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The Individual or the Collective: Which Way to Human Rights?

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Facilitator and Session Organizer :

Rachel Humphrey, Director of Philanthropic Partnerships, Global Fund for Women

Speakers:

Patrick Ball, Ph.D., Director (Human Rights Program), Benetech Initiative; Zoe Gudovic, Zene na Delu (Women at Work); Shalini Nataraj, Vice President of Programs, Global Fund for Women; David Rothschild, Program Officer, Skoll Foundation

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A popular approach to funding human rights work is to highlight the work of one human rights defender or social entrepreneur with an award. Yet foundations that are funding movements question the focus on the individual when there is immeasurable collective action behind that individual. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each approach? Why, and when, does one work better than the other? Panelists will include one funder and one grantee from each side of the spectrum. This session will facilitate a dynamic discussion of divergent viewpoints on funding individuals and funding collective action.