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The Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) develops and facilitates women's leadership for women's human rights and social justice worldwide.

CWGL is part of the Office of International Programs in the School of Arts and Sciences and is a member of the [Institute for Women's Leadership \(IWL\)](#)—a consortium of women's programs at Rutgers University created to study and promote how and why women lead, and to develop programs that prepare women of all ages to lead effectively. The member units of IWL are: the [Center for the American Woman and Politics \(CAWP\)](#), the [Center for Women and Work](#), the [Center for Women's Global Leadership \(CWGL\)](#), [Douglass Residential College](#), the [Institute for Research on Women \(IRW\)](#), the [Institute for Women and Art \(IWA\)](#), the [Office for the Promotion of Women in Science, Engineering and Mathematics](#), and the [Women's and Gender Studies Department](#).

CWGL's programs promote the leadership of women and advance feminist perspectives in policy-making processes in local, national and international arenas. Since 1990, CWGL has fostered women's leadership in the area of human rights through women's global leadership institutes, strategic planning activities, international mobilization campaigns, UN monitoring, global education endeavors, publications, and a resource center. CWGL works from a human rights perspective with an emphasis on violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and socio-economic well-being. CWGL's programs are in two broad areas of policy & advocacy and leadership development & women's human rights education.

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*Cover photo by Paula Cort: Rutgers University faculty, students, staff and associates at CWGL's 20th Anniversary Symposium held on March 6, 2010 during the 54th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York.*

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# FUNDING

In addition to the administrative resources provided by Rutgers, the Center has successfully supported its programs through external sources such as foundations, governments, and private individual donors. During 2009-2010, CWGL added three new funders and over \$330,000 in new dollars.

## CWGL gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the University and:

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To mark its 20 years of activism in the global women's human rights movement and honor the exceptional leadership and vision of its founder, CWGL created the [Charlotte Bunch Women's Human Rights Strategic Opportunities Fund](#). The fund is a way for CWGL to annually support initiatives that are of strategic significance in seizing important political opportunities for the advancement of women's human rights globally. Still in its formative stage, the fund will be utilized, for example, to organize strategic conversations among diverse players in the advocacy for women's human rights; to finance research and/or writing on critical issues related to women's human rights; or to support women human rights defenders. It is intended to have the flexibility to remain innovative and responsive to fluid, diverse and evolving needs in the women's human rights movement.

CWGL is pleased to expand its development activities with the launch of this fund—now approaching \$80,000 in donations. To contribute to this fund or other projects of the Center, please visit [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu).

# YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Colleagues,

As I complete my first year as executive director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, I am pleased to share with you highlights from our 2009-2010 programs. Did you know:

- CWGL was a founding member of the [Gender Equality Architecture Reform \(GEAR\) Campaign](#) which was successful in advocating for the recently established UN Women—the new gender equality entity at the United Nations?
- Over 2,800 organizations in approximately 156 countries as well as governments and UN agencies observe the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign](#), founded at CWGL in 1991?
- In less than a year, CWGL has amassed thousands of fans on its Facebook campaign pages ([16 Days](#), [GEAR](#) and the [Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition](#))?
- With a twenty-year history of women's rights advocacy, CWGL has built a network of partners including world-renowned organizations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and specialized UN agencies, such as UNIFEM and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights?
- CWGL has published over [twenty publications and visual media](#), and is a worldwide clearinghouse for scholars, researchers, students and activists—over 2500 contacts this year—studying the history and advocacy efforts of the global women's rights movement?
- And this year, activists and academics are working together with CWGL on its groundbreaking work to bring human rights to the forefront of macroeconomic policy-making?

Please connect with us—visit our website, [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu), join us on [Facebook](#) or stop by our office! We look forward to working with you as we continue to develop women's leadership at the global level.

Radhika Balakrishnan  
Executive Director, Center for Women's Global Leadership  
Professor, Women's and Gender Studies Department

# ECONOMIC & SOCIAL JUSTICE

**States and the Council must look not only at violence against women, but at other rights. Water, food, housing, and health, are all linked to gender and the human rights of women.**

CWGL statement at the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, September 30, 2009

## Events

**Facilitating Gender Equality and Social Protection for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals**  
Geneva, Switzerland: June 1-2, 2010



In collaboration with the United Nations Independent Expert on the Question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty, [CWGL organized a two-day consultation](#) on integrating gender aware analyses into social protection schemes. The meeting brought together human rights and women's rights activists, government and intergovernmental representatives, experts and academics to develop clear gendered analyses of social protection systems. Participants also discussed how these systems can help to achieve the MDGs and their relationship to human rights obligations and social policy in general. Input from this meeting will assist the Independent Expert in preparing her report, which will include a focus on gender issues, to be presented at the General Assembly in September 2010.

