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Enforcing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: The Hope and Challenge of the Optional Protocol

On September 24th, 2009, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will be opened for signature and ratification at a ceremony at UN headquarters in New York. Once operational, this new international mechanism will provide victims of economic, social and cultural rights violations, who are not able to get an effective remedy in their domestic legal system, with tangible legal options for redress at the international level. Please join CHR&GJ and the NGO Coalition for the Optional Protocol as we host a conversation among three of the international human rights experts who were pivotal in moving the Optional Protocol forward.

Panelists

Moderator: Philip Alston, Chair CHR&GJ, NYU School of Law; former Chair of the UN Committee on ESCR
Guest panelists: Catarina de Albuquerque UN Special Rapporteur on the right to water; Chair of the Working Group that drafted the Optional Protocol
Bruce Porter, Member of the Steering Committee of the NGO Coalition for an Optional Protocol



**Furman Hall, Room 212 (245 Sullivan St.)
September 23, 2009, 5-7 PM**

Please RSVP to Kelly Ryan at ryank@exchange.law.nyu.edu to be guaranteed entrance.
Event to be followed by brief reception.

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OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

