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CERL Keynote Address: A Universal Protocol for Investigative Interviewing: An End to Interrogation and Torture by Juan E. Méndez

Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Golkin 100, Michael A. Fitts Auditorium
Thursday, September 20, 2018

Public Keynote Address by Juan E. Méndez: A Universal Protocol for Investigative Interviewing: An End to Interrogation and Torture” (panel discussion to follow)

The keynote address and panel will take place at Penn Law and is open to the public and free of charge.

Juan Méndez, former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, introduced in 2016 an initiative calling for a universal protocol that sets standards for interviewing subjects without coercion. He continues to be an active advocate of a universal protocol for non-coercive interviews conducted by law enforcement officials, military and intelligence personnel, and other bodies with investigative mandates. The protocol’s aim is to ensure that authorities discontinue confession-based interrogation of criminal suspects, political and war prisoners, and other detainees so that no one is subjected to torture, mistreatment, or coercion. Mr. Méndez will make the case for the protocol, which through its standards and guidelines, calls for the search for truth, the presumption of innocence, constructive interaction with international human rights law, and adaptation to different legal cultures. He will also report on the current state of the initiative and the need to generate support.

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