3rd World Forum on Human Rights
From universal principles to local action

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The 3rd World Forum on Human Rights acquires special significance this year, as 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Nantes will thus be the starting point for a series of events extended throughout the entire French presidency of the European Union, until 10 December 2008.

It will provide an opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved since the solemn affirmation of a “common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.” Many a chain has been broken since 1948, from decolonisation and the end of apartheid, to the fall of the Berlin wall and the progress of democracy on all continents. And yet, regional crises are fixation abscesses for massive violations of Human Rights, starting with the rights of peoples to self-determination. We are still far from a world “in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want.” Freedom of conscience – the freedom to believe or not to believe – like the freedom of expression, is threatened by intolerance and violence. Fear persists behind the mask of sovereignty, and it is only fostering underdevelopment and vulnerability to crises and disasters.

Democracies are themselves witnessing an erosion of their principles in the fight against terrorism, when not a challenge to those principles from secret detentions and “cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.” Extreme poverty persists at the very heart of our opulent societies, in a vicious circle of exclusion and discrimination. The European States that invoked the freedom of movement in dictatorships are today multiplying obstacles to immigration, in a globalised world where barriers and controls are multiplying against men and women, whereas speculative flows only deepen the inequalities between people as between individuals. As Joubert put it, “Justice is the right of the weakest.”

In spite of these new challenges, undeniable progress is being made. In 2007, the United Nations adopted a Convention against Enforced Disappearances and a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which should enter into force in the coming months. New investigations of complaint-processing procedures are also being considered for the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, which provides in particular for national preventive mechanisms, and the draft Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which will enable individual action in case of violation of the guaranteed rights. At European level, the Lisbon Treaty provides for important advancements in Human Rights by sanctioning the legal value of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and by providing for an enhanced role of the “Europe of judges” through a new synergy between the Court of Justice in Luxembourg and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Beyond such advancements, which are not only technical, because they will ensure an effective guarantee of all Human Rights, at the national, European and international level, everyone is called upon to give life to Human Rights and transform lofty principles into local initiatives. Human Rights are not a State monopoly, but are aimed at “every individual and every organ of society,” as specified in the Universal Declaration. It is the task of the Nantes Forum to promote this collective reflection by bringing together on equal footing, citizens and public officials, diplomats and international civil servants, academics and magistrates, independent experts and representatives of NGOs, actors of the civil society, but also people from the business world. The three major issues broached this year will make it possible, thanks to a dozen roundtables per day, to delve in depth into these stakes, in a spirit of freedom, pluralism and tolerance.

Emmanuel Decaux

Professor of international public law at the University of Paris II Panthéon Assas
Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations
President of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments
This third edition of the Nantes Forum is held within the framework of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It will be an opportunity to discuss its pertinence in a globalised society racked with doubt, environmental risks, the return of famine and the increasing precariousness of a growing part of the population on every continent.

Sixty years after the call of René Cassin, how can we build a world society that respects individual freedoms while guaranteeing the right to live decently, the right to learn and be cultivated, and the right to choose one’s life for all?

The World Forum on Human Rights is first and foremost a platform for dialogue, heeding and sharing among activists, officials of non-governmental organisations, representatives of the United Nations, representatives of local authorities, elected officials, legal experts and engaged citizens. Because we believe in the strength of dialogue and confrontation, we think that the Nantes Forum can offer a building ground for a new approach to Human Rights defined in partnership with the civil society, researchers, local authorities and citizens.

In 2006, we announced the creation of a permanent secretariat of the Forum and an association to keep the spirit of the Forum alive between each edition. The international permanent secretariat for Human Rights and Local Governments has existed for a year. It is associated with the world organisation United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) to endeavour how to get local territories and their elected officials involved in the respect of Human Rights as closely to the populations as possible. An Internet platform is used to communicate throughout the year through interactive workshops and scientific contributions.

The City of Nantes and Urban Community of Nantes (also known as “Nantes Métropole) are delighted to make a useful contribution to the effort of defenders of Human Rights. The international endeavour of States that take action in favour of Human Rights can only make sense if it is extended through actions by local public authorities and the civil society, in combating discrimination, fighting for the right of minorities, or the respect of basic rights: access to drinking water, the right to decent housing, the right to healthcare and healthy food, the right to education, etc.

The first of these rights is the right to freedom of speech, an indomitable right that must be respected everywhere, without exception. It is also for this fight for freedom of expression that we invite you to Nantes from 30 June to 3 July.

Jean Marc Ayrault

Deputy at the National Assembly
Mayor of Nantes
President of Nantes Métropole
The Western Loire Region is strongly committed to the third edition of the World Forum on Human Rights which will be held from 30 June to 3 July of this year at the Nantes International Convention Centre.

The product of the important work performed by the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments, financed chiefly by the Western Loire Region and Nantes Métropole, the Forum is intended as a platform for encounters, free dialogue, and the exchange of knowledge and good practices for all actors in Human Rights.

This Forum will bring together many elected officials, academics, experts and representatives of international organisations, activists of associations, officials of NGOs, etc. from the world over (by way of reminder, 1200 people took part in 2006 representing 70 nationalities).

The forum will this year coincide with the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948.

It is moreover in line with the works that the Western Loire Region pursues together with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), which represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage, and whose work on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), i.e. equality between men and women or decentralisation, has led to the development of extremely innovative international tools in support of the role that local authorities have to play in these fields.

This is precisely what will be broached during the roundtable on “the diplomacy of local governments, a lever of local democracy and fundamental rights,” that I shall have the honour of chairing on 3 July, alongside eminent specialists on decentralisation, local governance and the proper application of fundamental Human Rights.

In parallel, one day after France assumes the presidency of the European Union, the Western Loire Region will insist this year of raising the issue of Human Rights in Europe and the role of European structures in regard to third countries. A roundtable will be devoted to these questions on Wednesday, 2 July.

Prior to that, when the Forum opens, we shall host as of Monday, 30 June, the general assembly of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty at the Nantes International Convention Centre.

The local authorities remain the key contact for the citizen, because of their shared responsibilities. It is actually by remaining particularly attentive to the implementing conditions of Human Rights at local level by and through the local authorities, that we will continue to strive for the establishment and reinforcement of solidarity networks which are indispensable for the protection, respect and implementation of these rights, throughout the planet.

Jacques Auxiette
President of the Western Loire Region
For the third time, the Loire-Atlantique County Council will live under the sign of Human Rights for four days. At the heart of mutual assistance, the County Council is highly involved in this forum, by focusing on women’s rights; because women symbolise humanity, and their rights are still far too often forgotten, maltreated, and denied, while they themselves are subjected to social, economic and political discrimination.

Recent examples of the rights and freedoms of women being flouted are unfortunately still too frequent: from arbitrary detention to threats against those who dare to testify, not to mention the daily violence to which very many women are still subjected in our country. The struggle for women’s rights is on the agenda now more than ever before.

This world Forum is an opportunity for a free platform of discussion, sharing and collecting testimonies. These exchanges between people, ideas and actions should provide new answers to help the cause of Human Rights. Because this cause must be brought worldwidely, where our Western conception can be compared with other views, in an effort to unify this fundamental moral base for the sake of balance in the world – to build, together, a real universal right, accepted, recognised and respected by all.

On behalf of all the citizens of the County Council and all the elected officials of the County Council, I would like to welcome all the participants to Loire-Atlantique, the host of this forum for four days, and a haven for Human Rights forever.

Patrick Mareschal

President of the Loire-Atlantique County Council
**YOUTH DAY — “SPORT, CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS”**


**Morning**

Meeting between sportsmen, personalities with young people engaged in Human Rights in their schools, colleges, upper secondary schools and leisure centres.

**Afternoon — International Convention Centre**

1:30 PM

Welcome festive of pupils with Company Bafodi.

2:00 PM

Meeting of young people with sportsmen and Stéphane Hessel, former resistance fighter, ambassador of France, a leading witness of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948).

Sportmen and committed witnesses in their countries: Florence Arthaud, Thierry Dubois, Karine Fauconnier, Louis Mauffret, Eugène Riguidel, yachtsmen; Virginie Lazaro, University boxing and woman football champion; Robert Duval of the Athletic Haiti; Anis Gandeel from Palestine; Florence Arthaud, Wheelchair Tennis World Champion No 4; Yann Courtal, Ultimate; Gilles Rampillon, former football player of the FC Nantes; Anis Gandeel from Palestine; Michaël Jeremiasz, Wheelchair Tennis World Champion No 4; Yann Courtal, Ultimate; Gilles Rampillon, former football player of the FC Nantes; Anis Gandeel from Palestine; Michaël Jeremiasz, Wheelchair Tennis World Champion No 4; Yann Courtal, Ultimate; Gilles Rampillon, former football player of the FC Nantes; Anis Gandeel from Palestine; Michaël Jeremiasz, Wheelchair Tennis World Champion No 4; Yann Courtal, Ultimate; Gilles Rampillon, former football player of the FC Nantes; Anis Gandeel from Palestine; Michaël Jeremiasz, Wheelchair Tennis World Champion No 4; 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Several more names.

