



SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OPENING PLENARY:

9/11 AND THE 10-YEAR LEGACY OF THE “WAR OF TERROR”

CLOSING PLENARY:

FUNDING LGBT RIGHTS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH



JULY 12-13, 2011

PRE-CONFERENCE LEARNING INSTITUTE: JULY 11, 2011

New York City

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, JULY 12

8:00-9:00 am Greenberg Lounge	Conference Registration and Breakfast
9:00-9:30 am Greenberg Lounge	Opening and Welcome
9:30 am-12:00 pm Greenberg Lounge	Opening Plenary: <i>Human Rights Philanthropy and the Ten-Year Legacy of 9/11: Where From Here?</i>
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch, including Welcome Lunch for New Attendees
1:00-1:30 Greenberg Lounge	<i>The Funders' Soapbox</i>
1:30-3:00 pm Greenberg Lounge	Concurrent Member-Sponsored Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pushing Back School Push-out: Asserting Education Rights for the Most Vulnerable</i>
Golding Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Stemming the Harm: Defending the Human Rights of Women Prisoners</i>
3:00-3:30 pm Greenberg Lounge	Break
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Golding Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Just Say No: The Drug War, Human Rights, and Policy Reform</i>
5:00-6:00 pm	<i>Open Time</i>
6:00-7:00 pm Golding Lounge	Cocktail Reception
7:00-9:00 pm Greenberg Lounge	Dinner-Dialogue: <i>The "Arab Spring": Prospects for Change and Human Rights in the Middle East</i>

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

8:00-9:00 am Greenberg Lounge	IHRFG Business Breakfast
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10:30-10:45 am	Break
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12:15-1:30 pm Greenberg Lounge Golding Lounge	Lunch, Lunchtime Discussions, & Working Group Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Women's Security and Gender Equality in Crisis-Affected Areas</i>• <i>Human Rights Defenders Working Group</i>• <i>Sexual Health and Rights Working Group</i>• <i>Get Off Your Assets! Mission-Related Investment Working Group</i>
Snow Dining Room	• <i>Can Peace Be a Human Right?</i>
1:30-2:30 pm Golding Lounge	Working Group Meetings: <i>Disability Rights Working Group</i> <i>Latin America Funders Working Group</i> <i>Asia and Pacific Funders Working Group</i>
Snow Dining Room	<i>Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i>
2:30-2:45 pm Greenberg Lounge	Break

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 (continued)

2:45-4:45 pm

Greenberg Lounge

Closing Plenary:

Funding Gay Rights in the Global South? Only If You Do It Straight!

4:45 pm

Greenberg Lounge

Conference Closing

All events take place in Vanderbilt Hall of New York University School of Law, 40 Washington Square South (between MacDougal and Sullivan Streets), in the following rooms:

- *Greenberg Lounge, main floor*
- *Golding Lounge, 2nd floor*
- *Snow Dining Room, 4th floor*

INVITATION

Culture Project's Women Center Stage presents
The Farber Foundry Production of

MoLoRa

Wednesday, July 13th at 8:00 pm

*This event is made available **free-of-charge** to IHRFG conference attendees. Our gratitude to IHRFG member Joshua Mailman for sponsoring this evening.*

TO RESERVE A SEAT:

Please send an email to rsvp@cultureproject.org by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 13th with your name and indicating that you are with IHRFG.

Find more information about the event at the back of this program and in your conference folder.

IHRFG SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DETAILED AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

8:00-9:00 am REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

Greenberg Lounge

9:00-9:30 am WELCOME FROM OUR CONFERENCE HOSTS

Greenberg Lounge **Professor Smita Narula,**
Faculty Director, Center for
Human Rights and Global
Justice, New York University
School of Law



CONFERENCE OPENING

IHRFG Steering Committee Members:

- Emily Martinez, Director, Rights Initiatives, Open Society Foundations
- Kica Matos, Programme Executive and Head, U.S. Reconciliation & Human Rights Programme, The Atlantic Philanthropies

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

9:30 am-12:00 pm OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Greenberg Lounge *Human Rights Philanthropy and the Ten-Year Legacy of 9/11: Where From Here?*

