

Spotlight on Human Rights - January 2016

International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)

ICTJ is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with offices in New York City and 10 locations around the world.

ICTJ works to help societies in transition address legacies of massive human rights violations and build civic trust in state institutions as protectors of human rights. In the aftermath of mass atrocity and repression, ICTJ assists civil society groups and institutions, the people driving and shaping their societies, in considering measures to provide truth, accountability, and redress of past abuses.

Some of their current initiatives are in Tunisia, Peru, Argentina, Iraq and Burma.

To learn more about transitional justice, ICTJ's projects, as well internships, job openings, and how to support them go to <https://www.ictj.org/>.

For a great ICTJ interview with the current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zaid Ra'ad Al Hussein, go to "UN Human Rights Chief Sees Hope and Challenges in Fight Against Impunity" <https://www.ictj.org/news/un-rights-chief-sees-hope-amid-challenges-fight-impunity>

From the ICTJ web site:

Transitional Justice Issues



Criminal Justice

The investigation and prosecution of international crimes—including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes—is a fundamental component of transitional justice.



Reparations

Reparations initiatives seek to recognize and address the harms suffered by victims of human rights violations. They can be designed in many ways, and may include symbolic as well as financial or practical measures.



Truth and Memory

Truth seeking initiatives can play a powerful role in documenting and acknowledging human rights violations. Memory initiatives also contribute to public understanding of past abuses.



Institutional Reform

Institutional reform is the process of reviewing and restructuring state institutions so that they respect human rights, preserve the rule of law, and are accountable to their constituents.



Gender Justice

ICTJ's gender justice program seeks to promote truth, justice and accountability for gender-based human rights violations committed in the context of large-scale or systematic abuse.



Children and Youth

Children and youth are seriously affected by gross human rights violations in conflict and under repressive regimes; transitional justice measures must uniquely consider and protect their rights.