Presentation of the sportmen and their commitments followed by short documentaries presenting three projects of young people.

Speech by Stephan Hessel, leading witness of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Signature of a summary for Human Rights and handing in of the « Pass-sport for the Rights » to all the pupils.

4:00 PM

Phum style show from the Phare Ponleu Selpak circus school in Cambodia.

**PUBLIC CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF CITIES AGAINST RACISM**

Established by UNESCO, the International Coalition of Cities against Racism will meet for the first time at Nantes, during the 3rd World Forum on Human Rights.

3:00 PM — Room 120

— Coalition of European Cities, chaired by Ulrich Maly, mayor of Nuremberg (Germany), vice-president: City of Nantes (France), represented by Delphine Bouffenne, deputy mayor.

— Coalition of African cities, co-chaired by Obed Mlaba, mayor of Durban, and E’Thekwini (South Africa), represented by Loggie Naidoo, 1st deputy mayor, and by Dick Wathika, mayor of Nairobi (Kenya).

— Coalition of Arab cities, chaired by Mohamed Sajid, Member of Parliament and mayor of Casablanca.

— Coalition of Latin American cities, chaired by Ricardo Ehrlich, mayor of Montevideo (Uruguay), represented by Alejandro Zavala, general secretary of the City of Montevideo.

— Coalition of North American cities, chaired by Marc Bureau, mayor of Gatineau (Québec, Canada).

— Coalition of Asian cities, chaired by Apirak Kosayodhin, mayor (Governor) of Bangkok (Thailand).

**GENERAL MEETING AND PUBLIC CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY**

Morning Annual general meeting.

2:00-6:00 PM – Room 200

Public session with:

- Presentation of actions carried out by the World Coalition in the previous year, and actions to come;
- Presentation of the different publications of the World Coalition;
- Presentation of World Day 2008, devoted to Asia;
- Presentation of the role of the local authorities in the fight to abolish the death penalty. A representative from a local authority that is a member of the Coalition will present the reasons for their commitment and the repercussions that this can have at local level;
- Discussion on socially responsible investment in abolitionist countries and states (in particular federated American states).

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OFFICIAL OPENING

60 YEARS AFTER...
THE PERTINENCE OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on 10 December 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The World Forum on Human Rights plans to examine both the reality of this ideal of “the universal respect for and observance of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms,” as well as the strength of this message of freedom, justice and peace in the world today.

At the beginning, a mere resolution of the General Assembly, and a non-binding text just like any other Declaration, the UDHR did not only respond to a political commitment by all State members, but it also gives induced legal obligations within the framework of the United Nations.

If the UDHR has become more effective, how does it relate to the Treaties that have extended its original aim? Is it adapted to the new challenges of the 21st century?

1. Opening ceremony

6:30 PM, Auditorium 2000

With a special appearance by Miguel Angel Estrella, pianist and ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Argentina to UNESCO. Musical moments with trio assembled for the occasion — Yancuba Diabate (kora, vocals), Senegal, Mihaïl Trestian (cymbalo), Rumania, and Albert Magister (guitar, vocals), Nantes, France; and musical circus moments by the students of the Phare Ponleu Selpak circus school of Cambodia.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------

Jean-Marc Ayrault, Deputy at the National Assembly - mayor of Nantes, President of Nantes Métropole (on behalf of the partner local authorities of the Forum) with Jacques Auxiette, President of the Western Loire Region and Patrick Mareschal, President of the Loire-Atlantique County Council.

Souhayr Belhassen, Tunisian lawyer, President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH).

Emmanuel Decaux, Professor of international public law at the University of Paris II Panthéon Assas, Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations, President of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments

Martine Roure, Vice-president of the European Parliament, representing Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering, President.

Hugo Sada, Head of Delegation on Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF), representative of M. Abdou Diouf, general secretary of the OIF.


Jorge Sampaio (video message), former president of the Republic of Portugal, high representative of the United National for the Alliance of Civilisations.

Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Social and Human Sciences.

Joël Thoraval, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Human Rights, France.

Rama Yade, Secretary of State of the French Republic for Foreign affairs and for human rights.

2. Official launch of the International Coalition of Cities against Racism, under the aegis of UNESCO

Introduction by Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Social and Human Sciences.

In the presence of mayors (or their representatives) present at Nantes, presidents of continental coalitions (Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, North America), and Régis De Gouttes, member and former chairman of the UN Committee on the elimination of racial discrimination, France (to be confirmed).

3. ROUNDTABLE

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------

Moderator: Stéphane Hessel, former resistance fighter, ambassador of France, former resistance fighter, ambassador of France, a leading witness of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.


Asma Jahangir, lawyer at the Supreme Court, UN Special Rapporteur of freedom of religion or believe, Pakistan.

Angela Melo, Vice-president of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (to be confirmed).

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, former special rapporteur of the United Nations on Human Rights in Burma, Brazil.
Globalisation reveals two opposing rationales: one prefers relations of force to legal and ethical considerations, the other tries to put the law again at the heart of economic and commercial preoccupations. Now, in spite of relative albeit real awareness, of international financial institutions and companies, the relation between economic globalisation and international solidarity seems to be out of balance.

Numerous questions emerge about Human Rights. Can globalisation integrate international solidarity so that the economic imperative is no longer the main obstacle to the achievement thereof and to the millennium development goals set by the United Nations (2000-2015)? How can the current concepts of “sustainable development” or “co-development” give rise to real dynamics structured by the law, in the service of humanity as a whole?

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**Moderator:** Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, former special rapporteur of the United Nations on Human Rights in Burma, Brazil.

**Samir Amin**, visiting researcher of Nantes Institute for Advanced Studies on the North and South

**Lucie Lamarche**, professor, holder of the Gordon F. Henderson Human Rights Chair, University of Ottawa, “The Social Stakes”


**Rajagopal P. V.**, leader of Ekta Parishad, the Landless Farmer Movement (United Forum), India.

What pressures should be exerted on countries that violate Human Rights? Should the international community rally to the calls for a boycott of the Beijing Olympics or opt for dialogue, in particular by supporting defenders of Human Rights? Should the embargo imposed on South Africa during the apartheid period serve as an example to bring pressure to bear on countries that are guilty of massive violations of fundamental freedoms? Can companies which do business with Texas ignore the executions championed by this State, and should awareness campaigns be stepped up? Such cases in point can be used to open the discussion...

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**Moderator:** Michel Taube, publication director of Toogezer publications and founder of Together against the death penalty, France.

**Isabelle Dubuis**, coordinator of Info Birmanie, France.

**Yannick Guin**, Vice-president of Nantes Métropole, Nantes city council member, France.

**Rick Halperin**, President of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, USA (to be confirmed).

**Marie Holzman**, sinologist, France.

**Francis Perrin**, member of the International Executive Committee of Amnesty International, French section.

**Jampal Sochang**, representative of his Holiness the Dalai-Lama in France, Tibet / Chine.

**Michael Sutcliffe**, City Manager of Durban/E'Thekwini Municipality, South Africa, winner of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) prize, South-Africa.

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**Faced with these constantly renewed challenges, it is vital, more than ever before, to ask about how solidarity should be defended.**

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**Souhayr Belhassen**, President of FIDH: description of the main types of repression against defenders of Human Rights.

**Michel Forst**, general secretary of the National Consultative Commission of Human Rights (CNCDH), France: presentation of the European mechanism for the protection of Defendants (OSCE, European Union, Council of Europe).

**Asma Jahangir**, UN special rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief: description of the UN mechanism for the protection of defenders and referral procedures, in particular through a particular case (situation in Pakistan in November and December 2007)

**Ibrahim Ozden Kaboglu**, Professor of constitutional law at the University of Marmara, Istanbul, Turkey: judicial harassment against defenders in Turkey: illustration of a type of repression;

**Tolib Yakoubov**, President of the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan (to be confirmed): what type of solidarity for a particularly serious repression situation.

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**9:30 AM – 12:00 noon, Room 450**

**Economic Sanctions, Political and Athletic Boycotts, Opinion campaigns and Human Rights: Condemn? Convince?**

*Organiser: Toogezer*

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**Protection of the Defenders of Human Rights: how can Solidarity be Practised?**

*Organisers: International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Nantes Associative Grouping for Rights for Humanity.*

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Although precise statistical data are difficult to obtain for each country, many defenders of Human Rights continue to pay their commitment with their life. The inter-governmental, regional and international mechanisms for the protection of Human Rights as well as the growing media coverage of cases of threatened defenders make it possible to provide better protection for many of them, but they are still subject to constant harassment and to increasingly liberticidal laws. Arbitrary arrests, sentencing after unfair trials and house arrests continue.