The approaching 10-year anniversary of 9/11 offers an important opportunity for human rights funders to reflect on “post- 9/11” grantmaking strategies. How have the events of the past decade shaped human rights grantmaking priorities? This interactive session will focus on the impact of the “war on terror” on human rights in the United States and abroad. With an eye toward charting a course for the future, the opening plenary will explore lessons that grantmakers and activists have learned over the past decade as well as philanthropic strategies for finding a better balance between rights and security. The plenary first features advocates’ assessments of the human rights landscape, specifically on immigration, “homegrown terrorism,” treatment of detainees, and the use of torture. Funder colleagues will then participate in an interactive roundtable, sharing insights on how philanthropy as a sector has responded to “post-9/11” human rights challenges and their grantmaking strategies for the future.

Session Organizer: Dimple Abichandani, Security and Rights Collaborative, Proteus Fund

Facilitator: Dimple Abichandani, Program Officer, Security and Rights Collaborative, Proteus Fund

Advocate Panelists:

- Elisa Massimino, President and CEO, Human Rights First
- Charlie Martel, Staff Director, Task Force on Detainee Treatment, The Constitution Project
- Faiza Patel, Co-Director, Liberty and National Security Program, Brennan Center for Justice

Funder Panelists:

- Kica Matos, Head, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, The Atlantic Philanthropies
- Tim Parritt, Programme Officer, The Oak Foundation
- Fulco van Deventer, Policy Advisor, CordAid (Netherlands)
- Monona Yin, Director, Capacity-Building Initiative, Four Freedoms Fund

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

9:30 am-12:00 pm OPENING PLENARY SESSION CONTINUED...

Greenberg Lounge *Human Rights Philanthropy and the Ten-Year Legacy of 9/11: Where From Here?*

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**IHRFG Working Group
on Civil Society and
Counterterrorism**

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12:00-1:30 pm LUNCH
Greenberg Lounge

12:00-1:30 pm

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WELCOME LUNCH FOR NEW ATTENDEES

Is this conference your first IHRFG educational event? Join fellow newcomers, IHRFG Steering Committee members Nikhil Aziz and Lesley Carson, and IHRFG Deputy Director Mona Chun to learn more about IHRFG and all its opportunities. Old-timers and those wishing to reconnect are also welcome!

1:00-1:30 pm

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FUNDERS' SOAPBOX

Join this "open mic" opportunity to speak extemporaneously on your philanthropic passions, promote a favorite project or organization, appeal for advice, announce an event, etc.!

Moderator: Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

1:30-3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Greenberg
Lounge**

***Pushing Back School Push-out: Asserting Education Rights
for the Most Vulnerable***

In the United States, African-American students are 3.5 times more likely to be expelled from school than white students. In many European countries, Romani ("Gypsy") and disabled youth are segregated either into separate schools or separate classes. These are examples of "school push-out," which refers to policies and practices that prevent or discourage young people from remaining on track to complete their education. Worldwide, school push-out disproportionately affects the right to education of students of color, students with disabilities, and other historically disenfranchised youth. In effect, discrimination may drive expulsions for minor misbehavior, referrals to juvenile justice, and inferior schools for children with disabilities. This session will explore successful funding strategies for addressing school "push-out" and restoring children's rights to education while comparing solutions across cultures and settings.

Session Organizer: Don Cipriani, Just and Fair Schools Fund/Public Interest Projects

Facilitator: Don Cipriani, Senior Program Officer, Just and Fair Schools Fund/Public Interest Projects

Panelists:

- Robert Kushen, Executive Director, European Roma Rights Centre
- Judith Browne-Dianis, Co-Director, Advancement Project
- Praz Barua, Youth Leader, Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM)

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TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

1:30-3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED

Golding Lounge

Stemming the Harm: Defending the Human Rights of Women Prisoners

The fastest growing prison population in the United States consists of women. The risks to women's health and well-being in prisons – from practices such as shackling of pregnant prisoners, lack of access to basic health care and nutrition, prevention of family visitation, and eroding parental rights – intersect with other human rights issues, including reproductive health and rights, economic justice, and immigration. This session will facilitate a conversation between formerly imprisoned women organizers and funders exploring best practices for investing in efforts designed to protect women prisoners' rights. This session will explore funding strategies that contribute to strong movements dedicated to stemming the harmful impacts of imprisonment both domestically and internationally. This session will also consider the value of investing in leadership by formerly imprisoned women of color and highlight their central role in recent victories that expand access to human rights.

