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Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., Memorial Human Rights Lecture



Juan Méndez

President, International Center for Transitional Justice

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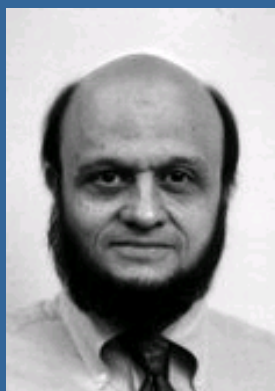
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Argentinean advocate Juan E. Méndez has devoted his career to the defense of human rights throughout the Americas. His work on behalf of political prisoners of Argentina's military dictatorship in the 1970s resulted in his torture and administrative detention for over a year, during which time Amnesty International adopted him as a "Prisoner of Conscience."

After his release in the late 1970s, Mr. Méndez helped found Human Rights Watch, becoming the organization's general counsel in 1994. Mr. Méndez was the Executive Director of the Costa Rica-based Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (1996-99) and Professor and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana (1999-2004). He was Argentina's representative on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States from 2000-2003, serving both as Special Rapporteur on Migrants and as President. In July 2004, the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan appointed him as a Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide. He currently serves as the President of the International Center on Transitional Justice.

This event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the lecture.



This lecture series honors the life and work of Robert H. Kirschner, M.D., noted forensic pathologist and a founder of the University of Chicago Human Rights Program.

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