



Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW/FCF DU)
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presents

GENDERIZING THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE (CAT) & NON-STATE TORTURE VICTIMIZATION

March 5, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Salvation Army Auditorium - 221 East 52nd Street, New York City

Brenda Wallace, CFUW Vice-President of International Relations will Chair the session and introduce Panel Participants.

THE PANELISTS ARE:



Felice Gaer is Director of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, and Vice-Chair of the UN Committee against Torture. Speaking in her personal capacity, she will discuss the process that has led to manifestations of gender-based violence being addressed by the UN Committee against Torture. She will also describe how the Committee will address such human rights violations in the future.



Denise Scotto, as a Member of NGOs International Federation of Women Lawyers and International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, will speak of legal benefits that may develop for women who have endured non-State torture as the CAT develops a gendered perspective.



Jeanette Westbrook, is a member of NGO WG-USA, a social worker, and a woman who today speaks of her life beyond non-State torture victimization thus she will share what it means to her life and human rights to have the Committee support that some women and girls are indeed subjected to non-State torture.



Linda MacDonald & Jeanne Sarson: With 20 years of working with mostly women, reporting non-State torture victimization, they define 'classic' non-State torture; share how, as members of CFUW, a breakthrough of support occurred at the Committee against Torture. Sharing professional experiences and those of women so victimized they explain how the defining elements of torture have assisted them in advocating for non-State torture as a



specific form of violence against women and girls. Resources at: www.nonstatetorture.org

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