

NPSIA Works: Career Futures

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN SECURITY

Description of the Field

A wide array of governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations work in the social, political, legal, and cultural fields dealing with human rights and human security issues mandated by, for instance, the United Nations human rights bodies. International human rights standards, the implementation of existing standards, activities relating to the administration of justice and other issues which have an impact on human security are just some areas of employment.

Many development NGOs and aid agencies have a serious interest in human rights issues, with staff involved in policy and planning for human rights concerns, especially in relation to work with women, refugees and minority groups.

Employment activities may include monitoring and reporting on human rights violations, the dissemination of information, litigation, lobbying, and the promotion of human rights practices in social and political structures. Advisory and educational services, refugee assistance, policy development for national, international, and transnational institutions, and economic development monitoring are other areas of employment.

Selected Alumni Job Titles

Articling Student, Canadian Human Rights Commission

Assistant Child Rights Officer, UNICEF Bolivia

Counsel, Waldman and Associates

Deputy Director, Human Security Policy Division, Foreign Affairs Canada

Director, Directorate of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

Director, Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Response Group, Foreign Affairs Canada

Human Security Program Management Group, Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, Foreign Affairs Canada

Senior Policy Advisor, Human Security Policy Division, Global Affairs Canada

Policy Analyst, Democracy, Governance and Human Rights, Thematic and Sectoral Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy and Performance Branch, Global Affairs Canada

Policy Advisor, War-Affected Children and HS Network, Peacebuilding and Human Security Division, Global Affairs Canada

Program Director, International Institute for Child Rights and Development

Partnerships and External Relations Advisor, Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Peacebuilding and Advocacy Program Manager, World Vision Southern Sudan

Planning Unit Coordinator, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia

Policy Analyst, Democracy, Governance and Human Rights, Thematic and Sectoral Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy and Performance Branch, Global Affairs Canada

Programme Officer, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Research Assistant, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes, Department of Justice

Research and Policy Assistant, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

Senior Policy Officer, Human Rights and Governance Policy Division, Global Affairs Canada

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