Session Organizers: Rachel Herzing, Groundswell Fund; Kazu Haga, Peace Development Fund; Laura Katzive, Wellspring Advisors

Facilitator: Rachel Herzing, Program Officer, Groundswell Fund

Panelists:

- Tina Reynolds, Chair, Women on the Rise Telling HerStory
- LeaJay Harper, Young Mothers United Program Coordinator, Center for Young Women's Development
- Kazu Haga, Program Coordinator, Peace Development Fund

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3:00-3:30 pm

BREAK

Greenberg Lounge

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

3:30-5:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Greenberg
Lounge**

***Mass Atrocities from Rwanda to Libya: A Sea Change in
Response to Civilian Protection?***

Compared to the tragedies of Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur – where the international community failed to respond – international action to protect civilians from mass atrocity crimes in Libya has been remarkably swift. Regardless of the pros and cons of military action in Libya, the response reflects a significant change from the past. This session will describe the emerging field of mass atrocity crime and genocide prevention – focusing on grantmakers’ successes, lessons learned, and challenges in the decade since the field formed. Panelists will provide basic information about the field, including efforts to move beyond “crisis-hopping” to a more proactive prevention agenda, as well as key terms, including the “responsibility to protect” (R2P). Examples from Darfur, Libya, and other recent situations will illustrate progress and gaps. Participants will gain an understanding of the roles funders can play in developing or improving the national, regional, and international institutions tasked with or needed for preventing mass atrocity crimes and protecting civilians.

Session Organizers: Michelle Farley, Wellspring Advisors; Jill Savitt, Public Interest Projects

Facilitator: Michelle Farley, Program Officer, International Emergencies and Crises, Wellspring Advisors

Panelists:

- Michael Abramowitz, Director, Committee on Conscience, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Andrew Loomis, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, U.S. Department of State

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3:30-5:00 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED

Golding Lounge *Just Say No: The Drug War, Human Rights, and Policy Reform*

The “war on drugs” has become a war on people and communities, public health, civil liberties, and most especially human rights. This session will provide an overview of the global drug war and its impact on human rights; the growing movement for drug policy reform; the challenges and opportunities for grantmaking in this complex and sometimes controversial field; and lessons learned that are applicable to funders working on other difficult issues. The session will focus on grantmaking strategies such as: sustained general operating support as a means to build critical movement infrastructure; funding for bold advocacy campaigns that involve lobbying; leveraging smaller grants for maximum impact; and supporting security measures for activists on the frontlines. Funders will gain additional insight into this issue through a case study on the devastating impact of the drug war in Mexico, and multinational philanthropic and advocacy work to de-escalate the crisis.

Session Organizer: Hilda Vega, The Libra Foundation

Facilitator: Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Panelists:

- Suzanne Gollin, President, Angelica Foundation
- Ana Paula Hernández, Consultant in Drug Policy and Human Rights, Co-Founder of the Collective for an Integrated Drug Policy

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TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

5:00-6:00 pm OPEN TIME

6:00-7:00 pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION

**Golding
Lounge**

7:00-9:00 pm DINNER-DIALOGUE

**Greenberg
Lounge**

The “Arab Spring”: Prospects for Change and Human Rights in the Middle East

A conversation with



Hanan Rabbani, Senior Program Officer, Women’s Rights & Gender Development, Open Society Middle East and North Africa Initiative



Radwan Ziadeh, Executive Director, Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies; Director, Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies; Visiting Fellow, George Washington University



Robin Wright, Author, *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World*; Journalist; Foreign Policy Analyst; Senior Fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace

Moderated by



Maryam Elahi, Director, International Women’s Program, Open Society Foundations

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

8:00-9:00 am IHRFG BUSINESS BREAKFAST

**Greenberg
Lounge**

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We need you for your strategic mind. Join us to learn more about IHRFG's new programming and discuss ways in which IHRFG can best "move the needle" in the field of human rights grantmaking. Optional stretching of the mind and body included!

