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The Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA) is a gateway to excellence regarding international and comparative law. As a research institute, it is unique to the continent.

Its vision is to develop African legal establishments to a level on a par with and in harmony with those in the rest of the world.

The ICLA is coordinating the African reporting for *Oxford Constitutions Online*. This authoritative database, which provides a constitutional analysis of more than 180 countries around the globe, is published by Oxford University Press in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany. Under the auspices of the ICLA, six African country reports were finalised during 2011.

The ICLA further provided research support to one of its co-directors, Prof Christof Heyns, in relation to his mandate as United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. In collaboration with the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne, Germany, the ICLA developed a specialised module in international air, space and telecommunications law. This module, which is the only one of its kind on the continent, is supported financially by the Department of Trade and Industry.

In August 2011, the ICLA was involved in the organisation of two winter schools. The first was a two-week winter school and two-day conference on the interaction between international

humanitarian law and human rights law in military operations. It was co-hosted by the ICLA and the International Law Centre of the Swedish National Defence College. It was directed towards (South African) members of the armed forces, the civil service and members of academia. A specialised module in this area is currently being conceptualised in order to introduce this in the master's programme in Public International Law in 2013. The second winter school was an introduction to the Pretoria Winter School for Doctoral Studies in Law and was directed at doctoral students in law and their supervisors.

The ICLA also contributed to the Faculty of Law's doctoral programme by obtaining funding from the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa over a three-year period for three part-time doctoral positions in the area of comparative constitutional law.

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The Death Penalty

Hanging by a Thread?

A panel discussion with

- **Christof Heyns**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; University of Pretoria
- **Juan Méndez**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; American University, Washington D.C.
- **William A. Schabas**, Professor of International Law, University of Middlesex, London
- **Carol Steiker**, Henry J. Friendly Professor of Law, Special Advisor for Public Service, Harvard Law School
- **Lloyd Barnett**, Member of the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights
- **Nigel Rodley**, Chair, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

Monday,
June 25, 2012
5–6:30 p.m.
Griswold Hall 110
Harvard Law School

Forty years ago, the US Supreme Court handed down *Furman v. Georgia*, which led to the de facto moratorium on the death penalty for four years. The US is one of the few industrialized democracies which permits the death penalty. Globally, judicial execution is prohibited in the vast majority of countries; increasingly the long confinement of prisoners on death row is viewed as a form of torture. This panel discussion will explore these and other dimensions with the world's leading experts on the death penalty.



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Expert international panel on the safety of journalists



12.30-2pm Friday 2 March 2012
Alison Richard Building · 7 West Road · Cambridge

<p>Christof Heyns United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions</p> <p>Frank La Rue UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion & protection of the right to freedom of opinion & expression</p> <p>Joel Simon Executive Director, Committee to Protect Journalists</p> <p>Celia Davies Program Development Manager, Institute for Reporters' Freedom & Safety, Azerbaijan</p>	<p>Pansy Tlakula Special Rapporteur, Freedom of Expression & Access to Information, African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights</p> <p>William Horsley Former BBC Correspondent, UK Chairman Association of European Journalists (moderator)</p> <p>Sharath Srinivasan Director, Centre of Governance and Human Rights (chair)</p>
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