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**9:30 AM – 12:00 noon, Room 200**

**International Peace-keeping Operations and Humanitarian Law**

*Organiser: Nantes World Citizens’ Centre, in partnership with Doctors without Borders.*

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**Hatem Kotrane**, Professor of law at the University of Tunis, independent expert, member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Tunisia: “The role of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child: operation, actions, objectives.”


**Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro**, Professor at the University of Sao Paolo, independent experts of the United Nations of violence against children: “Violence against children.”

**Marta Santos Pais**, Director of the UNICEF Innocenti research centre, Florence (Italy): “General presentation of the problem.”
9:30 AM – 12:00 noon, Room 120

International Peace-keeping Operations and Humanitarian Law
Organiser: Nantes World Citizens’ Centre, in partnership with Doctors without Borders.

On 3 December 1992, UN Security Council Resolution no. 794 “authorises the Secretary-General and Member States cooperating...to use all necessary means to establish as soon as possible a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations in Somalia.” Other “military/humanitarian” operations will be carried out in subsequent years. This roundtable will examine the place and role of humanitarian and military efforts for such “armed interventions for humanitarian purposes,” as well as the risk of confusion between these two types of action, hitherto separate.

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Moderator: Laurent Marchand, foreign policy columnist for the daily Ouest-France, France.
Rony Brauman, former president of Doctors without Borders, associate professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies, France.
Vincent Chetail, assistant director of the International Academy of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland.
General Jean Cot, former commander of UNPROFOR (UN protection force in former Yugoslavia).
Alphonse Maindo, programme manager at the Gorée Institute, political science lecturer (Paris I).
Thibaud Lemière, historian, geographer, president of the Federation of Associations of Solidarity with Migrant Workers (FASTI) and chairman of the FASTI North-South Committee.
Claire Mahon, legal consultant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) at the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (to be confirmed).
Alpha Oumar Konare, former president of the African Union Commission, ESCR platform of Mali.
Renaud Savean, geographer, researcher at the Committee for the Abolition of Third World Debt (CADTM).
A representative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, (FAO), (to be confirmed).

9:30 AM –12:00 noon, Room GH

Right to Food, Food Sovereignty and Development
Organisers: ESCR Platform, Nantes Associative Grouping Rights for Humanity [Collectif droits pour l’humanité]

The imposition on the South of an agricultural system inherited from the colonial past and the protectionist system of agriculture in the North have created a non-egalitarian market, one that has led to social, economic and environmental instability in the South. The economic relations between Western countries and countries in the Southern hemisphere must be reviewed; an inventory of Human Rights must be drawn up, and the question of food sovereignty must be analysed by linking it with the agricultural polices pursued.

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Moderator: Jean Droillard, ATTAC Nantes, or Thomas Bouli, Africa-Loire Association, France.
Nicolas Duntz, farmer, member of the Confederation of Farmers, member of the Committee for the Defence of Seasonal workers (CODETRAS).
Christophe Golay, legal expert, specialist in the right to food, Geneva (to be confirmed).
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9:30 AM – 12:00 noon, Room BC

From Local to Global: Strategic Non-violent Action
Organiser: International Centre on Non-violent Conflict (ICNC), USA

Every day, there is a struggle somewhere for Human Rights, resistance to oppression, corruption or foreign occupation. History has shown that civil strife that is crowned with success begins at local level, where the citizens of democratic regimes constitute a formidable means for exerting pressure. Repression occurs where dictatorship is imposed and citizen participation prohibited. The sole means of exerting dynamic pressure is then strategic non-violent action. Associations and citizens alike must mobilise such action with care and caution.

This roundtable will discuss the power of non-violent action — “people power” carried out by civilians.

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Moderator: Vanessa Ortiz, Director of Civic and Field Relations, ICNC.
Anne-Marie Codur, Co-founder of the University of the Middle East Project.
Jack DuVall, President of the ICNC, who will discuss the principles of non-violent action: « Unity, Planning and Non-violent Discipline. »
Franck Kamunga, Director of the Africa Democracy Forum.
Than-Van, French member of the Viet Tan (reform) party.
One of the most tragic chapters in the history of humanity, the slave trade, has had enormous repercussions, in particular in interactions between civilisations and the development of the regions concerned. And yet, this chapter of history is still hushed up to a large degree. Starting from a history that no one can ever rewrite, this roundtable wants to raise the question as to how an individual, a group, socially and culturally part of the history of the slave trade, can build a multicultural and inclusive future that meets the requirements of Human Rights in a context of economic globalisation.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Halter, sociologist, lecturer involved in research and teaching at the National institute for Youth and Community Education (INJEP) Marly-le-Roy.

Michel Cantal-Dupart, architect, professor at the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, Paris, France.

Pascale Charhon, director of the European Network against Racism (ENAR), Brussels.

André Fossourrier, Economist, management consultant, instructor at the University of Paris XII, Créteil.

Patrice Lorrot, psycho-sociologist, consultant, association ARIANE, Alfortville, France.

Serge Romana, paediatrician, doctor of medicine and university lecturer, president of Marche Committee of 23 May 1998 (CM98), France.

Viviane Romana, doctor of clinical psychology, specialised in ethnopsychiatry, head of consultation and training at the Georges-Devereux Centre, University of Paris VIII, director of the psychological aid and family mediation centre of CM98.

Hedi Saidi, associate researcher at the University of Tunis 1, Lille-Vauban Social Institute (Catholic Faculty).

Robert E. Fullerlove, Associate Dean, Columbia University in the City of New York, professor of clinical sociomedical sciences and co-director of the Community Research Group.

Françoise Vergès, historian and vice-president of the Committee for the Memory of Slavery.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------

Moderator: Yves Berthelot, President of the CFSI and the Political and Ethical Knowledge on Economic Activities Research Programme (PEKEA), France, former general secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, former general secretary of the UNCTD, Senior Researcher Fellow of UNITAR and associate professor at New York University.

Patrick Baron, former spokesman of the Loire-Atlantique Confederation of Farmers.

Faliry Boly, general secretary of Sexagon, Mali.

Douglas Estevan, activist of the landless farmer movement in Latin America (to be confirmed).

Moussa Makhmara, lawyer, chairman of the Land Defence Committee, Palestine.

Rajagopal P. V., leader of the Landless Farmer Movement Ekta Parishad (United Forum), India.

Flavio Valente, FIAN International, programme zero hunger, Brésil (to be confirmed).
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) protect the security of persons and property, and are go with a certain “balance” to be struck between “freedom and security.” Nevertheless, the systematic and global character of using surveillance and control techniques does not seem to allow for such a balance. In the name of the need for security, the fight against crime or terrorism, our society is gradually getting used to the deployment of new technologies, and everyone seems to accept to be put on file, observed, marked and traced. Why and how have public security policies in Europe and the Western Europe been able to develop in this way? Does this not constitute a violation of the freedom of movement, of free will?

************ SPEAKERS ************

Moderator: Meryem Marzouki, researcher at the CNRS and president of the European Digital Rights federation (EDRI), 28 organisations, 17 countries.

Abdullah Cissé, Professor, rector of the University of Bamby, Djourbel, Senegal.

Bernard Didier, Sagem Défense Sécurité – Safran Group, France. A member of the National Commission on IT and Freedoms, France. An American speaker from the American Civil Union or the Electronic Privacy Information Centre.

************ SPEAKERS ************

Co-president: Samir Amin, economist, director of the Third World Forum, Dakar, Senegal.

Co-president: Ali El Kenz, Professor of sociology at the University of Nantes, academic adviser at the institute of Advanced Studies.

Kamal Abdellatif, Professor at the politic philosophical and contemporary islamic believe departement University Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco.

Maher Charif, lecturer, researcher (medieval, modern and Arab studies), at the French Near East Institute, Syria.

Feissal Darraj, former professor, Palestinian literary critic, Jordan. Shahida El Baz, Professor and sociologist, specialised in political economy, activist, Egypt.

Shahida El Baz, Professor and sociologist, specialised in political economy, activist, Egypt.

Mohamed Helmy El Sharawy, Director of the Cairo Centre for Arab and African Studies, Egypt.

Mamdouh Fawzi Khalil Habashi, Egypt.

Adlan Hardallu, Professor of political science, University of Khartoum, Sudan.

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Moderator: Emmanuel Decaux, Professor of international public law at the University of Paris II, Panthéon Assas, member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations, president of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments, France.

Kathryn Dovey, programme leader of Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights (BLIHR) and the french-speaking initiative Entreprises pour les Droits de l’Homme [Corporations for Human Rights] (EDH).

Anna Biondi, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Brussels.

Patrice Meyer-Bisch, Director of the Inter-disciplinary Centre for Ethics and Human Rights, Fribourg, Suisse.

Olivier Morel, author of a report for the National Consultative Commission of Human Rights, France. Representatives of corporations (mass merchandising and the pharmaceutical industry).