Facilitator: Diana Samarasan, Executive Director, Disability Rights Fund; IHRFG Steering Committee Member

9:00-10:30 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Greenberg
Lounge**

Protecting the Rights of Sex Workers: Asking the Tough Questions

Sex work is a hotly contested issue among human rights activists and donors. A growing movement of activists believes that laws criminalizing activities associated with sex work further jeopardize the human rights and health of sex workers. On the other hand, activists in many countries aim to abolish prostitution by promoting laws that criminalize activities associated with the buying and/or selling of sexual services. This session will explore the consequences of the laws, policies, and programs that are intended to protect sex workers. Program planners and policy activists will discuss the difficult but critical questions on rights-based responses to promoting the human rights of sex workers and how these issues relate to children in prostitution, sex trafficking, and other critical human rights issues. Through an interactive role-play, conversation with activists, and discussion of a case study, participants will explore the realities of the lives of sex workers and the human rights abuses they face. Participants will also identify effective and ineffective funding strategies to ensure that the human rights of those engaged in sex work are protected.

Session Organizer: Heather Doyle, Open Society Foundations

Facilitator: Françoise Girard, Director, Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations

Panelists:

- Meena Saraswathi Seshu, General Secretary, SANGRAM (India)
- Ruth Morgan Thomas, Global Coordinator, Global Network of Sex Work Projects
- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women With A Vision

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

9:00-10:30 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED

Golding Lounge ***Climate Justice Rights: Funding Resiliency in the Face of Disasters***

Climate justice is a vision and strategy for dissolving and alleviating the unequal burdens created by climate change. Climate justice advocates are working up from the grassroots to create solutions that ensure the right of all people to live, work, play, and pray in safe, healthy, and clean environments. This session will highlight the experiences of organizers in Guatemala and Haiti who are applying a human rights framework to climate justice efforts in cities and rural communities. Session participants will reflect on their own strategies for supporting this work, explore what questions funders should ask themselves in building long-term funding strategies to tackle climate change, and examine the policies and conditions that have increased communities' vulnerabilities to climate change. Participants will also learn from rights-based solutions that community-based organizations in the Global South have developed to respond to disasters and climate change.

Session Organizers: Katherine Zavala, International Development Exchange (IDEX); Karen Ashmore, Lambi Fund of Haiti

Facilitator: Katherine Zavala, Program Manager, Grassroots Alliances, International Development Exchange (IDEX)

Panelists:

- Elvira Sanchez Toscano, Executive Director, Institute to Overcome Urban Poverty (Guatemala)
- Marie Marthe Saint Cyr, Executive Director, Lambi Fund of Haiti

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the Environment**



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10:30-10:45 am BREAK

**Greenberg
Lounge**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

10:45 am-12:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Greenberg Lounge ***Triple Vulnerability: Violence Against Women and Children with Disabilities***

Progress has been made in recent years in fighting human trafficking and violence against women and children. Yet many internationally funded approaches have overlooked, underserved, or actively excluded persons with disabilities. This session will examine the intersections among women's, children's, and disability rights, and raise awareness of the high-risk of institutionalized populations to gender violence and sex and labor trafficking. Participants will also share grantmaking strategies for: the prevention of gender-violence and trafficking among persons with disabilities; supporting advocacy for women and children with disabilities; and incorporation of disability concerns into existing funding for women's rights and children's programs.

