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September 1 | 2:30-4:15 pm ET
The Targeting of Scientists and Public Health Professionals

Welcome
Dr. Martin Chalfie, University Professor, Columbia University; Chair, Committee on Human Rights of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Dr. Georges C. Benjamin, Executive Director, American Public Health Association

New Research Findings: Harassment and Threats against U.S. Public Health Officials
Dr. Beth Resnick, Assistant Dean, Public Health Practice and Director, MSPH Program in Health Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Panel Discussion
Chair, Dr. Michelle Mello, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Professor of Health Policy, Stanford University School of Medicine
Dr. Peter Hotez, Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine; Co-Director, Texas Children’s Hospital Center for Vaccine Development
Dr. Aletha Maybank, Chief Health Equity Officer and Senior Vice President, American Medical Association
Dr. Nichole Quick, Medical Director, KCS Health Center; former Chief Health Officer, Orange County, California

September 21 | 10:00-11:15 am ET
Global Patterns of COVID-19-related Violence against Health Workers
Chair, Dr. Michele Heisler, Medical Director, Physicians for Human Rights; Professor of Internal Medicine and of Public Health, University of Michigan
Ms. Clarisse Delorme, Senior Policy Advisor, World Medical Association
Dr. Eric Kwezi, Deputy Health Coordinator in Yemen, International Committee of the Red Cross
Ms. Hoi Shan Fokeladeh, Policy Advisor, Nursing and Health Policy, International Council of Nurses
Program

September 29 | 10:00–11:00 am ET
Censorship and the Right to Information during the Pandemic
Chair, Dr. Vivi Stavrou, Executive Secretary, Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, International Science Council
Mr. Joel Simon, Research Fellow, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University; former Executive Director, Committee to Protect Journalists
Dr. Michel Roberto de Souza, Public Policy Director, Derechos Digitales

October 20 | 10:30–11:30 am ET
Reflections on Science Communication & Human Rights amid Public Health Emergencies
Chair, Prof. Helle Porsdam, Professor of Law and Humanities, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
Dr. Bina Venkataraman, Editor-at-Large, The Boston Globe; Fellow, New America
Dr. Chris Beyrer, Director, Duke Global Health Institute; member, Committee on Human Rights, U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

October 26 | 2:00–3:00 pm ET
Constructing A Human Rights Framework for Online Health-Related Speech
Dr. Evelyn Aswad, Herman G. Kaiser Chair in International Law and Director of the Center for International Business and Human Rights, the University of Oklahoma College of Law
Dr. David Kaye, Clinical Professor of Law, Irvine School of Law, University of California, Irvine; former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

TBD | XX:00 pm ET
(Concluding Panel — TBD)