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10:00 am Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International (Canada), English branch

Responsibility of the Canadian State under International Law and in Canadian Law: Charter Review, Public Inquiries, and Civil Liability Lawsuits

10:30 am (by video-conference) William Schabas, Dir. Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway

Individual Criminal Responsibility under International Law and in Canadian Law: From Field-level to Cabinet-level Conduct

11:00 am Paul Champ, Barrister, Champ & Associates, Ottawa

Proving Facts and Seeking Evidence in the Charter Litigation by Amnesty International against the Minister of Defence: Shadow Boxing with Ottawa

11:30 am Willem de Lint, Head of the Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminology, U. Windsor

Situating the Colvin Testimony Within the (Non-) Documentation Practices of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Other Government Agencies

12:00 pm David Schneiderman, Professor of Law and Political Science, U of T

The Law, Ethics and Politics of Invoking the Executive Prerogative Power against Parliamentary Efforts to Access Documents on Detainee Policy and Practice

1:00 pm Michael Mandel, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School

What Right Do We Have to Be in Afghanistan in the First Place? Why the Prisoner Transfer Issue Cannot be Detached from the Legality and Legitimacy of the War Itself

1:30 pm Christopher Waters, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, U. Windsor

The Erosion of Civilian Oversight Mechanisms: How the Transfer of Afghan Detainees Represents a Betrayal of the Somalia Legacy

2:00 pm Kent Roach, Prichard-Wilson Chair of Law and Public Policy at the U of T Faculty of Law

Linking Government Refusal to Implement the Arar Commission’s Recommendations on Review Mechanisms to Judicial Abstention on the Detainee Transfer Issue: How Should the Military and the Government’s Conduct be Overseen?

2:30 pm Frédéric Mégret, CRC in the Law of Human Rights and Legal Pluralism at McGill (Professor Mégret was unable to attend due to illness.)

Does or Will the International Criminal Court Have Jurisdiction to Investigate and Prosecute Canadian Government Officials?

3:15 pm Michael Byers, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law

Canada’s Moral Standing in the World: Does Our Detainee Transfer Record Matter?