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Fellowship Announcement:

Fellow with the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions

About the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions

Professor Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, is responsible for investigating and responding to unlawful killings in countries throughout the world. His work is supported by the Project on Extrajudicial Executions, at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, NYU School of Law. The Project is directed by Sarah Knuckey, and its Senior Adviser is Hina Shamsi. The Special Rapporteur and Project on Extrajudicial Executions activities include: research into allegations of unlawful killings; provision of training and organization of conferences and research directed at understanding and reducing unlawful killings; extensive consultation with domestic and international civil society and UN actors on issues within the Special Rapporteur's mandate; fact-finding missions and preparation of reports on country situations; critical and theoretical study of the law and policy related to unlawful killings; legal and policy research to inform reform measures. More information on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and about the work of the Project is available at www.extrajudicialexecutions.org.

Fellowship with the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions

The fellow would work closely with Professor Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur, and with the Project Director and the Project's Senior Adviser. The fellow will assist in the conceptualization, research and implementation of two specific projects. The first project will examine "targeted killings" under international law, with an anticipated focus on targeting based on alleged "direct participation in hostilities" in non-international armed conflict. It aims to assess the human rights and humanitarian law implications of recent legal and political developments. The second project is on the methodology, nature, and problems of human rights fact-finding. This project aims to assess, from a multidisciplinary perspective (including forensic science, anthropology, criminal justice etc.), the current methodologies employed by human rights advocates, the obstacles to effective fact-finding, the problems with the approaches employed, and how fact-finding can be improved. Each project will culminate in a conference or consultation of experts, and the publication of research and findings.

Fellows should submit a resume, statement of interest, and two recent writing samples to Sarah Knuckey, sarah.knuckey@nyu.edu. Applications will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis.