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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 month we provide a link to the report to the UN General Assembly by the UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights, Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, *Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights*. He notes in his summary of the report that “...the introduction of austerity measures does not contribute to economic recovery, but instead has negative consequences in terms of economic growth, debt ratios and equality, and routinely results in a series of negative human rights impacts”. He makes a number of recommendations to the International Financial Institutions and to the States including that “international financial institutions have human rights policies and monitor their implementation” and that they include mandatory human rights impact assessments before and after their negotiations and in their official working methods.

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For [draft schedule for 2019](#) and [reports on completed DTP Training Programs](#)

- 2019 – 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and People’s Diplomacy Training Program in Timor-Leste – [Brochure](#) and [Summary Report](#)
- 2019 – [Capacity Building Program on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Darwin Australia](#) - [Brochure](#) and [Report](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers](#) – [Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business](#) with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact and Forum-Asia – [Summary Report](#), [Schedule](#) and [Opening Speech](#) by DTP Alumna and AICHR Commissioner, [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#)
- [2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society](#) – [Summary Report](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Six DTP alumni among trainers in DTP's 29th Annual Regional Human Rights and Peoples Training Program in Timor-Leste](#)
- DTP alumna Nihal Chandrasiri from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka has advised us that [the Police Department has accepted the HRCSL guidelines on arrest](#)
- Malaysian DTP alumna Metchella Febryna Metha from the 2015 DTP Program in Myanmar is asking for [support to stop the Papar Dam in Sabah that will destroy old forests and affect the local Indigenous people](#). See the [Stop Papar Dam Facebook page](#)
- From DTP alumna Paula Makabory, [West Papua Rights group condemns military attack on protestors in Deiyai](#)
- PNG DTP alumna Jonathan Mesulam [calls for permanent ban on deep sea mining in interview](#) following [the collapse of company planning deep sea mining venture](#), costing public millions
- Thai DTP alumna, [Chalida Tajaroensuk](#) recognised by Timorese government for solidarity work on 20th Anniversary of independence vote, other DTP alumni including Boonthan Verawongse, Ellene Sana among invited guests for official anniversary
- [DTP Alumna Emmanuel Peni \(PNG\) is speaking at Australian Annual Business and Human Rights Dialogue in Melbourne](#)
- [4 DTP Pacific alumni selected to participate in Frontline Human Rights Defenders Global Platform in Dublin](#)

ACTIVISM AND CAMPAIGNING

- [Evidence that transnational campaigns on human rights issues can really work – Report prepared for USAID by independent experts](#)
- [Online course offered by New Tactics in Human Rights: 30 September-22 November](#)
- Phil Lynch the Director of the International Service for Human Rights gives some [examples of human rights defenders making a difference](#)
- From Charles Hector in Malaysia: [“Victory - Court declares Union President wrongfully dismissed”](#)

RESOURCES

- [RESPECT Women: Preventing violence against women – how to develop effective interventions to prevent and respond to violence against women](#)
- [The #WomenLeadOnLand video series features testimonies from women leaders of social movements for land, housing and natural resource rights](#)
- [The M&E Universe is a free, online resource developed to support development practitioners involved in monitoring and evaluation](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Hong Kong: [Business actions and statements over controversial extradition bill](#)
- Australia: [Procedures for dealing with complaints brought forward under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#) – updated August 2019
- Bangladesh: [Union alleges the 701 workers sacked from factory supplying C&A, H&M and Benetton were targeted for their union activities](#)
- [2019 Australian Dialogue on Business and Human Rights – 17 October](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Indigenous people need a say on water rights, U.N. rapporteur Victoria Tauli-Corpuz urges](#)
- [Raising the voices and needs of Indigenous women in Africa and Asia](#)
- [Indigenous peoples raise concerns at UN Climate Meeting in Abu Dhabi](#)
- [Nominations called for Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(EMRIP\), member from Asia](#)
- [Nominations called for Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples](#)

- [Forest rights of Indigenous peoples in India under attack](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- John Corker (former CEO of the Australian Pro Bono Centre) represented DTP at the [8th Asian Pro Bono Conference](#), facilitating the session ["Pro Bono Assistance in Death Penalty Matters"](#).
- [International Conference on Protection of Rights of Migrant Workers, Nepal November 2019](#)
- [Nepal: Nearly 1.5 million Nepali women, men and children are at risk of various forms of human trafficking](#)
- [Thailand: Employers inflate registration cost for migrant workers making them vulnerable to exploitation & modern slavery](#)
- [What's changed in Qatar since the ILO dropped its case?](#)
- [ILO launches Global Media Competition on Labour Migration](#)
- [Amnesty International says migrant workers still being exploited in Qatar](#)