A colleague of John Ruggie, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on business & Human Rights.
Sexual Orientation and Human Rights.
What Support from Associations?
Organiser: Nantes Associative Grouping Rights for Humanity, France

The European associative movement is mobilising so that the French presidency of the European Union (for 6 months as of 1 July 2008) can prove useful in the fight against discrimination (in particular against sexual orientation, gender identity, or state of health) in Europe and the world. Associations and NGOs are relying increasingly on the European institutions to promote respect for fundamental rights and civil liberties, to act so as to guarantee the physical integrity of persons persecuted because of their sexual orientation, to fight for the principle of non-discrimination and for the right of asylum for persons whose life is threatened.

This roundtable will address the worrying situation in many countries on this matter.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------
Alice Nkom, lawyer, Cameroon.
Jean-Louis Rougeron, Amnesty International France.
Martine Roure, Vice-president of the European Parliament.
Pierre Serne, Director of International Lesbian and Gay Associations (ILGA) Europe.
Hans Ytterberg, national ombudsman for gays and lesbians in Sweden (to be confirmed).
An Iraqi refugee who has been granted political asylum in Great Britain.

Towards an Arms Trade Treaty
Organiser: Nantes World Citizens’ Centre, France, in association with Oxfam agir ici and Amnesty International

639 million light arms are in circulation in the world today; nearly 60% of these are in the hands of civilians.

Thanks to an important mobilisation of public opinion, the international campaign “Control Arms” has reached a milestone with the adoption of Resolution 61/89 by the UN General Assembly on 6 December 2006, and the launch of negotiations for a treaty on the international trade in conventional arms (CAT). A Group of Government Experts [GGE] was set up in October 2007 to draft this treaty. It has to submit a report in October 2008. What is the situation of arm exports in the world and the stakes of the CAT? What is the role of France?

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------
Moderator: Arsène Bolouvi, member of the “Control Arms” Committee, Amnesty International France, former President of Acat Togo
Didier Destremau, coordinator of the « Control arms » campaign in the Catholic Help Caritas France, the former ambassador of France.
Raphaël Kasongo Kabusa-Mbukani, coordinator of the project “Civil society action for the restoration of social cohesion in Maniema, Democratic Republic of Congo,” Corogd/Oxfam.
Benoît Muraccione, manager of the “Control Arms” campaign, Amnesty International France.
Anne Villeneuve, advocate against “mines and cluster bombs” at Handicap International.

Violation of the Rights of Women; is Testimony a Struggle? Is it useful? Necessary?
Organiser: Loire-Atlantique County Council
Free entrance depending upon available seats. Information and registration on +33 2 40 99 16 90 or on www.cg44.fr

Testify: to survive and recover. Testifying means taking a risk and seeking protection. Testify: the expression of will to change for oneself and for others. Testify: to force political action. Testify: and then? A video of Germaine Tillion’s rushes on testimony in general and on women in particular, will open the roundtable.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------
Witnesses:
Mailée Albagly, Franco-Chilian, prisoner under Pinochet, board member of the association of former prisoners in France, consultant.
Souhayr Belhassen, President of the International Federation for Human Rights (to be confirmed).
Defenders:
William Bourdon, lawyer at the Paris Bar, founding member of Sherpa, author of La Cour pénale internationale – le statut de Rome (2000).
Reed Brody, Director for Europe, Human Rights Watch.
Nearly sixty years after the adoption of the European Convention on Human Rights, three organisations (the Council of Europe, the European Union, and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) have become superimposed. Against this background, what is the daily reality for citizens, whether they are nationals or members of these organisations or foreign nationals from third countries? Furthermore, what is the attitude of the European Union to the new United Nations Human Rights Council? What is its capacity to defend its priorities or to react to worrying initiatives?

In the days immediately following the French presidency of the European Union, this session will focus on fundamental rights, migrations and co-development, on current events in recent months marked by “famine riots.”

This session will consist of three phases, three quarters of an hour each.

1. **Human Rights in Europe**, from the perspective of the situation in prisons, rights of migrants, the questioning of the European social system...

   1. **Speakers**
      - Amélie Canonne, IPAM, Initiatives for Another World
      - Ousmane Diarra, Association of Malian expellees
      - Morten Kjaerum, Denmark, director of the European Agency on Fundamental Rights, based in Vienna, Austria.
      - Blandine Kriegel, philosopher, President of the High Council of Integration, France.
      - Luc Van den Brande, President of the committee of regions of the European Union, Belgium

2. **The Europe of Human Rights in the world** from the perspective of European leadership, support for the democratic process in the world...

   1. **Speakers**
      - Delphine Djiraibe, barrister, Chad.
      - Alvaro Gil-Robles, former commissioner for Human Rights at the Council of Europe, Spain.
      - Raphaël Kasongo, Democratic Republic of Congo.

3. **An inclusive Europe in the world**, from the perspective of the Common Agricultural Policy, public aid for development, international institutions, the food crisis, etc.

   1. **Speakers**
      - David Choquehuanca, Minister for foreign affairs, Bolivia.
      - Ndiougou Fall, President of the executive committee of the West African Farmers Organisations and Producers’ Network (ROPPA), Senegal.
      - Hélène Flautre, MEP (Greens), chair of the European Parliament’s subcommittee on Human Rights.
      - Rajagopal P. V., leader of the Landless Farmer Movement Ekta Parishad (United Forum), India.
Torture is universally condemned today. It is even part of the “inalienable” rights which cannot be violated, neither in time of peace, nor in time of war. And yet, since 9/11, the fight against terrorism has led to a tightening of security legislation throughout the world, and in particular in Europe. In this new context, in spite of the protectionist standards on Human Rights and the work of European protection and control mechanisms, we are witnessing certain drifts facilitated by feelings of fear manipulated by the governments. Promoting the absolute ban of torture, and the respect of Human Rights therefore requires serious work to remind people of the existing European standards on Human Rights and a continuous awareness raising action geared to public opinion, the media and policy-makers.

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Moderator: Sylvie Bukhari-de Pontual, barrister at the Paris Bar, president of the International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT).
Geneviève Garrigos, President of Amnesty International France.
Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate of Monitoring, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe, representing Terry Davies, general secretary of the Council of Europe.
Emil Chalau, President of the Action for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT) Spain on the response of the Spanish state to Basque terrorism.
Jane Sunderland, researcher on Europe and Central Asia at Human Rights Watch.

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Moderator: Emmanuel Decaux; professor of international public law at the University of Paris II Panthéon Assas, member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations, president of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments
Rapporteur : Sarah Guillet, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH),
Hélène Flautre, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament’s subcommittee on Human Rights.
Alvaro Gil-Robles, former Council of Europe commissioner for Human Rights
Morten Kjaerum, Director of the European Agency of Fundamental Rights, based in Vienna.
Are Economic, Social and Cultural Rights finally Justiciable / Enforceable in Europe and in the World?
Organiser: International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments, France, on a proposal of Michel Doucin and the House of the citizens of the world (Maison des citoyens du monde), in association with the CIDESC (Portugal) and the Nantes Bar.

The Council of Europe places at the disposal of the inhabitants of its 47 constituent countries a complaint procedure when the rights of the European Social Charter are not respected in their country. There are similar provisions for countries in America and in Africa; moreover, specific procedures exist for UNESCO and the ILO.

This roundtable will aim to publicise these still rather unknown mechanisms, and to identify their stakes. It will also try to mobilise forces during the next phases for the negotiation and implementation of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------
Moderator: Michel Doucin, former French ambassador for Human Rights.
Didier Têtêvi Agbodjan, lecturer at the Human Rights Institute of Lyon, administrator of Terre des Hommes—France, representative of the NGO Platform for ESCR.
Catarina de Albuquerque, chair of the working party on the Additional Protocol to the UN International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
Polonca Konca, Slovenia, President of the European Committee on Social Rights, Council of Europe.
Angela Melo, Vice-president of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, Mozambique.
Magdalena Sepulveda, United Nations independent expert on Human Rights and extreme poverty, expert to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, professor of international law, Argentina.
Philippe Texier, President of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Counsellor at the French Court of Cassation, France.

Europe’s External Economical Policy and Respect for Human Rights
Organiser: Nantes World Citizens’ Centre, France, in association with the Nantes League of Human Rights, Survie Nantes and AFPS (Association France Palestine Solidarité) Nantes

Whereas the universal principles of freedom, democracy and respect for the rule of law, Human Rights and fundamental freedoms have been presented as constituting the foundation of – and defining -- the European Union ever since the Treaty of Rome, the charting and application of the European Union’s external policies are contradictory and regularly mishandle the implementation of these principles.

This roundtable will delve into the real stakes that underlie the European external policy, in particular on the economic front, at the expense of a policy on human, civil and political rights, as well as the role of associations in defending Human Rights.

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Pierre Galand, Belgian senator, lecturer (social sciences) and advisor to the rector on cooperation (Free University of Brussels, Belgium).
Antoine Madelin, Director of activities at the Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs) and permanent representative of the International Federation of Human Rights to the European Union.

Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs): between Trade Regulation and the Right to Development
Organiser: Group on Rights for Humanity, in association with Afrique Loire

The original attitude of African countries in EPAs opens up a new era of dialogue, and jostles the structural frameworks, not without deconstructing the negotiating terms. It moreover decompartmentalises the proposal areas, democratises the technocratic discourse and mobilises an entrepreneurial civil society.

The choice to concentrate on an aspect of the right to development is justified by its original character, as well as by the diversity of the actors, territories and points of view.
Moderator: Thomas Bouil, Association Afrique Loire, Nantes, France.
Martin Abega, general secretary of the Union of central Africa.
Employers’ Association (UNIPACE): “International trade: development rationales and economic rights.”
John Kaputin, General Secretariat of the ACP (Africa-Caribbean-Pacific agreements): “EPAs and international dynamics.”
Doudou Salla Diop, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal (or his representative): “The ins and outs of the position of the regional economic communities”
Frédéric Viale, ATTAC academic committee: “Economic globalisation and international solidarity.”
Christiane Taubira, in charge of the intergovernmental mission on the EPAs (to be confirmed).
A representative of the European Union (to be confirmed): “European Politic on economic development.”

September 2008 with a publication. The organisers of this roundtable found that certain observations seemed to continue and is expected to be brought to a close in Autumn 2008 with a publication. The organisers of this roundtable found that certain observations seemed to suggest a violation of Human Rights.

The different European tendencies on the “management of migration flows” have an impact on the respect of Human Rights on the margins but also inside the European Union, whose immigration policy does not seem very respectful of Human Rights. This policy deprives people of the freedom of movement, but also establishes places of seclusion to legislative frameworks which are as diverse as they are uncontrolled. On the one hand, Europe positions itself as a set of States that defend Human Rights; on the other, it amplifies its policy of closing its borders and of rationalising immigration.

Organiser: High Council on Integration (HCI), France

In the French ideal conception, integration of foreign nationals who wish to become French is an “assimilation,” which would mean abandoning one’s own identity for an artificial similitude. Integration is geared to sharing the values of the Republic, an object of a “contract” or “pact” that underlies national unity and citizenship. Integration is not intended to preserve a conservative “French identity,” but to get the national community to benefit from the talents of all, without distinction of origin. That is why “multiculturalism” is not a juxtaposition of communities that do not share the same reference values and would wind up opposing each other, but a diversity of approaches and cultural identities, united in one republican whole, by nature receptive to differences, because they do not affect the fundamental equality of all citizens before the law. Is this conception shared by the other European countries? And beyond?
**Speakers**

President of the round table: Blandine Kriegel, philosopher, president of the High Council on Integration (HCI), France.

Moderator: François Query: Secretary general of the Studies Institute of the HCI (the High Council on Integration)

Myriam Cottias, Research manager at the CNRS (National Centre for scientific research), historian

Jacky Dahomay, member of the HCI.

Antoine Delblond, Professor of universities, Jurist

Marc Dubourdieu, Director General of the High Authority for the Fight against Discrimination and for Equality (HALDE), France.

Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux, training responsable, Higher education and research at the Union for the Mediterranean Sea

Isabelle Gillette-Faye, Sociologist, Manager of GAM Gayé Petek, President of the association ELELE, member of the HCI.

Myriam Salah Eddine, member of the HCI.

Dominique Sopo, President of SOS Racisme

Catherine Withold de Wenden, Director of Research at the CNRS, Centre for the History of Immigration.

**2:00-4:30 PM, Room 200**

The Guarantee of Human Rights in Criminal Procedures in Europe

Organiser: Delegation of the Bars and Law Societies of France in Brussels (National Council of Bars), member of The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Programme:

- **Opening - Catherine Lesage**, President of the Nantes Bar, France.
  1. The “justice and right to defence” of the Charter of Fundamental Rights: Laurent Pettiti, barrister at the Paris Bar, National Council of Bars and Law Societies, and Jean Allègre, policy officer with the Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.
  2. The European situation in criminal proceedings: the proposal for a framework decision on the enforcement of judgements delivered in absentia, published on 14 January 2008; the proposal for a framework decision on certain procedural rights granted in criminal proceedings in the European Union; a member of the Council of the European Union; Julen Fernandez Conte, Consegio General de la Abogacía Española, Member of the Committee on Human Rights at the CCBE; and Didier Liger, barrister at the Versailles Bar, chairman of the Committee on Freedoms and Human Rights of the National Council of Bars and Law Societies.
  3. The European Agency of Fundamental Rights (AEDF), - On the policy aspects of the Agency: François Zimeray, ambassador for Human Rights, minister of Foreign and European Affairs, and Roselyne Lefrançois, MEP, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (to be confirmed). On the functioning and promotion of the Agency: Morten Kjaerum, Director of the AEDF (to be confirmed) and Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg (to be confirmed). de droit de l’université de Nantes.

Summary - Jean Danet, honorary barrister, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Nantes.

**2:00-4:30 PM, Room 120**

The Role of European Institutions in the Promotion of Human Rights in Europe and throughout the World

Organiser: Western Loire Region.

Respect for Human Rights contributes to the foundation of the values that govern the construction of Europe. That is why the EU institutions, encouraged by the civil society, avail themselves fully of their competencies to ensure the protection, respect and implementation of these rights in the territory of the EU and throughout the world.

If the European Union is committed to Human Rights through its political and trade relations with third countries, the question arises as to the nature and impact of the mechanisms it deploys. Human Rights have also been strengthened by the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. Nevertheless, these rights are not always applied effectively in the EU Member States. The question of the scope of competence of the European Agency of Fundamental Rights, newly created and operational in 2008, and the modes of cooperation between the latter and the civil society, thus constitute a topical challenge.

**Speakers**

Moderator: Michel Doucin, former French ambassador for Human Rights.

Véronique Arnault, Director of Multilateral Relations and Human Rights, External Relations Department, European Commission (to be confirmed).

Morten Kjaerum, Director of the European Agency on Fundamental Rights (European Union), based in Vienna, and former Director of the Danish Institute of Human Rights.

Lotte Leicht, director of the Office of Human Rights in Brussels (to be confirmed).

Yavuz Onen, president of the Foundation for Human Rights of Turkey

Bjarte Vandvik, general secretary of the European Council of refugees and exiles, Brussels, Belgium (to be confirmed).
2:00-4:30 PM, Room GH

Europe and the Right of Asylum
Organisers: International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT), ACAT France, Amnesty International France.

France will take over the presidency of the European Union on 1 July 2008 and it wants to make immigration and asylum one of its major themes. At the end of June 2008, the European Commission will announce its draft programme on asylum and its schedule for the years to come. The beginning of July is therefore an ideal date to organise a roundtable devoted to the right of asylum in Europe.

It is very important for NGOs and civil society to monitor the consequences of the ever increasing, more diverse and costly measures taken by the States to reinforce the controls on the migration flows to the Union. Most of them have real consequences on the right to asylum and hinder access to the territory for people in need of international protection.

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Moderator: Patrick Delouvin, Director of Action sur la France at Amnesty International France.
Rachel Bugler, Coordinator for Eastern Europe at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE).
Olivier Clochard, Researcher at the CNRS (CIRED/Migrinter) and representative of Migreurop.
Jonathan Faull, Director General, Directorate General for Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission (to be confirmed).
François Julien-Laferrière, Professor of public law at the University of Paris-Sud, and specialist in the law of aliens and refugees.
An official from the Asylum office of the Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Cooperation for Development, France (to be confirmed).

2:00-4:30 PM, Room BC

What Role for Europe in Reinforcing the International Criminal Justice System?
Organiser: FIACAT, Amnesty International and the House of the citizens of the world (Maison des citoyens du monde)

The first international military tribunal was created in Europe, in 1945. The international criminal court for former Yugoslavia has been sitting in Europe (in The Hague) since 2003. The Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) was drawn up in Europe (in Rome), in 1998. And it was in Europe (in London) once again, that Augusto Pinochet was arrested that same year in the name of universal jurisdiction. And yet this activism has few results to show for itself.

The aim of the roundtable will be to answer topical questions: the lessons to be drawn from the functioning of the courts; the first indictments before the International Criminal Court; desired interactions between the States, the European authorities and international authorities.

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Moderator: Sylvie Bukhari-de Pontual, barrister at the Paris Bar, president of the International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT).
Amady Ba, representative of the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, member of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.
Karine Bonneau, Director of International Justice at the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) (to be confirmed).
Emmanuel Chicon, journalist at International Justice Tribune, author of «L’Europe soutien sans faillie et sans zèle de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI)».
Simon Foreman, barrister at the Paris Bar, member of Amnesty International France, President of the French Coalition française for ICC.
Tiina Kangas, International Justice experte at the European Council Union Secretariat.
Plenary session and closing — 5:00 to 7:30 PM, Room 450

States have a triple obligation: to respect, protect and implement Human Rights. Cities and local governments, who are supposed to involve both the governing and the governed, are on the front line among “public authorities” to make a difference on economic, social and cultural rights. Such taking into account of Human Rights at local level entails mobilising all actors.

