



War is being declared on the body and sexual autonomy is under assault for LGBTQ+ people and those seeking safe and legal access to abortion. Focusing on human rights and an international perspective, our symposium brings together scholars, survivors and legal experts to discuss the politics of sexual and reproductive rights.

FREE EVENT

TUESDAY
APRIL 16, 2024
8:30AM – 4:30PM

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Alison L. Des Forges

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY: HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVES

8:30 IN-PERSON CHECK-IN

8:45 WELCOMING REMARKS

9:00-12:00 REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Reproductive Justice Beyond Abortion in the Post-Dobbs Era
Kimberly Mutcherson, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

Abortion Access in the U.S.
Sawyeh Esmali, Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center

The State of Reproductive Rights: 75 Years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Alicia Ely Yamin, Lecturer on Law and Adjunct Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and Management, Harvard University

War and Displacement: Sexual and Reproductive Health in Conflict Zones
Therese McGinn, Professor Emerita, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-4:00 FOCUS ON LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

Intersex Autonomy in African Contexts: Colonial Histories and Activist Leadership for the Future
Amanda Lock Swarr, Associate Professor, Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, University of Washington

Straddling Worlds, Straddling Wars: The Woman's Body as a Colonized Site
Unoma Azuah, English Professor, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Soft Power and Strange Bedfellows: How Feminists and Evangelicals Fund and Fuel Anti-Trans Politics in South Africa
Greta LaFleur, Associate Professor, Department of American Studies, Yale University

State of Emergency: Escalating Attacks on LGBTQ+ People at All Levels of Government
Sarah Warbelow, Vice President--Legal, Human Rights Campaign

LGBTQ+ and Reproductive Justice: Current Threats and Opportunities in the U.S
Patience Crozier, Director, Family Advocacy, GLAD Legal Advocates & Defenders

4:00 CLOSING REMARKS

This symposium honors the life and work of human rights activist Alison Des Forges (1942-2009).

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