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

Last Revised: Summer 2016