



The Global School on Socioeconomic Rights: 2014 Harvard Course on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Litigation

From November 3rd to 5th, 2014, the [Program on the Health Rights of Women and Children \(HRWC\)](#) at the [Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights \(FXB Center\)](#) will host the third annual course on health rights litigation as part of the [Global School on Socio-economic Rights](#). The three-day intensive course, held at Harvard University in Boston, MA, offers participants an opportunity to develop specialist-level knowledge in relation to litigating health-related rights at the national, regional, and international levels. The course is very interactive and will afford ample opportunities for engaging in discussions and network -with practitioners from across the globe.

This year, the course will focus exclusively on sexual and reproductive rights (SRR) litigation, including such topics as: abortion, criminalization of sex work, litigating LGBT rights in varied contexts, access to sexual and reproductive health entitlements, and working with marginalized groups in doing SRR advocacy.

Participants in the course this year will also be invited to attend a two-day international symposium on “Sexual and Reproductive Rights ‘Lawfare’ in International Tribunals” which will be held at Harvard University on November 6-7, and will draw leading experts from around the world to discuss the dynamics as well as the normative and empirical impacts of using international tribunals and forums in relation to controversial SRR issues.

Course instructors include globally renowned experts from Harvard University (USA); the University of Oslo and the University of Bergen (Norway); former constitutional court justices and leading practitioners from around the world.

The course is conducted in English, is highly participatory, and uses case-based teaching and group exercises extensively. Case studies will be drawn from Africa, South Asia, South America, and North America. The course is designed for PhD students, legal practitioners, policy-makers and advanced master’s students. The number of participants is restricted, and fellowships are limited. Applications are due to rcantor@hsph.harvard.edu by July 1, 2014. For [application](#) and more details about the course, see <http://fxb.harvard.edu/health-rights-of-women-and-children/>