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Making the Connections Between Human Rights and Sociology

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This webinar is designed to help participants consider the connections between sociology and human rights. It will provide an overview of the international human rights foundational documents, consider what a human rights-based approach to sociology might look like, provide examples of sociologists connecting their work to human rights, and help participants consider how they might apply their own expertise to human rights. The webinar is offered in collaboration with the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, the ASA Academic and Professional Affairs Program, and the ASA Section on Human Rights, and Sociologists Without Borders.

Webinar Leaders:

Jessica Wyndham is Associate Director of the Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), where she coordinates the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition. Her main area of focus is on engaging scientists in efforts to conceptualize and implement the right to the benefits of scientific progress. She is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University where she teaches a graduate course on internal displacement. She has worked extensively throughout Asia, the Pacific, Africa and the Americas, including for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Brookings Institution Project on Internal Displacement.

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