Session Organizers: Stephen A. Foster, The Overbrook Foundation; Catherine H. Townsend, Wellspring Advisors

Facilitator: Stephen Foster, President and CEO, Overbrook Foundation

Panelists:

- Tirza Leibowitz, Legal adviser, Disability Rights Initiative, Open Society Foundations
- Eric Rosenthal, Executive Director, Disability Rights International
- Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence Against Children, United Nations

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**IHRFG Disability
Rights Working Group**



Disability Funders Network

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

10:45 am-12:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED

Golding Lounge

The Power of Art in Promoting Human Rights

You are invited to open your mind and stimulate your senses! See art as an innovative tool in human rights work and human rights grantmaking. This session will explore the importance and effectiveness of art to advance awareness, respect, and compliance with human rights principles around the world. Participants will discuss the linkages between the arts and the promotion and protection of human rights and learn from grantee partners about successful and unsuccessful strategies for promoting positive social change through art and culture. Panelists will share lessons learned about funding art as a strategy and making the case for funding art-related projects to internal boards or colleagues.

Session Organizers: Paula Mejía, Mi Sangre Foundation;
Shannon Brunette, Lambent Foundation

Panelists:

- Mallika Dutt, President and CEO, Breakthrough
- Michelle Coffey, Executive Director, Lambent Foundation

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

12:15-1:30 pm LUNCH, LUNCHTIME DISCUSSIONS, & WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

**Snow Dining
Room
(4th Floor)**

Can peace be a human right?

The Declaration on the Human Right to Peace – drafted by more than one hundred civil society organizations from 50 countries – is making its way to the UN General Assembly. Engage with one of the leaders of the effort, Amb. Anwarul Chowdhury, on the importance of this declaration and what funders can do to further advance it.

Guest speaker:

Amb. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former UN Under-Secretary-General for Least Developed Countries; former Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations

Facilitator: Cora Weiss, President, Samuel Rubin Foundation

**Greenberg
Lounge**

***Women's security and gender equality in crisis-affected areas:
What have we learned? What do we need to know?***

What are the key priorities in the field of gender and security, as well as the opportunities and challenges for addressing them? Join the conversation on strengthening women's leadership in fragile states and making women and gender issues central to mainstream security policies and practices.

Guest speaker:

Jennifer Klot, Senior Advisor, Gender, HIV/AIDS and Security, Social Science Research Council

Facilitator: Katherine Magraw, Director, Peace and Security Funders Group

**Golding
Lounge
(East Wing)**

Human Rights Defenders Working Group

On the occasion of the launch of this new working group, IHRFG members will have the opportunity to share timely issues related to the protection and support of human rights defenders and discuss suggestions related to the mandate, future activities, and structure of the working group.

Facilitators:

- Terry Greenblatt, Executive Director & CEO, Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights
- Anne-Sophie Schaeffer, Program Manager, Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support of Human Rights Defenders

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

12:15-1:30 pm LUNCH, LUNCHTIME DISCUSSIONS, & WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, CONTINUED

Golding Lounge (West Wing)

Sexual Health and Rights Working Group

Join a discussion on funding strategies to promote rights-based approaches to protecting the rights of sex workers.

Facilitator: Heather Doyle, Director, Sexual Health and Rights Project, Open Society Foundations

Golding Lounge

Get Off Your Assets! Mission-Related Investing Working Group

How can you harness all of your foundation's financial assets in service of your philanthropic mission? How do your foundation's investment practices relate to corporate accountability? Learn the basics of mission-related investing, demystify the jargon, and exchange with colleagues implementing strategic investing efforts within their foundations. Financial expertise not required.

Facilitators:

- Ellen Dorsey, Executive Director, Wallace Global Fund
- Stephen Viederman, Finance Committee member, Christopher Reynolds Foundation

1:30-2:30 pm IHRFG WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Snow Dining Room (4th Floor)

Working Group on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Despite significant "wins" in courts around the world on the right to health, education, housing, and other economic, social and cultural (ESC) rights, naysayers continue to advance the myth that ESC rights are not justifiable. Rebecca Brown from ESCR-Net will discuss some of the groundbreaking victories and emblematic cases won by human rights organizations. The working group will also discuss the role of litigation in an ESC rights funding strategy.

