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The Changing Face of Justice: Access to the Inter-American System of Human Rights

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Being the host country for the Inter-American Court of Justice, Costa Rica offers the perfect scenario to discuss emerging tendencies in International Law and the important incursion of individuals, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), social movements and different sectors of the civil society in struggles for human rights, participation in international organisms, treaties and covenants directed toward groups and individual rights. NGOs have been demanding presence and recognition in international organizations. Public interest groups, individuals, and human rights clinics have been using international forums and the Inter-American Court of Justice to litigate cases against violations of human rights. As a result of these strategic incursions into a realm otherwise reserved for nation-states, we are seeing a paradigmatic change in the role of international legal forums.

The ensuing demands for justice around the world are posing challenges to the traditional conceptualization of public international law and its instruments. In recent years, we have witnessed a how these rebellious incursions have shifted hemispheric debates in the areas of humanitarian international law, human rights, economic, social and cultural rights, migratory

rights, women's rights, indigenous people's rights and comparative approaches to international law. Non-state incursions have helped shape more just and fair international rulings.

The 2012 Annual LatCrit South-North Exchange (SNX) on Theory, Law, and Culture will be held in the *Centro de Investigación y Adiestramiento Politico Administrativo* (CIAPA) located in Curridiabat, Costa Rica between May 10-12, 2012. We invite participants who can contribute a critical perspective to this dialogue. For more information on CIAPA visit: <http://www.ciapa.org/eng-index.html>

The 2012 SNX organizing committee invites paper proposal addressing;

1. International Courts and its use by non-state actors
2. The history of the Inter-American system of justice;
3. Human rights clinics and its legal strategies for international litigation;
4. Challenges to the traditional subject of public international law;
5. Humanitarian international law;
6. Paradigmatic changes in the pursuit of international law and justice;
7. Domestic impact of international treaties of human rights;
8. Critical perspectives on the role of NGOs, attorneys, and other legal actors and their effects on social movements.

To be considered for participation in the 2012 LatCrit SNX, please send your contact information with an Abstract (1-3 paragraphs) of your proposed presentation/paper February 28, 2012 to charles.venator@uconn.edu.

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Practical Information/Questions: This year's SNX will be hosted by the CIAPA in Curridiabat, Costa Rica. The CIAPA provides a residential setting with room accommodations, meals and conference related transportation. Due to space limitations, we can only provide housing for 28 participants. More information on costs will be forthcoming.