

JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE
PRESENTS

IMPLEMENTING THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PROTECTING AND ENFORCING RIGHTS THROUGH
INTERNATIONAL LAW

THURSDAY, FEB 24, 2005

FEATURING:

JEFF HANDMAKER

FORMER HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER IN SOUTH AFRICA AND CURRENTLY A PHD RESEARCHER
AT THE NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, UTRECHT

IN THE AREA OF REFUGEE LAW, CASE STUDIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE USED TO CRITIQUE THE CLAIM THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND THE INVOKING OF THOSE NORMS, DRAWING ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, POLITICS, SOCIOLOGY, AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THE RESEARCHER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN MEDIATING BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION, FORMING CONSEQUENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. THIS IMPORTANT CONCEPTUAL CHALLENGE REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIVIL AND STATE INSTITUTIONS HAS POTENTIALLY FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR ENSURING EFFECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION OF BOTH CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS.

Thursday, February 24, 2005
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