

GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF ARMS

Monday, November 4th, 12 to 4 p.m.

University of Saskatchewan, MLT AIKINS Lecture Theatre,
Room 150, 15 Campus Drive, College of Law

AGENDA

12:00–12:45 Registration and lunch

12:45–1:00 Welcome remarks (University of Saskatchewan)

1:00–1:50 Introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL), including Q&A – Catherine Gribbin (Canadian Red Cross)

Session 1: Framing the Topic

1:50–2:05 Global Arms Movement – Anthony Fenton (York University)

Anthony will provide a general overview of the global flow of arms, including looking at a case study of Canada.

2:05–2:20 Legal Framework – Catherine Gribbin (Canadian Red Cross)

Catherine will speak to the legal framework relating to the regulations of weapons.

2:20–2:35 Refreshment break

Session 2: Focus on Issues

2:35–2:50 Weapons and SGBV – Allison Pytlak (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom)

Allison will discuss a gendered approach to arms control, including a look at the relationship between weapons and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

2:50–3:05 Arms Trade Treaty – Kenneth Epps (Project Ploughshares)

Kenneth will discuss the role of Project Ploughshares in the lead up to the accession by Canada to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

3:05–3:30 Panel discussion to be moderated by Robin Hansen, Associate Professor, University of Saskatchewan.

3:30–4:00 Q and A



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SPEAKERS



Kenneth Epps is currently Policy Advisor on the Arms Trade Treaty for Project Ploughshares in Waterloo, Ontario. He is also a member of the Editorial Committee of the ATT Monitor, a project of Control Arms, the global civil society coalition promoting an effective ATT based in New York. Prior to his retirement in 2014, Kenneth was the Senior Program Officer at Project Ploughshares conducting research and policy analysis of small arms and light weapons, the international arms trade, and the Canadian military industry, and for 20 years was the contributing editor of Project Ploughshares' Armed Conflicts Report. Before joining Project Ploughshares, Kenneth was the Program and Administration Coordinator of the Global Community Centre in Kitchener. He is a graduate of the Master of Mathematics (Pure Mathematics) program at the University of Waterloo.



Anthony Fenton is a researcher based in BC, specializing in Canadian political economy and international relations. Currently, he's finishing his PhD thesis at York University (Toronto). Anthony's dissertation focuses on the political and economic history of Canada's relations with Saudi Arabia and the neighboring Gulf monarchies, covering post-WWI to the present, tracing in particular Canadian arms exports policies. Anthony has a BA in Political Science from the University of Alberta and an MA, in Political Economy from York University.



Catherine Gribbin is the Senior Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law at the Canadian Red Cross. Catherine recently returned from Nigeria where she was the Operational Legal Coordinator for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s Nigeria Delegation. She has worked at the Canadian Red Cross in a number of different positions since 2006. Ms. Gribbin received her LL.B. from Dalhousie University and articulated in Toronto doing criminal defence. Catherine was called to the Bar in Ontario and Nova Scotia and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.



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SPEAKERS (Cont'd)



Robin Hansen teaches international law, conflict of laws, trusts and international economic law. She researches primarily in the areas of international law and international political economy. Her work has been published in journals including the *Modern Law Review*, *Global Jurist*, and *Journal of Legal Education*. A recurring theme in her scholarship is legal personhood and its impacts on accountability and access to justice. Professor Hansen was a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Non-State Actors, working particularly on the status of multinational enterprises. Prior to joining the College of Law, Professor Hansen worked at the legal branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in Ottawa. She is a past participant of the Hague Academy of International Law, Summer Programme, and was called to the bar of Ontario in 2006 and the bar of Saskatchewan in 2010.



Allison Pytlak is the Programme Consultant for Reaching Critical Will at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She contributes to the organisation's monitoring and analysis of disarmament processes as well as its research and other publications, as well as liaises with UN, government, and civil society colleagues. Prior to this role, Allison worked in policy and advocacy with the Control Arms coalition focusing on the ATT. She has also worked with Religions for Peace and Mines Action Canada on a broader range of arms issues, and has significant experience in campaigning and advocacy, research and writing, project management and multilateral treaty negotiations. Allison has a BA in International Relations from the University of Toronto and an MA, also in International Relations, from the City University of New York. She is an expert with the Forum on the Arms Trade and a 2018 UN Women Metro-NY "Champion of Change".