**Human Rights in the Global Economy**  
Geneva, Switzerland: January 11-13, 2010

Radhika Balakrishnan, CWGL's Executive Director, was a participant in [Human Rights in the Global Economy](#) in Geneva convened by the International Council on Human Rights Policy and Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. The colloquium was a multidisciplinary dialogue to analyze and address human rights questions and the challenges that arise from macroeconomic policies. The group included economists, human rights practitioners, members of advocacy groups, international lawyers and policy experts from intergovernmental organizations. The widespread impact of the financial and economic crises has underlined the importance of going beyond dominant disciplinary wisdom as well as established policy prescriptions and institutional practices in economic policy-making.

**Rethinking Macroeconomic Strategies and Human Rights**  
New Brunswick, NJ: September 29-October 1, 2009

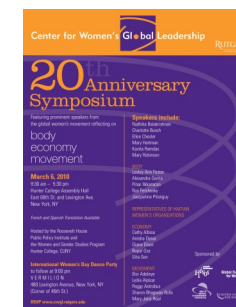
In late September, CWGL convened a meeting to develop strategies to reach diverse groups of activists and academics who could have interest in using a macroeconomic and human rights training module. The [Why MES with Human Rights](#) project began in 2004 at a meeting in Geneva, which brought together progressive economists, human rights activists, and economic and social rights advocates to explore the intersections between human rights advocacy and economic policies.



## Resources

CWGL has produced books, reports, and media focusing on a wide range of human rights topics, including violence against women, reproductive health, intersectionality, migrant women, sexual rights, and documentation of all our Leadership Institutes and hearings and tribunals at UN World Conferences. This year, CWGL produced:

- Balakrishnan, R., Heintz, J., and Seguino, S. [A Human Rights Response to the Economic Crisis in the U.S.](#) (2009)
- [Rethinking Macro Economic Strategies from a Human Rights Perspective: Why MES with Human Rights II](#) (2009)
- (Spanish Translation: [Repensando Estrategias Macroeconómicas desde una Perspectiva de Derechos Humanos: Por qué EME y Derechos Humanos II](#)) (2009)
- [Podcasts and DVD of CWGL's Symposium](#) (2010)



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To see complete list of CWGL publications and videos, please visit [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu).

## CWGL & Rutgers University Libraries

Rutgers University Libraries and CWGL have had an extensive history of collaborative partnerships. This year, the Margery Somers Foster Center and Rutgers Libraries, in partnership with the Women's and Gender Studies Department, moved forward with plans to digitize CWGL's poster collection. This project was undertaken with support from the Rutgers' Academic Excellence Fund. Digital versions of over 300 posters have been created along with metadata and relevant information. These posters chronicle twenty years of transnational women's activism and advocacy, while documenting the changing issues of the global women's movement. The collection will be housed in [RUcore, the Rutgers Community Institutional Repository](#), an online archive, where they will be accessible to all.



# BRINGING SOCIAL RIGHTS



Radhika Balakrishnan, *Why MES with Human Rights? Integrating Macroeconomics*

One of the richest aspects of the work of the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) is the sharing of its world with the University community. Whether through classroom teaching, public talks, participating in panels or seminars, helping faculty and staff colleagues through our global networks, sponsoring visiting in-residence activists, or mentoring students as interns and employees, CWGL is committed to applying its version of "global reach" on campus.

In addition to the Rutgers highlights noted in our programming section, this year CWGL was proud to:

- Accredited 86 affiliates for United Nations activities—46 of them Rutgers University students
- Participate in [Ecologies in the Balance: An Interdisciplinary Conversation](#) sponsored by Global Initiatives
- Host Mary Jane Real, Philippines, Coordinator of the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition, as the Visiting Global Associate
- Deliver the annual [Blanche Grosswald Memorial Lecture](#) at the School of Social Work
- Provide staff service as an LGBT liaison and scholarship selection committee for students
- Assist 350 researchers worldwide, including many Rutgers students and faculty
- Serve as guest lecturers and advisors on activism, violence against women, human rights, and linking to the local social justice community



Mary Jane Real, Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition Coordinator and CWGL Visiting Global Associate. Photo by Paula Cort.

