

## Global Hubs Salon Series

# Salon on “Inequalities and Social Justice”

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 | 8:15am – 9:30am EST

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## [Kaushik Basu](#)

Carl Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences and SC Johnson College of Business; Co-Director, [Cornell Research Academy of Development, Law, and Economics \(CRADLE\)](#), Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University

Kaushik Basu was Chief Economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016; and he was Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India from 2009 to 2012. He served as president of the International Economic Association from 2017 to 2021. Educated at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and the London School of Economics, Basu has published in development economics, game theory, industrial organization theory, and moral philosophy. His books include [The Republic of Beliefs: A New Approach to Law and Economics](#) (Princeton University Press, 2018) and [Policymaker's Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, D.C.](#) (Simon and Schuster, 2021). In 2021, he was winner of the Humboldt Research Award of the Humboldt Foundation, Bonn.

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## [Antonia Carcelén-Estrada](#)

Professor, Department of Literature, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Antonia Carcelén-Estrada teaches oral literature and intercultural translation at USFQ and is a British Academy Research Fellow at Northumbria University in the UK. Her decolonial research connects early-modern Transatlantic literature and historiography, translation studies, and today's intercultural conflicts with an emphasis on cultural politics and performance. As an interdisciplinary scholar and translator, she connects peoples and ideas across disciplines and borders, among them Islamic, Afro-descendant, Jewish, and Indigenous histories, to better articulate a decolonial resistance to current oppressive regimes. She has published her work with the University of Massachusetts Press (2010), Palgrave (2016), and Routledge (2018a, 2018b), as well as with journals such as *Translation* (2012), *Translation Studies* (2015), *New Diversities* (2017), *History* (UK) (2021), *Viator* (2021), and *Disability Studies Quarterly* (2021). Her work with black feminists in the Great Chocó will be featured in *Radical History Review* (2022) and the *European Journal of Politics and Gender* (2022). She is working on several manuscripts: *Cervantes and Islam* is currently being prepared for the University of Pennsylvania Press' Race Before Race Series, *Golden Palimpsests* for University of Arizona Press, and *Sumak Kawsay under Siege* for Duke University Press.

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## [Masauso Chirwa](#)

**Head, Department of Social Work and Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zambia**

Masauso Chirwa's research interests lie in the area of social protection, poverty and inequalities, gender, disability, policy and planning. He has collaborated actively with researchers in several other disciplines of social sciences and public health both within Zambia and abroad. He has supervised both postgraduate and undergraduate research projects. Chirwa has also worked on a number of policy documents for the Zambian Government. He was also part of the team that conducted a study on employability among graduates in the European Union. Chirwa has served on roughly twenty conference and workshop program committees. He has served on the special interest research group on Down's Syndrome, and Comparative Policy and Practice of the International Association of Scientific Study of Intellectual and Development Disabilities (IASSIDD) Executive Committee. Chirwa has been a faculty member at the University of Zambia since 2011 and served as coordinator for postgraduate studies from 2018-2019. He was a visiting scholar at Queen's University in Canada in 2019. Chirwa completed his PhD at the University of Warwick in the UK, his master's at Linnaeus University in Sweden, and undergraduate studies at the University of Zambia.

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## [Chonghyun Choi](#)

**Lecturer, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore**

Chonghyun Choi's research revolves around the question of why democracy does not always reduce economic inequality. In investigating this question, he focuses on how democracy affects the distribution of market income between capital and labor, and among workers. His broader research interests include determinants of redistributive preferences, causes and effects of regime transitions, and labor politics. His research has appeared in *Journal of East Asian Studies* and *Pacific Affairs*. Choi received his PhD in political science at the University of Notre Dame in 2017. Prior to joining NUS in 2020, he was Lecturer in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University, HK Research Professor at Chung-Ang University, and Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar at the University of Notre Dame.

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## [Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui](#)

**Professor of International Relations, Theory, and Law, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University**

Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui is originally from Guinea, where he attended Law School before serving as law clerk, judge, and legal counsel for the National Commission on Trade, Agreements, and Protocols. He received a PhD from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1988. Prior to joining Cornell University's Africana Studies, Grovogui was professor of international relations theory and law at Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of [Sovereigns, Quasi-Sovereigns, and Africans: Race and Self-Determination](#)

[in International Law](#) (University of Minnesota Press, 1996) and [Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy: Memories of International Institutions and Order](#) (Palgrave, April 2006). Grovogui is currently completing two manuscripts, both partially completed: 1) *The Gaze of Copernicus: Postcolonialism, Serendipity, and International Relations* and 2) *No Partial Public Sympathies: Quilombo, Haiti, and Africana Humanisms*.