Can Human Rights serve as a basis for (good) local governance? How do local governments position themselves? What cooperation with the States?

By 2030, 60% of the world’s population will live in cities, with all the risks entailed by concentration, pauperisation and exclusion of the segments without resources. The World Forum on Human Rights intends to chart good practices at local level and to make them known.

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Moderator: Michel Forst, general secretary of the National Consultative Commission of Human Rights, France.
Jacques Auxiette, President of the Western Loire Region.
Jolanta Barska, mayor of Nysa, Pologne (to be confirmed).
Patrick Braouezec, deputy, President of Plaine Commune (Saint-Denis), France
Jean-Paul Delevoye, former minister, Ombudsman of the French Republic.
Albert Jacquard, humanist scientist (geneticist), philosopher, militant of the right of housing, France (on the proposal of Collectif européen contre l’extrême droite et le fascisme/CECEDEF Nantes).
Loggie Naidoo, 1st deputy mayor of E’Thekwini/Durban.
Pierre Saglio, President of ATD Quart-Monde, France.
Manuel Tornare, mayor of Geneva, Helvetic Confederation.

Conclusions
Jean-Marc Ayrault, Deputy at the National Assembly, mayor of Nantes, president of Nantes Métropole, in the presence of mayors who are members of the International Coalition of Cities against Racism.
Decentralisation has spread as a political and institutional phenomenon in most countries throughout the world. Whence a more extensive recognition of the role of the local authorities, through a considerable enhancement of their powers and an increase, albeit insufficient, of their funding. The taking into account of Human Rights at local level requires the mobilisation of all types of [private and public] actors through original initiative and partnerships, as well as new types of solidarity.

Two main themes will be broached: decentralisation, a new lease for local public freedoms; and the networking of competencies for a coherent application of Human Rights.

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Moderator: Thierry Guidet, journalist, director of the review Place publique (to be confirmed).
Jacques Auxiette, President of the Western Loire Region.
Emmanuel Decaux, Professor of international public law at the University of Paris II Panthéon Assas
Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee of the United Nations, President of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments, France.
Antoni Fogué, Chairman of the UCLG Decentralisation and Local Autonomy Commission, president of the province of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.
Antonio Papisca, Director of the inter-departmental centre for research and services on Human Rights and citizens at the University of Padua (Italy), director of the UNESCO chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, Italy.
Eduardo Mancuso, deputy mayor, representing Eloi Pieta, chairman of the UCLG Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy Commission, Brazil.
Geneviève Sevrin, in charge of International Relations at the Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region, former presidente of Amnesty International France.

How to chart an ordinary law policy that does not discriminate against persons with disabilities and respects the principle of equal treatment? This approach must be pursued at the international, national and local level if real citizenship is to be achieved. What means and resources should be deployed at local level so that every public decision-maker can integrate the disability dimension and everyone can have access to fundamental rights? The Act of 11 February 2005 and the International UN Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities of 7 March have bolstered this prospect of accessibility as a fundamental right.

---------------------------------- Speakers ----------------------------------

Catherine Choquet, deputy mayor of Nantes, in charge of the policy for persons with disabilities.
Bruno Gaurier, former director of international relations at the Association of Paralytics of France (APF), member of the French Council for European Affairs (CFHE).
Liliane Plantive, Mayor of La Montagne, Vice-President of Nantes Métropole, in charge of actions and efforts for persons with disabilities.
A representative from the City of Salé, suburb of Rabat (Morocco).
An elected official and an associative representative from Macedonia.
A local official and an associative representative of Victoriaville (Quebec).
One of the essential stakes for the international community is how to manage the migration phenomenon. It is recognised by all today that both the countries of origin and the countries of destination do not make the most of the positive effects of migrations. Their policies are still essentially based on a statist, fragmented and reactive approach. Enshrining them in a global and coherent vision respectful of Human Rights requires identifying interests in the long term.

What procedures are needed for the reciprocal development of the local authorities of origin and of destination respectful of Human Rights? How are actors and projects to be defined?

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Moderator: Mohand Cherifi, former minister, Algeria, United Nations Programme for Development (UNPD, Geneva), a platform for innovative partnerships, World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty (WACAP).

Ousmane Diarra, President of the Malian Association of Expelled Persons, Mali.

Narimane El Djeblí, doctoral candidate and researcher of the UNESCO chair for intercultural dialogue, Mediterranean cultural studies, Rovira i Virgili University, Spain.

Hubert Krieger, European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions, chairman of Cities for local integration Policy of Migrants (CLIP).

Loren B. Landau, Director of the Forced Migration Studies Programme, at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Jean-Philippe Magnen, deputy mayor of Nantes in charge of decentralised cooperation and co-development.

Frédéric Tiberghien, President of the Social Service for Aid to Migrants, or Bernard Wallon, Director of the Social Service for Aid to Migrants, France.

The citizen is protected by his national government. The recognition of belonging to a national minority therefore makes it possible to correct gaps in equal access to the rights guaranteed by the democratic system of the State in question. Whereas the national legislation of the host country provides rules that are generally adhered to at local level, the recognised rights of certain migrants in Europe are not sufficiently applied nonetheless.

Nantes Métropole would therefore like to propose a discussion of its own experience: the reception, on administered sites, of a certain number of Rumanian families from the Rom minority, to provide structural and social advice and support for the autonomy of citizens in Europe.

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Moderator: Dominique Raimbourg, lawyer, deputy from Loire-Atlantique.

Syl Jonchère, council engineer and Rémi Gome, council engineer, Ethic & Co, Barcelone, Spain (to be confirmed)

Michael Guet, Secretary of the MG-S-ROM committee, Council of Europe.

Jérôme Richard, Rom policy officer, Nantes Métropole, France.

Malik Salenkour, Human Rights League (to be confirmed).

Belen Sanchez, Gypsy Foundation, Barcelona, Spain. (to be confirmed).

Blerina Tepelena, head of the monitoring technical secrecrariat of the strategy Rroms at the Labour Ministry, Albania.

This roundtable will present the report published by the European Agency on Fundamental Rights [Vienna, Austria] in 2008 entitled Community cohesion at local level: addressing the needs of Muslim Communities. This report gives examples, to be discussed, that show how a non-discriminating integration can contribute to cohesion and equality in the city, and how diversity and equality can be mutually reinforced under a policy that promotes community cohesion. When each resident of a city is seen as a subject of law and responsibility, with a role to play in improving relations between populations of different origins, social cohesion is strengthened.
This roundtable is devoted to the draft Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (adopted by the UN Sub-committee on Human Rights in Geneva, cf. Resolution 2006/9 A/HRC/2/2 and www.atd-quart-monde.org/Dans-cette-rubrique.html) and to using examples, from France and Peru in particular, to illustrate how a UN expert, NGOs, and elected officials act to fight against the social exclusion of very underprivileged persons. Cf. also: Une Pierre blanche sur un long chemin by Emmanuel Decaux, in Quart Monde n° 200.

**SPEAKERS**

José Bengoa, UN expert on Human Rights, member of the Consultative Committee of the UN Human Rights Council, former coordinator of the working party of the Human Rights Sub-Committee (author of the draft), Chile, (to be confirmed).

Perrine Renoux, political science student, author of the consultation report organised by the Mouvement ATD Quart-Monde in Peru on the draft Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights.

Véronique Fayet, Deputy mayor of Bordeaux, in charge of policies for solidarity, health and senior citizens, France (to be confirmed).

Agnès Dumas, activist of Mouvement ATD Quart-Monde, Val-d’Oise, France.

An activist from the Mouvement ATD Quart-Monde of Rennes (experience of the access group on fundamental rights and Human Rights).

A representative of Amnesty International, on the effectiveness of rights (to be confirmed).

A lawyer from the Nantes Bar, expert in access to law for the most undeprivilleged (to be confirmed).

The roundtable will broach how local authorities deal with the past in the struggle for Human Rights. It will focus on the memory of the slave trade and slavery by taking stock of the past and current (social, cultural and political) conditions in which the struggle for the recognition of this past is waged in each city represented. It will use concrete examples in an attempt to illustrate that the memory of the slave trade can contribute to the fight for Human Rights today.

**Moderator:** Jean Breteau, Founding member of the Anneaux de la Mémoire (Rings of Memory), specialist in the Nantes slave trade.

Nicéphore Dieudonné Soglo, Former President of the Republic of Benin, Mayor of Cotonou.

M. Bredekamp, Curator of the Iziko Museum in Cape Town, South Africa.

Karla Menezes, Secretary for Human Rights and Citizens’ Safety, City of Recife, Brazil.

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Larry Bagneris, executive director of the Human Relations Commission of the City of New Orleans, USA.

Olivette Otele, Reader, Paris XIII, Catholic Institute of Paris (British colonial and imperial history), member of the Black and Minority Ethnic Project, Charter Housing Association, Wales, United Kingdom.

Jean-Marie Tanefo, Chief of the Bamendjinda chieftaincy (near the town of Dschang), Cameroon (to be confirmed).

