

Centre for Applied Human Rights – Seminar Series (November 2010)

Wednesday 10 November (1:15-2:15 pm)

Rwanda: Risk, Policy and Understanding

Ben Shepherd, former researcher and analyst, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Ben has worked on the Great Lakes since 2002, first as researcher for the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes (2002 - 2004) then as a researcher and analyst for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2004 - 2009). Most recently he was the David Davies of Llandinam Research Fellow at the LSE (2009 - 2010), working on a variety of projects related to conflict and policy on Central Africa.

Location: LMB/002, Law & Management Building, Heslington East campus

Monday 15 November (5:15-6:45 pm)

US Death Penalty Law

Mark George QC, Garden Court Chambers

Mark is a highly experienced defence trial advocate of more than 30 years call, with considerable expertise in murder, manslaughter, major drug importations and serious sexual cases. He also has considerable experience of hearings before the Parole Board where he represents prisoners, particularly before lifer panels and has advised in many cases involving serving prisoners and their rights in areas such as sentence calculation and security categorisation. Mark is an opponent of the death penalty and has a strong interest in death penalty cases in the United States. In 1998 he worked pro bono in a capital murder trial in Texas where he assisted the local attorneys with the preparation of the case for trial. Since that time he has been involved with Amicus, an organisation which trains young lawyers to undertake internships in the US assisting in death penalty trials and appeals.

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Wednesday 17 November (1:00-2:00 pm)

Can Nonviolent Protest Still Make a Difference?

Steve Crawshaw, international advocacy director, Amnesty International,

Steve worked for Human Rights Watch (2002-2010), first as UK director and then as United Nations advocacy director. He joined Amnesty International as international advocacy director in 2010. Steve was a journalist for many years with Granada Television and then the *Independent*. He interviewed Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and witnessed the fall of Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic. He is co-author of *Small Acts of Resistance: How Courage, Tenacity and Ingenuity Can Change the World* (2010).

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