***Attending the CSW allowed me to see the diversity of the movement. The array of issues that affect women and women's rights activists were brought to the forefront. I got to see the leaders of the movement and the work they are doing. It was inspiring to see young women taking initiative on this work and to see leaders that have been doing this since their youth and still standing up and speaking out.***

Hera Mir, IWL Scholar, SAS Middle Eastern Studies & Philosophy, Class of 2011

***...rights issues as they pertain to gender, including economic, social and cultural rights of women. So are the financial crisis, development and economic policy.***

The purpose of bringing together these key economists and activists was to identify interested organizations, activists, and critical policy makers in Mexico and the United States and name what the value added would be for these groups in understanding the human rights approach of the macroeconomic strategies project. After three days of productive discussions, the group decided that organizing a pilot training module amongst a group of progressive economists and women's rights and human rights groups would be the ideal next step.

## Human Rights Council

**Geneva, Switzerland: September 14-October 2, 2009**

During the UN Human Rights Council's 12th session, CWGL Executive Director Radhika Balakrishnan participated in a [side event](#) focused on the human rights implications of the financial crisis and the importance of using rights norms to address macroeconomic policy at global and national levels. The annual session on gender integration focused on the Universal Periodic Review, the process by which states review one another's human rights records. Panelists noted the critical need for states to collect sex-disaggregated data (as well as data that cuts across other social factors), and to focus on implementation of recommendations.

## New Publications

- **April 2010:** CWGL organized a cluster report on macroeconomics - [Towards a Human Rights-Centered Macroeconomic and Financial Policy in the U.S.](#) The submission focuses on the human rights implications of the financial crisis and subsequent domestic policy responses. In particular, it focuses on the human rights obligation to protect and fulfill economic and social rights as well as the need for transparency, accountability and participation in the making of macroeconomic policy.
- **Fall 2009:** Balakrishnan, R., Heintz, J., and Seguino, S. [A Human Rights Response to the Economic Crisis in the U.S.](#)



Radhika Balakrishnan at the 2010 US Social Forum in Detroit, MI.

## THE HUFFINGTON POST

THE INTERNET NEWSPAPER: NEWS BLOGS VIDEO COMMUNITY

- **April 2010:** [Making the International Monetary Fund Accountable to Human Rights](#) by Radhika Balakrishnan and James Heintz, *The Huffington Post*
- **March 2010:** [Why Human Rights are Indispensable to Financial Regulation](#) by Radhika Balakrishnan and James Heintz, *The Huffington Post*

# I N T E R N A T I O N A C O N N E C T

*For those of us in the Human Rights House, being part of a Rutgers based campaign that addresses violence against women and that has a connection to over 150 countries was exciting and enriching. Along with 17 other student groups, we had the opportunity to simultaneously link our concerns and activism on campus with groups around the world that are doing the same.*

Alexandra Anastasia, RU Human Rights House, SAS Political Science, Class of 2011



**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**  
November 25-December 10, 2009

**Commit • Act • Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women**

[The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign](#) has grown exponentially since it first began at a women's global leadership institute at CWGL in 1991. It is now observed by over 2,800 organizations in approximately 156 countries as well as by many governments and UN agencies. CWGL was in direct contact with more than 275 organizations in 80 countries and was inspired by activists from Zambia to Mongolia, Barbados to Lebanon who took to the streets, made their voices heard in the media, communicated with policy-makers, and raised awareness among friends and neighbors. CWGL also saw an increase in the use of the internet and social networking sites this year, including regular blogs, online rallies, video shares, and a [Facebook page](#) with over 2,200 fans.

Eighteen Rutgers student groups [organized events on campus](#), including:

- *Justice & Java: Expressions against Gender Violence*
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the LGBT Community
- *16 Days Benefit Concert* with proceeds to Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust in South Africa
- Presentation & Discussion on female genital mutilation
- Letter writing to the UN Secretary General
- Red Ribbon Tabling and Exhibit for World AIDS Day



SCREAM Theater Athletes



The 2010 16 Days theme is:

***Structures of Violence: Defining the Intersections of Militarism and Violence Against Women***

Please visit [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/home.html](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/home.html) for more information.

Rutgers student at 16 Days event

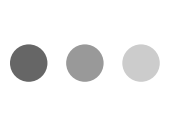
## Affiliations

CWGL's affiliations are far reaching both in scope and geography. The Center is aligned with networks, coalitions and campaigns representing all areas of the world and in the range of mission or content they cover. Networking and building coalitions have played an integral role in CWGL's advocacy efforts on behalf of women's rights, and is central to the way CWGL addresses its mission. The Center works with a wide array of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), legal clinics, international development organizations, UN agencies, research centers, and universities.



