



SUMMER 2019 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

# Global Institute *for* Human Rights

June 10–14, 2019

Philadelphia, PA & New York, NY





# **The Penn Law Global Institute for Human Rights**

**convenes leaders in the human rights field to educate the next generation of human rights scholars and practitioners.**

The human rights discourse has inspired domestic and transnational movements that have played a role in the creation of important domestic and international human rights norms. Human rights are now a cornerstone of foreign policy, nation building, and good governance. The Institute will examine the theory and practice of human rights — treaties, cases, and institutions — from a comparative law perspective, emphasizing key issues in contemporary human rights.

The Global Institute for Human Rights is an immersive one-week course of study aimed at undergraduate and graduate students as well as professionals interested in human rights. The goals of the Institute are three-fold: (1) to introduce students to a rigorous study of human rights theory; (2) to explore current and pressing human rights issues; and (3) to expose future proponents of human rights to the ways that human rights advocacy might intersect with their career aspirations, whether in law, policy, or other fields.



The 2019 Institute will be held at Penn Law, a highly selective law school that sits on the Ivy League campus of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The final day of the Institute will take place at the United Nations in New York, where students will make policy presentations and hear additional lectures from UN human rights practitioners. All students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



#### ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Rangita De Silva De Alwis

*Rangita De Silva De Alwis is the Associate Dean for International Programs at the University of Pennsylvania Law School*

**Rangita De Silva De Alwis** is an esteemed women's human rights scholar and practitioner with over 25 years of experience working globally in over 25 countries. She has worked with a vast network of academic institutions, governments, and non-government entities on women's human rights law, policymaking, and institutional reform.

Prior to joining Penn Law, she was the inaugural director of the Wilson Center's Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project launched by Secretary Hillary Clinton and the Seven Sisters Colleges. She has served as an adviser to UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, and UNDP. Rangita has published widely with the World Bank and the United Nations, and in various leading law journals.

Rangita has a Doctorate in Law (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School, where she was a Teaching Fellow with the European Law Research Institute and a Visiting Fellow in the Human Rights Program. She was also a Research Fellow with the Women and Public Policy Program at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. She was a Fulbright Specialist with the Asian University of Women, a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at Wellesley College, a Visiting Scholar at Wellesley Centers for Women, and an Honorary Professor of China Women's University.

### Note from the Academic Director

Securing the protection and promotion of human rights globally remains one of the major challenges of the twenty-first century. Notwithstanding the significant advances in international human rights norms, systemic discrimination and inequality remain pervasive and are often referred to as the unfinished business of the twenty-first century. The 2019 Global Institute for Human Rights will respond to some of the razor-edge developments on human rights and related social movements. More specifically, the Institute will critically examine three rapidly developing areas of the international human rights system: 1) the human rights system as it relates to the protection and promotion of women in peace and security and as a powerful tool in countering violent extremism; 2) the latest social movements, including the #MeToo Movement in different parts of the world, and new developments in lawmaking and the intersectionality of rights, including sexual identity and human rights; and 3) the growing global crisis relating to the movement of migrants and refugees around the world.





## Program Information

**Monday, June 10 – Thursday, June 13, 2019**

University of Pennsylvania Law School  
Philadelphia, PA

**Friday, June 14, 2019**

United Nations Headquarters  
New York, NY

### Program Fee\*

\$2,195

*\*Program fee includes all lectures and course materials, daily breakfast, as well as lunch at and travel to/from the United Nations in New York City on June 14.*

### Who Should Apply

Current undergraduate and graduate students, as well as working professionals with an interest in human rights.

### Application Process & Financial Aid

Applications for admission are reviewed on a rolling basis. A limited amount of full scholarships and partial financial aid is available to qualified applicants.

### Application Deadlines

Friday, January 18, 2019, for “Early Notification”  
Friday, May 3, 2019, for all other applications

### To Apply & Additional Information

For additional information on course content, financial aid, housing options, or to submit an application, please visit us at:

[www.pennlaw.news/GlobalInst](http://www.pennlaw.news/GlobalInst)



## ***Penn Law's Global Institute for Human Rights***

*was a critical step in advancing my passion for human rights and global governance.*

*Equally, the Institute challenged, broadened, and opened my mind to the varied intersections of human rights advocacy in the public, private, and international arenas. Thanks to this program, I know I have been equipped with the tools to be an effective and efficient advocate for human rights, nation-building, and good governance.*

—George Shadrack Kamanda, Saint Joseph's University

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