Children's Rights

- [An open letter to the world's children by the Executive Director of UNICEF: 8 reasons why I'm worried, and hopeful, about the next generation](#)
- [The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has just published General Comment 24, on "Children's Rights in the Child Justice System"](#)
- [Dujan Hoosan, Aboriginal Australian: "I am cheeky, but no kid should be in jail. This is why I addressed the UN at just 12 years old"](#)
- **Petition:** [Right now across Australia, children as young as ten can be arrested, charged and sent to prison. #RaiseTheAge of criminal responsibility.](#)
- [Pakistan pledges end to underage, forced marriages by 2030](#)
- [Nominations called for Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Partnerships with civil society and youth 'essential' for a future that leaves no one behind: UNGA President](#)
- [UN High Commissioner Bachelet: Human rights are everyone's business, amid relentless crises around world](#)
- [Reprisals: Secretary-General calls on UN and States to do more to prevent and address reprisals](#)
- [ILO Convention 190: New instrument on gender-based violence and harassment at work](#)
- [Applications for thirteen vacancies of Special Procedures mandate holders to be appointed at the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council](#)

Climate Change and Human Rights

- [10 everyday actions you can take to Act Now on climate change!](#)
- [Indonesia says some forest fires started on Malaysian-controlled land \(Smoke from the 2015 Indonesian fires may have caused 100,000 premature deaths\)](#)
- [Climate crisis is greatest ever threat to human rights, UN warns](#)
- [UN Treaty Bodies: Human Rights Law Requires States to Pursue the Highest Possible Ambition in Emissions Cuts](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS

- [Vanuatu expresses support for human rights body](#)
- [Fiji Prime Minister calls for 10-year moratorium on seabed mining to allow proper scientific research](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- **Petition:** [Send the Australian Government a message: stop locking up 10-13 year old kids!](#)
- [Indigenous woman dies after being shot by police in Western Australia, third fatal police shooting in 12 months](#)
- [Invitation to Submit an Abstract to the 3rd Advancing Community Cohesion Conference – deadline 18 October](#)
- [Qantas urged to review its role in involuntary transportation of people in immigration detention](#)

Cambodia

- [Environment activist gets rare acquittal for cases of incitement and destruction of property](#)
- [Regional lawmakers alarmed at surge in arrests of Cambodian opposition members](#)

China

- **Take action:** [Formal arrest of three health rights defenders](#)
- Hong Kong: [Twitter, Facebook and YouTube crack down on alleged disinformation campaign linked to ongoing protests](#)
- [Stifling the Uighurs](#)

India

- [UN chief Guterres urges India, Pakistan to defuse tensions over Kashmir](#) and [UN asks India to end rights breaches in Jammu & Kashmir](#)
- [UN calls India not to render anyone stateless in Assam](#)
- From Ravi Nair: [Lawfulness of Detention of Declared Foreigners in Assam under International Law](#)
- [India detains prominent Kashmiri leader under law critics call draconian](#)

Indonesia

- **Take action:** [Threats against and judicial harassment of human rights lawyer Veronica Koman](#) and [Indonesia must protect rights of Veronica Koman and others reporting on Papua and West Papua protests - UN experts](#)
- [How to lose propaganda war over Papua](#)
- [Comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Indonesia \(Papua and West Papua\)](#)
- [Youth at forefront of Papuan protests](#)
- [Tensions in Papua and hyper-nationalism in Indonesia](#)
- [FIDH - Indonesia: Open letter to President Widodo on the situation in the Papua region](#)

Laos

- [Woman detained for criticizing the government online](#)

Malaysia

- [Malaysia's Arrest and Sending back Asylum Seeker Teacher and family back to Turkey Is Wrong and Unjust](#)
- [Malaysians against Death Penalty and Torture concerned about delay in abolition of mandatory death penalty](#)

Myanmar

- Burma Human Rights Network: [Burma Must Repeal Anti-democratic and Draconian Laws](#)
- [UN experts decry torture of Rakhine men and boys held incommunicado by Myanmar's military](#)
- [Rohingya refugees should press Myanmar for their own state](#)
- [UN rights investigator on Myanmar lambasts Suu Kyi](#)
- [Civilians Caught in Shan State Fighting](#)
- UN: [Rohingya still in Myanmar face 'threat of genocide'](#)

Philippines

- [Regional parliamentarians urge end to judicial harassment against the Philippine opposition](#)

Thailand

- [Parliamentarians Call on Authorities to Restore Democracy and Respect Fundamental Freedoms](#)
- [Lao Refugee Feared 'Disappeared'](#)
- [Misuse of the Forest Reclamation Policy in the Sai Thong National Park Case - Unfair Criminalization of 14 Land Rights Defenders](#)

Timor-Leste

- [I was there: Remembering Timor-Leste's bloody fight for independence, 20 years on](#)
- [Two decades after gaining independence, Timor-Leste needs a long-term strategy for sustainable economic development](#)
- [Reborn from ashes of independence, Timor-Leste rebuilds 20 years on](#)

Vietnam

- [NGOs denounces religious freedom violations and suppression of civil society in Vietnam at HRC](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

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

- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeng Foundation](#)
- CAMBODIA: [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- CHINA: [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- 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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