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## [Jean Hong](#)

**Associate Professor, Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**

Jean Hong's research interest centers on the political economy of authoritarian regimes. She focuses on political-economic incentives and constraints that shape authoritarian rulers' policy choices. Her studies range over various topics in the political economy including authoritarian elections, economic development, industrial policy, social policy, conflicts and violence, and colonial legacies. Her recent works have been published or are forthcoming in *the British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, and *Economic History Review*, among others. She earned her PhD from New York University.

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## [Soraj Hongladarom](#)

**Professor, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts; Director, [Center for Science, Technology and Society](#), Chulalongkorn University**

Soraj Hongladarom has published books and articles on such diverse issues as bioethics, computer ethics, and the roles that science and technology play in the culture of developing countries. His concern is mainly on how science and technology can be integrated into the life-world of the people in the so-called Third World countries, and what kind of ethical considerations can be obtained from such relation. A large part of this question concerns how information technology is integrated in the lifeworld of the Thai people, and especially how such integration is expressed in the use of information technology in education. He is the author of [The Ethics of AI and Robotics: A Buddhist Viewpoint](#) (Lexington, 2020), [The Online Self: Externalism, Friendship, and Games](#) (Springer, 2016), and [A Buddhist Theory of Privacy](#) (Springer, 2016). His articles have appeared in *The Information Society*, *AI & Society*, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, and *Social Epistemology*, among others.

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## [Inna Makhniboroda](#)

**Professor, Tecnológico de Monterrey; Partner, E&M Business Lawyers**

Inna Makhniboroda (LLM Cantab, PhD) is a professor of Tecnológico de Monterrey (in the Mexico City campuses) for public and private international law, alternative methods of dispute resolution, and for the master degree classes of the common program of Tec de Monterrey and Washington University. As well, she has been a coach for several teams of students of Tec de Monterrey in international moot competitions. She has more than 15 years of practice in international consulting for corporate relations and dispute resolution with projects realized in Russia, Europe, and Latin America. She is a partner of the law firm E&M Business Lawyers (EMLAW) based in Mexico City. She was the leader of a *pro bono*

consulting and cases submitted to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Being inspired by the idea of “social mortgage” implemented by Tec de Monterrey as a prerequisite for studies for every student, Makhniboroda together with her partner Edgar L. Espejel established the social project “Sigue Derecho” (“Follow the law” or “Go straight ahead”) to tackle the problem of gender inequality in the legal profession in Mexico through which they provide housing, cover basic living necessities, and pay a scholarship for young female lawyers from the interior of the Mexican Republic to help them move to Mexico City and practice law in the place where the biggest percentage of legal cases with a significant impact on the country is concentrated.

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## **Kasey McCall-Smith**

**Senior Lecturer in Public International Law; Director, [Global Justice Academy](#); Director, [LLM in Human Rights Program](#), Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh**

Kasey McCall-Smith’s research focuses primarily on treaty law and how treaties are interpreted and implemented at the domestic and supranational levels including through incorporation. Along this line of research, she recently has published on the relationship between [torture and fair trial in the 9/11 military commission](#) and on the potential of incorporating human rights treaties into Scots law with a special focus on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Ensuring clarity in the law of treaties is a major theme that she has pursued, specifically in reference to reservations to treaties, which is the focus of the book she currently is completing for Oxford University Press. She has conducted several projects examining the role of the UN human rights treaty bodies as generators of legal norms and the increasingly blurred distinction between public and private international law in terms of human rights protection and sustainable development. McCall-Smith is a US qualified lawyer and practiced in Tennessee for several years before moving to academia. In addition to a BA in Architectural Studies and Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas, she holds an LLM and PhD in public international law from the University of Edinburgh. Since 2017, McCall-Smith has served as the chair of the [Association of Human Rights Institutes](#).