## United Nations Accreditation

One of the ways organizations or entities can participate in United Nations programming is to be accredited for various levels or areas of involvement. The initial access is generally gained through accreditation by the UN Department of Public Information (DPI). DPI aims to educate the public and garner support for the principles and work of the United Nations. CWGL enjoys both DPI status and consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ESOCOC). This status has allowed CWGL to annually secure access for dozens of Rutgers students, faculty and staff at Rutgers to a variety of conferences and programs, including the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and major world conferences such as the World Conference Against Racism (Durban, South Africa, 2001). Over the last year, CWGL worked closely with the [Office of International Programs](#) at the School of Arts and Sciences with its application for accreditation with DPI. Now that its application has been approved, the Office of International Programs has been active in engaging faculty, staff and students in all that DPI has to offer—grounds passes to UN meetings and events, weekly briefings and access to their resource center.



# H O W   W E   L   C A M P A I G N S



## Media Coverage

### Interviews

Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID)  
 Center for Economic and Social Rights  
 Foreign Policy in Focus  
 Institute for Women’s Leadership  
 Inter Press Service News Agency (IPS)  
 Law and Order Radio, Pacific Radio  
 National Council for Research on Women  
 NGLS RoundUp of CSW 54th Session  
 The Norman Transcript  
 Rutgers FOCUS  
 SAGE Magazine  
 UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN NGLS)  
 Universidade Livre Feminista (Vimeo)  
 Women’s Media Center

### Articles & Blogs

American Civil Liberties Union  
 The Huffington Post  
 Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti  
 International Association For Feminist Economics (IAFFE)  
 National Council for Research on Women (NCRW)  
 openDemocracy  
 Response Magazine for United Methodist Women  
 Say NO-UNiTE News  
 Women’s Media Center

### Press

allAfrica.com  
 Allvoices  
 AlterNet  
 Amnesty International  
 Associated Press (AP)  
 Attorney.org  
 Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID)  
 Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute

Change for Equality  
 The China Post  
 Choike.org  
 European Women’s Lobby  
 Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) Campaign  
 Global Campaign to Stop Killing and Stoning Women (SKSW Campaign)  
 Global Fund for Women  
 GlobalIssues  
 Inter Press Service News Agency  
 International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association  
 International Network for Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net)  
 International Planned Parenthood Federation  
 Isis International  
 Israel Military Forum  
 MediaGlobal  
 The Nation  
 National Catholic Reporter  
 New Jersey News Room  
 The Point (Gambia)  
 The Professor Jovi Show  
 Rita Chemaly, Wordpress.com  
 Rozaria Memorial Trust  
 Rutgers Daily Targum  
 Rutgers FOCUS  
 Secularism is a Women’s Issue  
 Share the World’s Resources  
 Taipei Times  
 Times of India  
 The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA)  
 UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN NGLS)  
 UNICEF  
 USA Today  
 Women’s Enews  
 Women’s Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)  
 The Women’s Technology Empowerment Centre  
 Women’s United Nations Report Network  
 Zimbabwe Online Press

*I have made gender equality and the empowerment of women one of my top priorities—from working to end the scourge of violence against women, to appointing more women to senior positions, to efforts to reduce maternal mortality rates. UN Women will significantly boost UN efforts to promote gender equality, expand opportunity, and tackle discrimination around the globe.*

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, July 2010



Advocates from many quarters celebrated the establishment on July 2, 2010 of [UN Women](#), the new entity that combines the mandates of four structures into a high level organization with both policy and operational functions. [The GEAR Campaign](#), a network of over 300 women’s, human rights and social justice groups, is now engaged in working to ensure that UN Women will be a coordinated, strong, and strategic organization that further advances the UN’s work on gender equality and women’s empowerment. Some organizations are already engaged with the UN transition process at the national and regional levels, and the GEAR Campaign encourages more actors in civil society to get involved in helping UN Women realize its potential as a powerful vehicle for women’s rights on the ground.



Photo by Kyoko Shiota



UN Women represents a valuable political opportunity for GEAR supporters and other civil society groups to re-invigorate or initiate engagement with the United Nations. Relationships and mechanisms that are developed now can have long-lasting implications for UN Women. In the months leading up to January 1st, 2011, the official date UN Women becomes fully functional, civil society should be part of developing effective policies, practices, and leadership for the entity.