According to initial estimates, by 2050, the direct and indirect consequences of global warming will lead to the migration of more than 200 million people. Humanity is entering a new stage of its migration history. Will the movements of populations owing to global warming be curbed at the price of a militarised retreatment of host countries, or will they give rise to new international solidarity? The responsibility of international institutions, States, but also local governments and citizens is clearly at stake.
≥ 2:00-4:30 PM, Room 300
Enforceability and Effectiveness of Social Rights: the Example of the Right to Housing
Organiser: Nantes Bar

The lack of effectiveness of the fundamental right to housing has been denounced by many local, national and international associations. The enforceability of the right to housing is not tantamount to an obligation of results, however, as its merits undoubtedly lie in raising awareness so as to establish priority treatment. The declared enforceability of a right is only a tool calling on a real political and economic vision for the reintegration of those marginalised by precariousness.

This roundtable will bring together the different partners involved in this fundamental problem of accessing decent housing, which conditions in large measure the possibility of implementing other social rights.

≥ 2:00-4:30 PM, Room 200
Decentralised Cooperation and Human Rights
Organiser: Nantes Métropole, in association with the Regional Council of Lower Normandy and the Centre for Information and Solidarity with Africa (COSI) Lyon

Whereas the building of a democratic society based on the rule of law is a widely shared objective, the taking into account of Human Rights in decentralised cooperation projects is not self-evident. Against this background, the local authorities are called upon to develop exchanges with their partners from different continents; beyond such international influence, it is a matter of helping to reduce poverty and inequality in the world through local development projects.

The roundtable will provide an opportunity to present the points of view and experiences of actors involved in the field and to discuss the interactions between Human Rights and decentralised cooperation.
The Global Charter for Human Rights in the City.
Promoting and Implementing Human Rights
at Local Level: the Stakes and Challenges
of Actions in Progress
Organiser: Working Party on Human Rights and Local Governments of the
Commission on Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy of the UCLG

Various initiatives have taken shape this last decade
to bring about a stream of ideas and actions for the re-
cognition and promotion of Human Rights in the city. These initiatives are both promising and challenging
for the promotion of the cities and for the exercise of
rights in connection with the powers vested in local
authorities.
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By Lucie Lamarche, Gordon F Henderson Professor of Human
Rights, University of Ottawa, Canada.

Wataru Iwamoto, Director of the Division of Social Sciences, Research
and Policy, UNESCO.
Jules Patenaude, City of Montreal, Montreal Charter of Rights
and Responsibilities.
Jaume Saura, Director of the Catalan Institute of Human Rights.
Paul Taylor, Office of the executive director, UN-HABITAT.
Monette Zard, Director of Research, International Council on Human
Rights, Switzerland.
An elected representative of European Cities for Human Rights.

From Education in Human Rights to Citizen
Engagement
Organiser: Nantes World Citizens’ Centre, France, in association with the
Toulouse School of Human Rights, France

Education is a fundamental right in itself and one of
the keys to exercising other inherent Human Rights.
As a right that contributes to the empowerment of chil-
dren, education is the main tool that enables socially
and economically vulnerable children to develop and
get out of marginalisation. Education therefore plays
a major role in the global promotion of Human Rights
democracy.
Several questions will be discussed, that can be sum-
marised as follows: How does education in Human
Rights support action to develop the ability to listen,
respect, dialogue, tolerance and solidarity?

Moderator: Sylvie Roquain, lawyer, member of the Toulouse School
of Human Rights, France.

Animator: an editor of the review Repères (manual for educating young
people about Human Rights).

Françoise Boivin, policy officer at Sports without Borders from the
programmes in India, Burundi, Sri Lanka.

Robert Duval, Founder and Director of Athlétique d’Haïti.

Anis Gandeel, Co-founder of the Canaan Institute of New Education in
Gaza, Palestine, has worked as trainer and education official at the heart
of the civil society in Gaza, in particular in refugee camps.

Amidou Diabate, responsible of rights and controversy of the House of
Education to Human Rights (Maison de l’Education aux Droits Humains),
former president of the national commission of human rights and minister
of justice of Mali.

How can university research contribute to the pro-
gress of Human Rights? How can it serve the needs
of territories, organisations, businesses and the civil
society by capitalising on the knowledge shared by
higher education networks?
These, among others, are the questions that the round-
table will broach by relying on the work of the CURI
Commission on Latin America and in connection with
international partnerships in this geographic area
(South America and the Caribbean).

Moderator: Jean-Marie Lassus, Commission on Latin America,
University Council of International Relations, University of Nantes, France.

Gisèle Argenti, sociologist, legal expert specialising on health
and environment issues, Uruguay.

Ogoubara Bongo, French Academy of Medicine, Bamako Institute
for Research Mali (to be confirmed).

Carlos Crespo Flores, sociologist, specialist in the law of indigenous
peoples, Universidad Mayor de San Simón, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Olivier Giron, Head of the Americas Desk at the Ministry of Higher Educa-

tion and Research (Directorate of International and European Relations
and Cooperation), France.

Nestor Ponce, Argentinian writer, Professor at the University
of Rennes II, France.

Jean-Marie Théodat, Geographer, reader at the University of Paris 1
Panthéon Sorbonne, lecturer at the State University of Haiti.

Charles Vorbe, Legal expert, sociologist, professor at the State
University of Haiti.
RELATED EVENT

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EXHIBITIONS

« Agir contre la torture », Action by Christians for the abolition of torture (ACAT), France
« Association AFD » (Alliance for freedom and dignity)
« Cartooning for Peace » of Plantu, Amnesty International with « JO PÉKIN 2008: which podium for China? »
International meeting of the Press Drawing (RIDEP) of Carquefou, Amnesty International and Clémi (Center of Connection and Information in the Means of Information)
« Duréa / E’Thekwini », photographs by Denis Chevrier-Bosseau, association Anima, Nantes, France
« Inde, l’envers du décor : les paysans en lutte pour la terre », Frère des Hommes, France
« La fain dans le monde » CFSI
« Les Anneaux de la Mémoire », Exhibition on the slave trade.
« Les Roms à Nantes », Nantes Météropole, photographs by Patrick Garçon.
« L’Europe contre la peine de mort », European movement.
« Migrants et citoyens », Ligue des droits de l’Homme, France.
« Palestine : de l’expulsion à l’apartheid », association France Palestine Solidarity 44, France.
« Pupils Works (schools of Loire-Atlantique) on the theme of Sport, citizenship and human rights ».
Nantes World Citizens’Centre.
« Réfugiés climatiques » Collectif Argos
« Vers une Afrique nourricière » CFSI

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Association Les Anneaux de la Mémoire, France.
Avocats sans frontières/Ecole des droits de l’Homme de Toulouse, France.
Bateau pédagogique [Educational Boat] La Fraternité, project to reconstruct a boat used for the slave trade.
Cimade, France.
Collectif Droits pour l’humanité, Nantes Associative Grouping Rights for Humanity.
Collectif Enfants étrangers, citoyens solidaires, France.
Ensemble contre la peine de mort, France
Esperanto
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France Tibet
International Center on non violent conflict, United States
Juristes solidarités
Presses populaires de Bretagne / Union démocratique bretonne, France.
Revue Place publique, Nantes, France.
Toogezer, France

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Phare Ponleu Selpak, Cambodian circus by children from underprivileged neighbourhoods.
Compagnie Bafodi.
Échanges et solidarités 44, CESESMA, Association La Palissade : performances by French and Nicaraguan actors relating to certain themes of the Forum.
“CINEMA AND HUMAN RIGHTS”

Last year, in association with the City of San Sebastian [Basque country, Spain], and the San Sebastian Human Rights Film Festival, the Nantes Spanish Film Festival launched the cycle The Cinema and Human Rights. Renewed this year, in association with the Nantes World Forum on Human Rights, this cycle focuses on violations of Human Rights throughout the world during the last festival which was held in Nantes in March 2008. Some of the films of this selection will be presented at the 3rd World Forum on Human Rights.

This survey will feature the second work by Javier Bardem as producer: Invisibles, a collective documentary [Isabel Coixet, Mariano Barroso, Fernando León de Aranoa, Win Wenders and Javier Corcuera], made for the 20th anniversary of the Spanish section of Doctors without Borders. The Dream of Water by Albert Solé will take viewers in turn to Benin, the Netherlands, Bombay, the Gaza Strip and the Atacama Desert [Chile] to gauge public opinion on the problems connected to the lack of water.

LES FILMS

INVISIBLES
by Wim Wenders, Isabel Coixet, Fernando León de Aranoa, Mariano Barroso, Manuel Corcuera (1h40), 2006

Tuesday, 1 July, afternoon

Between Africa and Latin America, five stories form a single take on invisible human suffering in the eyes of the world. A call to human conscience to denounce dramatic situations that are stifled by the deafening silence that the documentary tries to break.

Presented in the Panorama Section of the 57th Berlinale. Goya 2008 for Best Documentary.

