



Addressing Human Rights Challenges for More Just Societies

SNAPSHOT

On Campus: Through the Human Rights in Hard Places speaker series, the Carr Center brings perspectives on challenges to rights from around the world to Harvard Kennedy School's campus.

In the World: Carr Center research and projects contribute to the advancement of nonviolent processes that bring about change throughout the world.

Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

Understanding human rights is crucial to public policymaking. That's why the Carr Center focuses on the policy perspectives of global justice and individual rights. The Carr Center brings attention to the most crucial human rights issues of our time and equips leaders in government, multilateral institutions, transnational advocacy groups, and global civil society to protect and further those rights.

Advancing human rights is one of many ways Harvard Kennedy School is strengthening public policy and public leadership across the world so that all people can live in freedom and dignity.

BY THE NUMBERS

All numbers are annual unless otherwise noted.

115

Events sponsored, including conferences, study groups, and speaker series

25+

Fellows researching nonviolence, technology, and human rights

50

Publications including reports, journal articles, discussion papers, and opinion pieces

72%

Growth in social media reach



FROM THE DIRECTOR

“The Carr Center is building a bridge between ideas on human rights and the practice on the ground. Right now we are at a critical juncture. The pace of technological change and the rise of authoritarian governments are both examples of serious challenges to the flourishing of individual rights. It’s crucial that Harvard and the Kennedy School continue to be a major influence in keeping human rights ideals alive. The Carr Center is a focal point for this important task.”



Mathias Risse

The Work of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

The goal of achieving and promoting effective human rights policy is pursued at the Carr Center through several areas of focus:

- **Technology & Human Rights:** Examining how technological advances over the next several decades will affect the future of human rights, as well as the protections provided by the human rights framework.
- **Renewing Rights & Responsibilities in the United States:** Creating a nonpartisan, evidence-based domestic human rights agenda and associated research and policy products.
- **Nonviolent Social Movements:** Analyzing the role of nonviolent social movements in achieving social change.

Carr Center initiatives are responsive to current human rights concerns and reflect the expertise of the center’s faculty, fellows, and students on topics such as corruption, migration, and torture.



Above: Sushma Raman, executive director of the Carr Center. **Top right:** Faculty members Samantha Power and Kathryn Sikkink talking with students.

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