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Human Rights, Politics and the Hippocratic Oath: Exploring Physicians' Roles in Conflict Situations

Dr. T. Sathiyamoorthy, Dr. V. Shanmugarajah and Dr. T. Varatharajah were three government-employed physicians detained without charge after saving thousands of lives during the war in Sri Lanka in 2009. This panel discussion will focus on the circumstances around their cases, and explore the concepts of medical neutrality and ethical duty to patients during war. Panelists will also touch on the broader themes of press freedom, detention without charge, and human rights violations as they pertain to the doctors' story.



Moderators

Dr. Meera Selvakone MD, CCFP
John Argue, Amnesty International Canada



Panelists

Dr. James Orbinski MSc, BSc, MD, MA

Dr. James Orbinski is a Research Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Political Science and Family Medicine at the University of Toronto. In 1999, as President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to MSF for its pioneering approach to medical humanitarianism. Dr. Orbinski received the Meritorious Service Cross, Canada's highest civilian citation, for his service in 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Sharryn Aiken BA, MA, LLB, LLM

Sharryn Aiken is an Associate Professor of Law at Queen's University where she teaches international human rights law, immigration and refugee law. She is the editor-in-chief of *Refuge*, Canada's Periodical on Refugees, past president of the Canadian Council for Refugees and founding member of the newly launched Canadian Academics for Tamil Rights.

Craig Scott BA, LLB, LLM

Craig Scott is a Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall Law School and Director of the Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security. Professor Scott is a member of the Advisory Council to the Sri Lanka Campaign for Peace and Justice, concerning 300,000 interned in camps following the war in Sri Lanka.

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Registration	5:30 pm
Programme	6:00 pm
Q & A	7:00 pm
Reception	7:15 pm - 9:00 pm