This film was made on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Spanish section of Doctors without Borders.

Five auteur documentaries on the context in which Doctors without Boarders are working: INVISIBLE CRIMES, by Wim Wenders, films the testimony of women who have been raped in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In GOOD NIGHT, OUMA, Fernando León de Aranoa filmed Ugandan children who are victims of militias that use them as child soldiers. BIANCA’S DREAM by Mariano Barroso, deals with the financial difficulties of treating sleeping sickness in the Democratic Republic of Congo. With LETTER TO NORA, Isabel Coixet shows the terrible consequences of Chagas disease, which affects 18 million people in Latin America. For THE VOICE OF THE STONES, Javier Corcuera accompanied Colombian families returning to their lands.

EL SUEÑO DEL AGUA (THE DREAM OF WATER)
Documentary by Albert Solé (55 mn), 2007

Wednesday, 6 July

This documentary broaches the question of access to drinking water as a fundamental human right, from five points on the planet. A world challenge at the very heart of the discussion at the Saragossa World Expo 2008, a partner of this edition.

SWITCH OFF (APAGA Y VÁMONOS)
by Manel Mayol (87 mn), 2005

Wednesday 2 July

The Biobio is the longest river in Chile. Its source is in the Andes and it flows into the Pacific Ocean. Not only is it important ecologically, but also politically and historically, as the Biobio was the natural frontier during the Spanish occupation. The third biggest dam in the world, Ralco in the Biobio River, was inaugurated in 2004 after running into trouble with the Pehuenche-Mapuche indigenous people. The ancestral land of the Pehuenches has been flooded by Endesa, the transnational Spanish company.
1. ON THE STAKES OF THE RIGHT TO LAND

PAYSANS SANS TERRE (LANDLESS FARMERS)
Auteur documentary by Julien Farrugia (52 mn), 2007, France
*Tuesday, 1 July*
In Brazil, vast spans of fertile lands are neglected by their owners. Fifteen times the size of France, Brazil has one of the highest rates of land inequalities: 1% of owners [50,000 people] own 45% of the land, whereas 5 million families [i.e. 25 million people], own no land at all.

Faced with this absurd situation, where millions of people are left to suffer from hunger, members of the Landless Farmer Movement occupy these lands to cultivate them. In spite of the danger of repression by the owners and their hired killers, often aided by the local policy, they occupy the property and call on the government to expropriate these uncultivated lands. Several difficult years of waiting then follow, with provisional encampments under tarpaulin tents, until they get the land. But the battle is far from over, because the farmers must now get organised to cultivate the land in a collective and efficient manner. It becomes clear all too quickly that land is a secondary matter, given the needs for education, respect for the environment and health. With their action, courage and decidedly modern vision of a true democracy, the landless farmers are making all Brazilian society move forward.

DESCOBRIMOS AS RAIZES, [RETURN TO THE ROOTS]
THE MYSTICISM OF THE LANDLESS FARMER MOVEMENT
IN BRAZIL
Documentary by Julien Terrié (26 mn), 2005
*Tuesday, 1 July*
A poetic political documentary on the capacity of the Landless Farmer Movement to mobilise the destitute and to influence Brazilian society, to “make the invisible visible” [Georges Labica]. The mysticism of a return to the roots, by a movement that is sowing the seeds of hope in every direction.

LA TERRE PARLE ARABE (THE LAND SPEAKS ARABIC)
Documentary by Maryse Gargour, (61 mn), 2007
Followed by a discussion with the film-maker and an historian Sandrine Mansour
*Wednesday 2 July - 12- 1PM*
At the end of the19th century, Zionism, a minor political movement, appears on the international stage. Theorised by its historical leaders, it called for the creation of a Jewish state somewhere in the world and specially in Palestine.

But at that time, and for thousands of years « la terre parle arabe [the land speaks arabic] as Palestine is inhabited by the arab people of Palestine, the Palestinians.

How then conciliate for the zionist leaders their political ambitions and the palestinian reality on the ground at the end of this 19th century ?
Essentially based on zionists leader’s quotations, on unused audiovisiual archives, on the press of that period, on official documents and on testimonies of people who witnessed pre 1948 Palestine along with interveiws of historians, the film shows a crude light on the cleansing and the spoliation of the palestinian land by the zionists.
2. ON MIGRATIONS

LES MARTYRS DU GOLFE D’ADEN
[THE MARTYRS OF THE GULF OF ADEN]
Documentary by Daniel Grandclément (52mn), 2007, France
Tuesday, 1 July
Fleeing war and misery, thousands of refugees from Ethiopia and Somalia try to reach the coasts of Yemen by all possible means.
Daniel Grandclément followed the route of Somalian and Ethiopian migrants all the way to Bosaso. There, he discovered the despair of those who have no other choice but to leave, irrespective of the destination, irrespective of the dangers; trying to go elsewhere, even if death awaits; crossing the Gulf of Aden to reach Yemen; crossing a Rubicon of dark and greedy waters in which so many have perished. Daniel Grandclément has walked along with them and filmed what no other person had filmed: the crossing. He has brought back a terrifying reportage.

LAISSONS-LES GRANDIR ICI
[LET THEM GROW UP HERE]
Short documentary FV (2mn)
In association with Education without Borders (RESF)
Thursday, 3 July
Film of the Associative Grouping of Filmmakers for "undocumented" persons, cinema and audiovisual professionals supporting Education without Borders and all "undocumented" persons in France.
In an individual capacity or as part of associations, filmmakers have committed themselves by sponsoring and protecting families in difficulty and in danger. This film was made in association with Education without Borders (RESF), as well as with teachers and some of their pupils, children of what are known as “undocumented” persons. With the consent of their parents, the filmmakers worked with them in writing workshops. The children explained their situation and compared their experiences. These exchanges were written down, and this text led to a film. Their film. A simple form that bears their word and their story. A story of fear and suffering.

CARRIAGE
Short documentary by Xu Xin (18 mn), 2004
In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes
Thursday, 3 July
The feast of Spring arrives, and migrant workers who have left their family to go to work in town return to their homes. A cheap ticket is their first choice. The annual crowding of rail transport is under way.

RAILROAD OF HOPE (LE CHEMIN DE FER DE L’ESPOIR)
Documentary by Ning Ying (56 mn), 2001
In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes
Thursday, 3 July
Every year, several thousands of migrant workers leave their province of Sichuan in crowded trains that take them 3000 kilometres to the West of China, where the harvest of vast cotton fields requires abundant manual labour. Along the way, these peasants from poor inland regions, most of whom are leaving the village of their birth for the first time, confide their concerns and their despair to the camera.

YEAR BY YEAR
Documentary by Liu Wei (48 mn), 2005
In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes
Thursday, 3 July
Year by Year follows the "petitioners" from the village of Dongzhuang, in Beijing during the Chinese New Year in 2004. They have no housing and have difficulties returning home. This documentary describes their life and their experience. Every year in China, many petitioners raise their voices by devoting their life fully to the task, and yet without any results. They are ordinary people who form a group that is not protected. Their voice is so weak that no one listens to them.

3. ON WOMEN’S RIGHTS

Video message from Nicole Kidman, UNIFEM goodwill ambassador –
Campaign: SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (2mn), 2007
Monday, 1 July
UNIFEM and its goodwill ambassador, Nicole Kidman, have launched an awareness raising campaign on the Internet:
http://www.saynotoviolence.org/
**Monday, 30 June**

**Youth day**

“Sport, citizenship and human rights”

**3:00 PM**

Public conference of the international coalition of cities against racism ................................................................. ROOM 120  

**2:00-6:00 PM**

General meeting and public conference of the world coalition against the death penalty ........................................... ROOM 200  

**6:30 PM**

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**Tuesday, 1 July**

**Human Rights, between Economic Globalisation and International Solidarity**

**9:30 AM – 12:00 noon**


Protection of the Defenders of Human Rights: how can Solidarity be Practised? ........................................... ROOM 300  

Rights of the Child, the Situations in the North and South................................. ROOM 200  

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Right to Food, Food Sovereignty and Development ..................................... ROOM GH  

From Local to Global: Strategic Non-violent Action ..................................... ROOM BC  

Concrete Memory of the Slave Trade and Construction of a Multicultural and inclusive Future? ............... NANTES MÉTROPOLE EXHIBITION HALL

**2:00 – 4:30 PM**

The Stakes of the Right to Land .............................................. ROOM 450  

Information and Communication Technologies and Human Rights in Europe and in the World ..................... ROOM 300  

Human Rights, Political Models, and Arab Countries .................................. ROOM 200  

Corporations and Human Rights .......................................................... ROOM 120  


Towards an Arms Trade Treaty .......................................................... ROOM BC

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Violation of the Rights of Women; is Testimony a Struggle? Is it useful? Necessary? ........................................... LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE COUNTY COUNCIL HALL,  

**5:00 – 7:30 PM**

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Which Human Rights for Europe?

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Effectiveness within Everyone’s Reach

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