The “torture debate” since the Abu Ghraib photographs has involved talk of legal permissibility, costs and benefits, policies, ticking time bombs and moral absolutes. Yet torture is much broader and deeper in its moral, political, legal, and social implications. This public symposium explores torture as a systematic means of exerting control and extracting information; it examines official depictions of torture; analyzes the history and institutionalization of torture; and raises the issue of accountability.

9:00-9:30am

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SANTIAGO CANTON**
Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

9:30-11:30am

**TORTURE AND LAW**

David Luban, Georgetown University Law Center
Michael Hatfield, Texas Tech University Law School
Carlos Castresana, Public Prosecutor, Commissioner, United Nations International Commission Against Impunity (Guatemala)

**MODERATOR:** Andrew Zimmerman, The George Washington University

11:30-1:00pm: Lunch Break

1:00-3:00pm

**TORTURE AND CULTURE**

Stephanie Athey, Lasell College
Eduardo Subirats, New York University
Alphonso Lingis, Penn State University, Emeritus

**MODERATOR:** Silvio Waisbord, The George Washington University

3:00-3:15pm: Coffee Break

3:15-5:15pm

**POWER AND POLITICS**

Rebecca Wittmann, University of Toronto
Pilar Calveiro, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico
Christopher Britt Arredondo, The George Washington University
Thomas C. Hilde, University of Maryland

**MODERATOR:** Sergio Waisman, The George Washington University

5:30pm

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ARYEH NEIER**
President of the Open Society Institute

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