'Expanding Women's Rights under International Law: Developments at the International Criminal Court'

It will consider the ways in which women's activists, especially the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice, have shaped the Rome Statute to bring about gender justice under international law. It examines developments in the recognition of sex-based crimes such as rape and forced pregnancy, as well as the move to have women better represented in all the key functions of court. While the talk will focus on the progress made by women's activists in relation to the ICC, it also points to ongoing challenges to gender equality under the law from religious and state actors hostile to these developments.

Speaker:

Dr. Louise Chappell, Ruth Wynn Woodward Endowed Chair in Women's Studies, Jan-Apr 2005.

Dr. Chappell is teaching Women's Studies 320-4 Special Topic: Women's Rights as Human Rights: Activists, Institutions and Issues.

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