Guest speakers:

- Rebecca Brown, Program Officer, ESCR-Net
- Cesar Rodriguez, Founding Member, Center for Law, Justice and Society (*Dejusticia*, Colombia)

Facilitators:

- Lesley Carson, Director, International Human Rights Program, Wellspring Advisors
- Monette Zard, Program Officer, Ford Foundation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

1:30-2:30 pm IHRFG WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Golding Lounge *Asia and Pacific Funders Working Group*

Join colleagues funding in the Asia and Pacific region for a colorful update on the Working Group's meeting at the Grantmakers Without Borders conference in June; reflections from a recent grantee visit to Mongolia and China; and thoughts on the situation of LGBTI activists in China. Come share your own updates from the region!

Facilitators/Presenters:

- Hoa Tu Duong, Program Officer, Global Fund for Children
- Jenna Capeci, Program Officer, American Jewish World Service
- Navin Moul, Program Officer, American Jewish World Service
- Mai Kiang, Director of Programs, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

Golding Lounge (West Wing) *Latin America Funders Working Group*

Get to know your peers funding human rights in Latin America or those interested in the region. The discussion will highlight the situation of human rights defenders in Mexico and throughout Meso-America.

Facilitators:

- Katherine Zavala, Program Manager, Grassroots Alliances, International Development Exchange (IDEX)
- David Mattingly, Manager of Programs, Fund for Global Human Rights

Golding Lounge (East Wing) *Disability Rights Working Group*

As disability moves onto the mainstream human rights agenda, many funders are seeking to include people with disabilities within their current grantmaking. Join a discussion with funders who will share their early efforts, challenges, and practical solutions.

Facilitator: Catherine Townsend, Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors

2:30-2:45 pm **BREAK**

Greenberg Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

2:45-4:45 pm

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Greenberg Lounge

Funding Gay Rights in the Global South? Only If You Do It Straight!

If you are interested in funding in the Global South, but are doubtful about the chances for success or are eager to learn about the most effective funding strategies, then this is the session for you! This plenary will engage participants in a serious but fun debate on the power dynamics inherent in philanthropy when funders in the Global North engage with rights activists in the Global South. Three experienced panelists will make the case for their strategy for funding LGBT rights and movements in the South – funding local grassroots groups; funding international NGOs; and funding capacity-building – and defend against the critiques of those strategies. Come ready to vote with your feet, challenge your own grantmaking practices, and have your own ideological beliefs tested!

Session Organizers: Teyo van der Schoot and Paul Jansen, Hivos

Facilitators:

- Kate Kroeger, Director of Grants, American Jewish World Service
- Teyo van der Schoot, Programme Specialist, Rights and Citizenship Programme, Hivos

Panelists:

- Paul Jansen, Programme Officer, LGBT Rights/MSM & HIV Programme, Hivos
- Maria Sjödin, Executive Director of the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights
- Carla Sutherland, Director, International Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Program, Arcus Foundation

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4:45 pm

EVALUATION AND CLOSING

Greenberg Lounge

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SAVE THE DATE: IHRFG UPCOMING EVENTS

San Francisco Conference: January 24-25, 2012

*Request for session proposals to be
distributed in September 2011*



San Francisco Pre-Conference Institute: January 23, 2012

***What's Power Got to Do With It?
Exploring Cultural Competency in
Human Rights Grantmaking***

Organized by International Development
Exchange (IDEX)



Learning Visit: April/May 2012

Destination and date to be announced



Visit IHRFG's web site for more information: www.ihrfg.org

MAPPING GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDING

DEFINING 'HUMAN RIGHTS GRANTMAKING'

What is 'Human Rights Grantmaking?'

IHRFG and the Foundation Center have been working closely with an advisory committee comprised of eight IHRFG members who are reflective of the diversity of the human rights funding field. As its first major task, the committee drafted a definition of 'human rights grantmaking,' which serves as the cornerstone of this research.

**To see a full version of the definition, attend IHRFG's Business Breakfast!
Wednesday July 13, 8 am**

"Human rights grantmaking empowers individuals, communities and institutions to promote the protection and enjoyment of the rights enumerated below. These rights are based on those in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and draw on ideas expressed in more recent international covenants and conventions. These rights apply across all identities, thus specific identity groups are not explicitly referenced within this definition. Human rights grantmaking has a special focus on, or duty to, support the efforts of disadvantaged or marginalized populations.