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## **Maame Yaa A. Mensa-Bonsu**

**Lecturer, School of Law, University of Ghana**

Maame Yaa A. Mensa-Bonsu’s research interests lie in gender rights, disability rights, and, in particular, the intersection of gender, disability, and law. Before joining the University of Ghana School of Law, Mensa-Bonsu lectured at Lancaster University, Ghana, where she founded, and convened for three successive years, the Conference on Disability and Development, a forum to promote multidisciplinary and intersectional academic discourse in disability as an aspect of the national development goals in Ghana and the subregion. She was also founding Editor for the *Lancaster Journal on Disability—West Africa’s* only peer-reviewed journal exclusively focused on disability. Mensa-Bonsu has spoken and written both locally and internationally, on the property rights of women, domestic violence, surrogacy, and the rights of Persons with Disabilities and their carers. In July 2020, she advised the National Council on Persons with Disabilities, in Broad Consultative Meetings on the Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Bill. From November 2021 to February 2022, she delivered training sessions hosted by

the Ghana Center for Democratic Development on the rights of LGBT+ persons to key public and policy players in Ghana. Her current research project assesses the inclusiveness of Ghana's Covid-19 fiscal policies, in respect of persons with disabilities and their carers. She holds a BA (Hons) in Psychology & Spanish, and an LLB from the University of Ghana—both with First Class Honours, and an LLM from the LSE. She is called to the Ghana Bar and is a Senior Associate at Ashong-Benjamin & Associates, Accra.

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## Jamila Michener

**Associate Professor, Department of Government, College of Arts and Sciences; Associate Dean for Public Engagement, Brooks School of Public Policy; Co-Director, [Cornell Center for Health Equity](#); Co-Director, [Politics of Race, Immigration, Class, and Ethnicity \(PRICE\) Initiative](#), Cornell University**

Jamila Michener studies poverty, racism, and public policy, with a particular focus on health and housing. She is author of the award-winning book, [Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2018). Michener's research has been supported by the Institute for Research on Poverty, the Russell Sage Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and the Ford Foundation. Her public writing has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Vox*, *Salon* and other outlets. Prior to working at Cornell, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar at the University of Michigan. She received her MA and PhD from the University of Chicago and her undergraduate degree from Princeton University. She serves as Board Chair of the [Cornell Prison Education Program](#).

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## Rachel Beatty Riedl

**Director and John S. Knight Professor of International Studies, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies; Professor, Department of Government, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University**

Rachel Beatty Riedl's research interests include institutional development in new democracies, local governance and decentralization, and authoritarian regime legacies in Africa. Her latest book, coauthored with Gwyneth McClendon, is [From Pews to Politics: Religious Sermons and Political Participation in Africa](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2019). Her previous book, [Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems in Africa](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2014), won the African Politics Best Book award. Riedl also cohosts the [Ufahamu Africa](#) podcast about life and politics on the African continent. Most recently, she was a fellow at the Nantes Institute for Advanced Study and a Fulbright scholar. Previously, she was director of the Program of African Studies and an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University.

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## Chantal Thomas

**Radice Family Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Cornell Law School, Cornell University**

Chantal Thomas researches and writes in international law and political economy, focusing on questions of global social justice. Thomas holds a PhD in Law from the University of Cambridge, a Juris Doctor from

Harvard Law School, and a BA in Political Science from McGill University. She has consulted for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the United States Agency for International Development, and the World Bank, and has advised the Trade Counsel's office for the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives. She serves on the U.S. Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Law. Thomas has taught international law as a Visiting Professor at distinguished institutions nationally (including Columbia University, Harvard University, and Stanford University), and globally (including the American University in Cairo, King's College London, the School of Oriental and African Studies, Soochow University, and University of Paris I). She has authored more than 50 articles and other publications. Recent and forthcoming works include: *Disorderly Borders: How International Law Shapes Irregular Migration* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2022); "[Race as a Technology of Global Economic Governance](#)" (*UCLA Law Review*, 2021); and, co-edited with Alvaro Santos and David Trubek, *World Trade and Investment Law Reimagined: A Progressive Agenda for Inclusive Globalization* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

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## [Wendy W. Wolford](#)

**Vice Provost for International Affairs; Robert A. and Ruth E. Polson Professor, Department of Global Development, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University**

As vice provost, Wendy Wolford is responsible for strengthening the university's global connections and worldwide interdisciplinary initiatives. Her research focuses on international development, land use and distribution, social mobilization, and agrarian societies with a regional concentration in Latin America—particularly Brazil. For 20 years, she has worked with one of the most important grassroots social movements in Latin American history: the *Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra* (MST), or the Movement of Rural Landless Workers. Part of Cornell's faculty since 2010, Wolford served as the faculty director of economic development at the [Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability](#), where she co-led CARE-Cornell and Oxfam-Cornell collaborations.