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## **ICJ Memorial Event in Honour of Nicholas Howen Monday, 17 May 2010 Geneva**

***2.30-5.30 pm Human Rights Debate at the Auditoire Jacques Freymond  
(The Graduate Institute)***

***6.00-8.00 pm Reception at the Villa Moynier (The Academy)***

The ICJ cordially invites you to honour the contributions of its former Secretary-General, Nicholas Howen, to the human rights movement and the ICJ. The memorial event is being organised in cooperation with the family of Nicholas Howen and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (The Academy).

ICJ President Mary Robinson will chair the debate.

This event will allow us to take forward the progressive and vigorous debate on human rights to which Nicholas Howen contributed so significantly over many years. We will debate challenges ahead on human rights protection and accountability in relation to:

- Counter-terrorism and Human Rights;
- Business and Human Rights;
- Field protection (especially from an Asian perspective).

The topics will be introduced by senior members of the human rights community and will allow an open debate on key challenges to be met and the way forward for human rights advocacy. A detailed agenda will be made available shortly. The meeting is addressed to colleagues and friends, academics and members of the diplomatic and human rights communities, and will be open to others who may be interested in this debate. The human rights debate will be followed by a reception in honour of Nicholas Howen at the Academy.

The ICJ and the family of Nicholas Howen also welcome contributions to a fund established in honour of Nicholas that will provide opportunities for young jurists from developing countries to build and develop their knowledge and experience in human rights through an internship at the ICJ. You may also wish to place your personal memory, thoughts or condolences in an online forum. For further information on the fund and the online forum, please see: <http://www.icj.org> or [www.nicholashowen.org](http://www.nicholashowen.org)

**Please let us know if you are intending to attend the debate and reception.**

*RSVP to [memorial@icj.org](mailto:memorial@icj.org)*

**Practical information:**

**Programme:**

2.30-5.30 pm – Human Rights Memorial Debate at the Auditoire Jacques Freymond, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Rue de Lausanne 132, Geneva.

6.00-8.00 pm - Reception at the Villa Moynier, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Rue de Lausanne 120 B, Geneva.

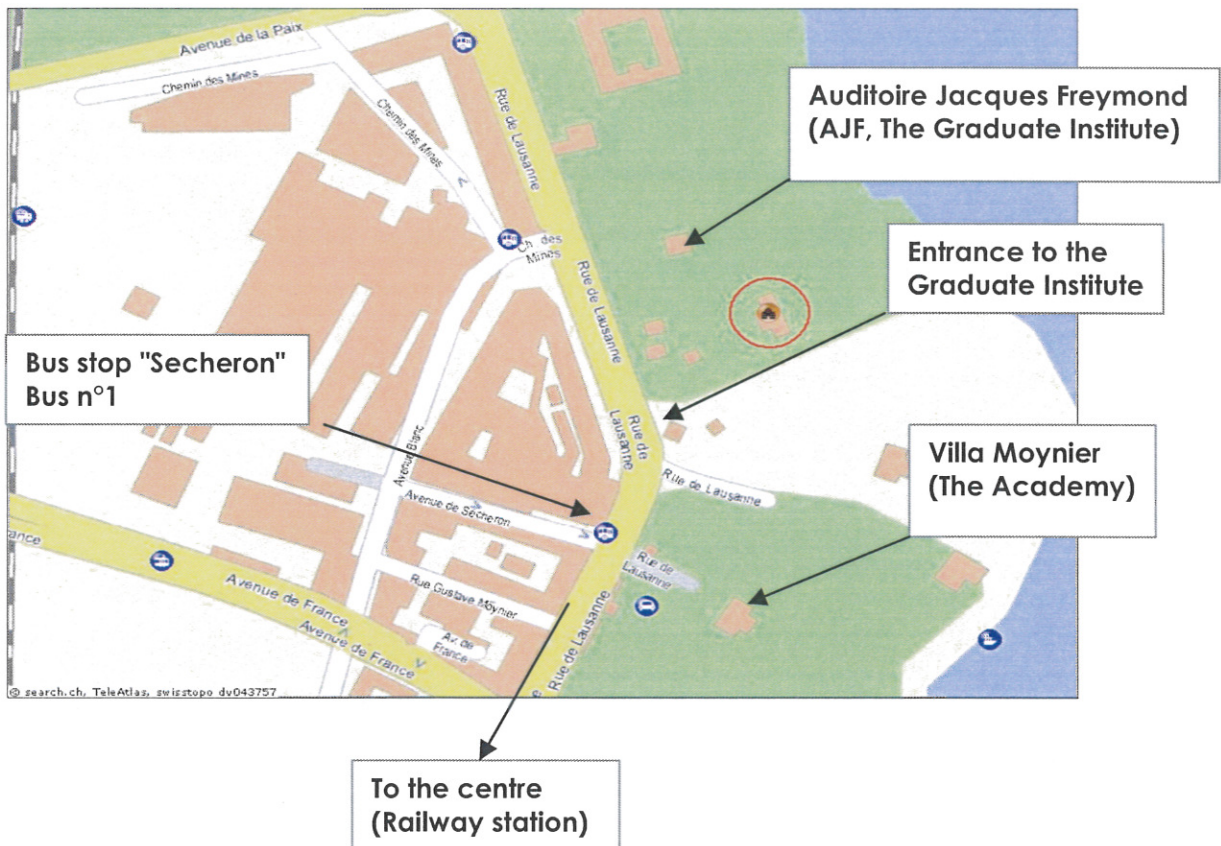
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*Draft Agenda*

**2.00-2.30 p.m.**      **Welcome and coffee**

**2.30-2.45 p.m.**      **Opening session**

**Chair:** **Mary Robinson**, *President, International Commission of Jurists*

**Lucy Howen**

**Wilder Tayler**, *Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists*

**Professor Andrew Clapham**, *Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*

**2.45-5.30 p.m.**      **Human Rights Debate**

**Chair:** **Mary Robinson**

**2.45-3.30 p.m. Debate on human rights and counter-terrorism**

*Taking stock of future challenges for human rights advocacy in counter-terrorism and the lack of legal accountability in counter-terrorism*

**Debater:** **Hina Jilani**

*Member of the ICJ Eminent Jurists Panel on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, former UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Human Rights Defenders*

**Respondent:** **Sir Nigel Rodley**

*ICJ Commissioner, Professor of Law, Human Rights Centre, Essex University; Member of the UN Human Rights Committee*

**Respondent:** **Claudio Cordone**

*Secretary General (ad interim), Amnesty International*

**3.30-4.15 p.m. Debate on business and human rights**

*Taking stock on strategies for human rights and legal accountability of business enterprises*

**Debater: David Petrasek**

*Associate Professor Graduate School of Public and International Affairs  
University of Ottawa*

**Respondent: Salil Tripathi**

*Director of Policy, Institute for Human Rights and Business*

**4.15-4.30 p.m. Coffee break**

**4.30-5.30 p.m. Debate on human rights and field presences**

*Taking stock of protecting human rights through field operations - lessons learnt from an Asian perspective*

**Debater: Ian Martin**

*Former Secretary General Amnesty International; Served in UN missions in Nepal, Eritrea, Timor-Leste, Rwanda and Haiti*

**Respondent: Rory Mungoven**

*Chief Asia and Pacific Section, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

**5.30-5.45 p.m. Closing Human Rights Debate**

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**6.00-8.00 p.m. Reception in Honour of Nicholas Howen at the Villa Moynier**

***Venues for the debate and reception:***

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