

## INTRODUCTION

On October 2-4, 1998, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law held a three-day conference to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Faculty's International Human Rights Programme, founded by Professor Rebecca Cook, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The conference brought together 100 leading scholars, academics, activists and practitioners from around the world. The conference sold out, with 275 people attending.

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There were over 100 student and alumni participants, including speakers, Chairs, audience members and a host of student volunteers who assisted with note-taking, logistics and preparing follow-up publicity on the conference. Student attendees took part in all of the conference activities. Chairs were former human rights leaders and as dynamic thinkers in their fields.

## Linking the Domestic and the International: Human Rights into the 21st Century

The conference was exciting, not the least because of the cutting-edge topics discussed by the speakers. The conference was also uniquely Canadian, in that it explored Canada's role in the creation, promotion and implementation of international law. Conference speakers, Chairs and audience members identified and explored emerging and challenging human rights issues, and outlined future legal and policy directions for Canada in the protection and promotion of human rights, particularly directions where academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations and government can work together.

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