*We have high expectations for this new agency to be a solid foundation for advancing the human rights of women as central to global policy efforts to reduce poverty and move toward greater realization of peace and democracy in the world. The coalition of women’s groups and other social justice, human rights and development organizations that played a pivotal role in this effort will now turn its efforts toward ensuring that the new body has the human and financial resources necessary to succeed.*

Charlotte Bunch, Senior Scholar, CWGL

## Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) United Nations, New York City: March 1-12, 2010

The [54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#) was held from March 1-12, 2010. In commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women that took place in Beijing, China in 1995, this year the CSW focused on a review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The BPfA, which identified twelve critical areas of concern for women's rights, still stands as one of the most comprehensive and progressive UN documents to address the realities of women's lives. The thousands of women's rights advocates that attended the parallel NGO forum in Beijing in 1995 played a significant role in shaping the Beijing Platform for Action. Therefore, this year's CSW held particular significance for the 8,000 civil society representatives from around the world who converged on the UN during the first two weeks of March. CWGL's Founding Director, Charlotte Bunch, and Executive Director, Radhika Balakrishnan together had 13 speaking engagements ranging from panels on advancing gender equality to the economic crisis and human rights. CWGL co-sponsored events pertaining to issues such as women's human rights defenders, the new gender entity, violence against women, and economic rights. For a complete list of activities and follow-up information, please visit the [Beijing + 15 web page](#). For an analysis of the CSW read [Reflecting on Our Spaces at the CSW](#) by Keely Swan, CWGL Project Coordinator and Margot Baruch, CWGL Program Coordinator.

## CWGL 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Hunter College, New York City: March 6, 2010



Clockwise from top: Ellen Chesler (Director, Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy, Hunter College), Charlotte Bunch (Founding Director and Senior Scholar, CWGL), Hera Mira (CWGL Intern), Alyssa Cocchiara (CWGL Intern). Photo by Paula Cort.

As thousands of representatives of governments and NGOs from all across the globe converged at the UN Headquarters in New York City for the Commission on the Status of Women, hundreds of women's human rights advocates gathered at a [Public Symposium](#) convened by CWGL on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to discuss achievements and remaining obstacles in the area of women's empowerment and gender equality from a civil society perspective. The event was the product of a fruitful collaboration between several institutions of higher education. Convened by CWGL of Rutgers University, it was hosted by the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute and the Women's and Gender Studies Program of Hunter College, and co-sponsored by the New School. The conference began with introductory remarks by Jennifer Raab, President of Hunter College, Mary Robinson, Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Former President of Ireland, Radhika Balakrishnan, Executive Director of CWGL and Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, and Charlotte Bunch, CWGL Founding Director and Senior Scholar and Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University. Three panels followed ending with a tribute to Charlotte Bunch from Mary Hartman, former director of the Institute for Women's Leadership at Rutgers, and Kavita Ramdas, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women.

## Speaking Engagements

### Radhika Balakrishnan

- "Rethinking Macroeconomic Strategies from a Human Rights Perspective," US Social Forum, Detroit, MI, 2010.
- MDG Summit Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-governmental organizations, Civil society organizations and the Private sector, UN, New York, 2010.
- Opening Plenary, "Violence Against Women and Its Intersections with Key Social Investments," NCRW Annual Conference, New York, 2010.
- "Uses and Misuses of Methods and Indicators," Quantitative Assessment of Human Rights and Development, New School and Norwegian Center for Human Rights in collaboration with UNICEF and OHCHR, Oslo, Norway, 2010.
- "Why Human Rights are Important to Understanding the Financial Crisis," Blanche Grosswald Lecture, New Brunswick, NJ, 2010.
- "Gender and Sex in the Global Arena," Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, New York, 2010.
- Keynote Panel, "The Economics of Human Rights and MDGs," Harvard University, Boston, MA, 2010.
- "Race, Gender, and Economic Justice in the United States," panelist, 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2010.
- "Advancing Gender Equality: The Impact of CEDAW Ratification on Women's Rights in the U.S.," panelist, 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2010.
- CWGL's 20th Anniversary Public Symposium, master of ceremony, Hunter College, New York, 2010.
- "Articulating an Alternative Macroeconomic and Gender and Development Framework," panelist, 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2010.
- "2010 NGO Global Forum for Women: Beijing +15," panelist, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York, 2010.
- "The Manufactured Crisis: Human Rights and the Role of Biased Regulation," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2010.
- US Human Rights Network Membership Meeting, panelist, Miami, Florida, 2009.
- "Half the World Deserves a Whole Voice: The Pandemic of Violence Against Women," panelist, Marymount Manhattan College, New York, 2009.
- "Why MES with Human Rights? Integrating Macroeconomics Strategies with Human Rights," Center for Women's Global Leadership, New Brunswick, NJ, 2009.
- "The Practice of Human Rights," The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs, New York, 2009.
- "Responding to the Global Economic Crisis: Are Human Rights Relevant?" NGO side event at the 12th session of the Human Rights Council, 2009.