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*Join us for a panel discussion at the
United Nations
Commission on the Status of Women 62!*

MAKING THE CASE FOR A NEW LEGALLY BINDING TREATY TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Room L.63 NB, 524 W 59th Street
New York, NY, 10019
John Jay College Check-in is at 5:30pm

Keynote Speaker:

- **Rashida Manjoo**, Professor, University of Cape Town, Former UN Special Rapporteur for Violence Against Women

Speakers:

- **Jackie Jones**, Professor of Feminist Legal Studies, University of the West of England
- **Linda MacDonald**, Co-Founder Non State Torture.org, Scholar, RN, Human Rights Activists
- **Jeanne Sarson**, Co-Founder Non State Torture.org, Scholar, RN, Human Rights Activists
- **Jodie Roure**, Associate Professor, Director, and Project Investigator John Jay College Ronald H. Brown Program and University of Houston Law Center Pre Law Program
- **Jeanette Westbrook**, Survivor of Non State Torture

Panel Moderator:

- **Gabriela Ramírez-Vargas**, Assistant Director, John Jay College Ronald H. Brown Program

Focus of the event: The case for a new legally binding United Nations treaty to eliminate and prevent violence against women and girls or an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women that enshrines into law the States' obligations vis-à-vis women and girls throughout the world will be outlined and why, for rural women and girls in particular, it is important to enact a new international law standard. Examples of different types of violence will be utilized to highlight the shortcomings of the current international and regional regimes, including non-state torture, rape in marriage, violence against women and girls during natural disasters, culture and harmful practices, especially prevalent in rural areas. The European, African, Asian and American regional regimes will also be addressed. Puerto Rico will be examined as a case study on how natural disasters impact the status of violence against women and girls. Hurricanes Irma and Maria have had severe consequences, especially for rural women, including a sharp rise of domestic violence and have raised serious questions on the issue of state accountability. These consequences have not been given serious consideration globally and need to be discussed in international forums.

**To attend please RSVP by March 9, 2018 at <https://uncsw62jjay.eventbrite.com>
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