A grant or grants programme is defined as human rights funding if it seeks systemic change in the implementation of the rights that follow through the strategic application of philanthropic funds for or to individuals, communities, and institutions..."

**Analysis of strengths and gaps in human rights funding and online interactive map
to be released in spring 2012!**

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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Attend IHRFG's Business Breakfast to learn more and
to see a demo of the online mapping tool!
Wednesday July 13, 8 am**

The **International Human Rights Funders Group** is partnering with the **Foundation Center** to map and analyze the global landscape of human rights grantmaking. This is an ambitious and potentially ground-breaking project that requires the participation of as many grantmakers as possible to ensure that it is useful and relevant for your work. ***We encourage you to get involved by submitting your grants data!***

Key accomplishments:

- We have more than quadrupled IHRFG and Ariadne member grants data captured by the Foundation Center, which is critical to the mapping project
- 23.6% of data submitted was that of non U.S.-based grantmakers
- The Foundation Center has so far added six codes to its grants classification system, ensuring that human rights grantmaking will be more accurately captured moving forward:
 - Labor Rights
 - Cultural Rights
 - Environmental and Resource Rights
 - Freedom from violence/torture
 - Marriage Rights
 - Sex Workers

YOU ARE INVITED

Culture Project's Women Center Stage presents
The Farber Foundry Production of

MoLoRa

Wednesday, July 13th at 8:00 pm

*This event is made available **free-of-charge** to IHRFG conference attendees.
Our gratitude to IHRFG member Joshua Mailman for sponsoring this evening.*

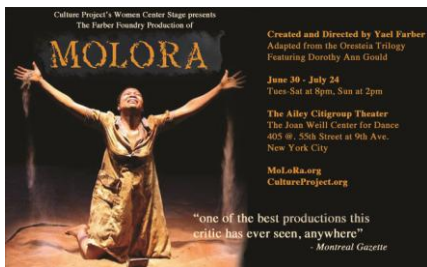
LOCATION:

The Ailey Citigroup Theater
at the Joan Weill Center for Dance
405 West 55th Street (at 9th
Avenue)
New York City

TO RESERVE A SEAT:

Please send an email to
rsvp@cultureproject.org by 12 noon on
Wednesday, July 13th with your name and
indicating that you are with IHRFG.

ABOUT *MoLoRa* (www.molora.org)



Set after the fall of apartheid, South African playwright and director Yael Farber's *MoLoRa* re-imagines the ancient Greek Oresteia to tell the story of her own country's painful and extraordinary transition to democracy. As Klytemnestra and Elektra—mother and daughter, perpetrator and victim—sit to face each other in an open hearing, *MoLoRa* reenacts

a watershed moment in world history, illuminating the universal and excruciating choice for any victim: to seek revenge or choose forgiveness.

Playing the role of chorus, the women of the world-renowned Ngqoko Cultural Group underscore the performance with haunting throat singing of the Xhosa tradition. Hailing from deep in rural South Africa, these guardians of a dying musical tradition bear witness as the crimes of apartheid are viscerally remembered. A relentless examination of the spirals of violence, *MoLoRa* is a celebration of the courage to choose forgiveness and find a path to reconciliation.

Created and Directed by Yael Farber. Adapted from the Oresteia Trilogy.
Featuring Dorothy Ann Gould and The Ngqoko Cultural Group

IHRFG WORKING GROUPS

IHRFG Working Groups provide members with an opportunity to:

- Share knowledge, ideas, information and grantmaking strategies
- Promote dialogue, collaboration and leveraging of resources
- Increase awareness around the issue, trends and funding opportunities.

Human Rights Defenders *(launching at this conference on July 13th!)*

Asia and Pacific Funders

Civil Society and Counterterrorism

Disability Rights

Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Get Off Your Assets! Mission-Related Investment Strategies for Foundations

Human Rights and the Environment

Latin America Funders

Sexual Health and Rights

U.S. Human Rights

To establish a Working Group or for further information or questions, please contact Mona Chun, Deputy Director, IHRFG at mchun@ihrf.org or 646.381.7588.



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