



**Telebriefing:**

**THE IMPLICATIONS OF COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORK**

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***Speakers:***

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***Description:***

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a law last June that will inhibit the work of human rights and conflict resolution groups, as well as those who fund them. The *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project* decision states that the government has the authority to criminalize "material support" to terrorist organizations. "Material support" is defined broadly, to include any service, training, expert advice, assistance, and personnel. The Humanitarian Law Project had challenged the material support provisions because they wanted to provide assistance to the Kurdistan Workers' Party in Turkey, a designated foreign terrorist organization, in filing human rights complaints with the United Nations and conducting peace negotiations with the Turkish government.

Kay Guinane discussed the impact of this ruling, as well as a host of other so-called national security measures relating to foundation and nonprofit work focusing on international conflict resolution and human rights. She also discussed what avenues are open for challenging these laws and measures, and supporting proposed reforms.

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