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Dear Colleagues:

The Organizing Committee of the **Fifth International Conference on Human Rights Education (IHREC) "Advancing Universal Human Rights Culture"** warmly invites submissions for paper proposals for presentation at the conference. The 2014 conference will focus on the UN and the UN World Programme for Human Rights Education, and address a broad range of legal, social, and educational issues.

The 5th IHREC is an annual event bringing together experts and scholars from around the world interested in the human rights education. Past conference speakers include Nobel Peace Prize winners, government ministers and ombudsmen from various countries, members of international and regional organizations, senior government officials, scholars from leading universities and research centres, and members of civil society. Further information is on the Conference website at www.wcl.american.edu/events/ichredu/

In particular, we invite the submission of papers concerning the following subject matters, as well as papers concerning individual case studies and best practice examples:

1. What are the Global Trends in HR Education?

- UN Initiatives, incl. the World Programme for HRE and impact of the Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training
- Will Human Rights Shape Civilization in the 21st Century?
- HRE and Regional Development

2. HR as Unifying Standards for a Modern Society

- What is the Culture of Human Rights?
- The Nexus Between Human Rights and a Well-Functioning Democracy
- Values in Education: HR, Peace, Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue
- Universal Values and Religious Specificity
- Global Citizenship: What Values are to be Given Priority in Modern Education?
- What Can We Learn from Democratic Audits?

3. How to Nourish Human Rights Culture?

- What could/should government do to advance a Human Rights Culture?
- Can the Media Shift Public Opinion on Human Rights Issues?
- Human Rights in Professional Training
- The Role of Law in Human Rights Education
- Contribution of National Bills of Rights to HRE – International Experience

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- Role of Civil Society in Educating about Human Rights, including HR Education by the Trade Unions and NGOs (e.g., Amnesty, Human Rights Watch, Red Cross, and others)
- HRE of duty-bearers incl. professional groups such as law enforcement officials, health workers, social workers, and others
- Implementing the HR Based Approach in Community Organisations

4. Where And How To Educate About Human Rights?

- Do We Need a Human Rights-Based Approach to Schooling?
- Should We Teach HR Education in Primary and/or Secondary Schools?
- Universities and HR Education
- HRE Pedagogy
- Should HRE Address Human Rights Issues of Special Relevance To Daily Lives of Educators, e.g., Poverty, Discrimination, Homophobia, Lack of Freedom of Expression?

5. What are Key National Initiatives in HRE?

- Comparative Analysis

6. Human Rights of Specific Groups

- Does HRE Protect and Help to Realize the HRs of the most vulnerable groups?
- Women's Rights in Developing Nations
- Human Rights and the Homeless in the Modern World
- The Human Rights of LGBTQI people
- The Human Rights of People with Disabilities
- Human Rights, Indigenous People and Development
- Do We Need a UN Convention Prohibiting Discrimination Against the Elderly?

7. HR Education and Conflict

- Human Rights Training for Military and Police
- The Application of Human Rights in a Disaster Context

Instructions for Submission of Papers

1. Abstracts of a maximum 250 words are invited by 1 August 2014.
2. Abstracts will be reviewed for their relevance, academic merit and timeliness by a panel, and authors will be notified of decisions via email by 1 September 2014.
3. The complete manuscript should be submitted to the conference organizing committee by 1 November 2014.
4. Please send your submission via email to IHRE2014@wcl.american.edu
5. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.

Travel to the United States

1. We realize that it may not be possible for some presenters to come to the United States to present their research paper at the conference due to financial and/or political issues.
2. However, with the use of Skype, those whose papers are accepted, may have the opportunity where possible to make a presentation.
3. Conference fees are the same for both virtual and in-person presentations.
4. Such submissions and requests should also be sent to IHRE2014@wcl.american.edu

Please submit any questions regarding this call for papers to Jennifer Dabson, Director, Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at jdabson@wcl.american.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CG', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Claudio Grossman, Dean