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**UNITED NATIONS  
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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS A Celebration and Appraisal

**Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute**  
47-49 E 65th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues)

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

**4:15pm** Photo Exhibit & Coffee Reception

**5pm Program**

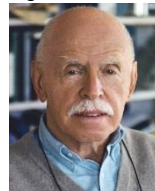
**7pm** Reception, sponsored by the Mission of Finland to the UN

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*On December 16, 1966, the UN General Assembly adopted the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). Together with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, these three documents comprise the International Bill of Human Rights, the universal standard to protect and promote human rights for everyone, everywhere.*

*Please join Roosevelt House, the Hunter College Human Rights Program, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in commemorating this 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Covenants. Two panels will explore in depth the development and impact of the treaties, and their value as tools for change. The event will also feature a preview of a photo exhibition illustrating the principles in the two Covenants.*

## **Panel I: From Declaration to Covenants & the Quest for Universal Ratification (5pm)**



- **Blanche Wiesen Cook**, CUNY Graduate Center; Eleanor Roosevelt biographer
- **Michael Posner**, NYU Stern School of Business; former US Asst. Secretary of State
- **Jerome A. Cohen**, NYU US-Asia Law Institute
- **Gay McDougall**, Fordham Law School; former UN Independent Expert

## **Panel II: Impact of the Covenants, Past and Future (6pm)**



- **Gerald Neuman**, Harvard Law School; former Human Rights Committee member
- **Beth Simmons**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Aisling Reidy**, Human Rights Watch
- **Miloon Kothari**, President, UPR Info; former UN Special Rapporteur

*Please note this program follows the celebration of Human Rights Day at Roosevelt House on December 9.  
These are separate events, with separate RSVPs.*

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