stoning](#)
- [UN slams 'inhuman' Brunei law on stoning for adultery, gay sex](#)

Cambodia

- AHRC: [Continuous repression of opposition political parties](#)
- [Calls grow for investigation over missing Cambodian land activist](#)

China

- **Take action:** [Petition to the Chinese authority demanding the release of arrested labour NGOs workers](#)

Fiji

- [Amnesty calls for transparency of Fiji military and torture cases](#) – sent in by DTP alumna, Roshika Deo
- [3 NZ journalists investigating the Freesoul tourist development detained in Suva have been released](#)

India

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Samiul Biswas being held in judicial custody](#)
- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Anand Teltumbde charged](#)

Indonesia

- **Take action:** [Human Rights Activist Interrogated by Police After Criticizing the Military](#)
- [Papuan challenge Indonesian rule at country's highest court](#) – sent in by DTP alumnus, Wensi Fatabun

Malaysia

- [SUHAKAM disappointed by decision to maintain death penalty](#)
- [NGOs call for investigation of enforced disappearances of Amri Che Mat and Raymond Koh](#)
- [Backlash over Rome Statute withdrawal](#)
- **Take action:** [Where is JUSTICE for ADELINA?](#) – sent in by DTP alumna, Prema Arasan with [Tenaganita press release](#)

Myanmar

- [UN Rights Agency expresses concern at crimes against civilians in Myanmar’s Rakhine State](#)
- [‘Lost faith’: Reuters journalists in Myanmar give up on courts after latest appeal denied](#)

Philippines

- [Amnesty International statement on killing of 14 farmers in police operations](#)

Singapore

- HRW: [Withdraw the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation bill](#)

Solomon Islands

- [Newly elected Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare on West Papua](#) – sent in by DTP alumnus, Harry

Sri Lanka

- [Appeal from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to the public following the Easter Sunday attacks](#) – sent in by DTP alumnus, Nihal Chandrasiri
- [Terrorist Motivations and Security Lapses Behind the Easter Carnage](#) - from Former DTP Executive Director, Laksiri Fernando
- [SAHR expresses concerns on reviving the use of the death penalty for drug-related offenses](#)

Thailand

- [Repeated Attacks on Prominent Activists](#)
- [Ongoing judicial harassment of Sutharee Wannasiri and Nan Win](#)

Vietnam

- [Concluding Observations on the Third Periodic Report on civil and political rights in Vietnam](#)
- [Suspected abduction and arbitrary detention of blogger Truong Duy Nhat](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- BANGLADESH: [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeng Foundation](#)
- CAMBODIA: [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- CHINA: [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- INDIA: [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business \(MCRB\)](#)
- NEPAL: [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- VIETNAM: [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- WEST PAPUA: [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [Mekong Eye News Digest](#)
- [OHCHR UN Human Rights Civil Society Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)

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