The Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law’s Anti-Torture Initiative, the Permanent Missions of Denmark, Chile and Norway to the United Nations, and International Federation for Human Rights, are pleased to invite you to the launch of:

**Gender Perspectives on Torture: Law and Practice**

An edited volume reflecting on the former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture’s thematic report on gender and torture

**Tuesday, March 20 2018, 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM, during the 62nd Session of the CSW**

Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York

*Gender Perspectives on Torture: Law and Practice* brings together contributions from more than 25 experts on women’s rights, LGBTI rights, as well as issues ranging from criminology and corrections to healthcare policies, in response to former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture Juan E. Mendez’s innovative thematic report on gender perspectives on torture.

This side event will provide insights into timely topics at the intersection of gender and the international human rights law prohibition of torture.

**H.E. Ambassador Ib Petersen**, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN, will give opening remarks.

**Juan E. Méndez**, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, will be joined by a panel of experts, including:

- **Purna Sen**, Director of Policy, UN Women
- **Maria Eva Dorigo**, Independent Researcher
- **Jeanne Sarson**, Human Rights Defender
- **Cynthia Soohoo**, Co-Director of Human Rights & Gender Justice Clinic at CUNY Law School
- **Macarena Saez (moderator)**, Faculty Director, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

**H.E. Ambassador Tore Hattrem**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN, will give closing remarks.

The event will be broadcasted via “Facebook Live” at: [facebook.com/AntiTorture.org](http://facebook.com/AntiTorture.org)

Guests who are part of an official delegation and have a UN ground pass do not need to register. For non-UN ground pass holders, please RSVP to cpeter@um.dk no later than Thursday, March 15, 2018.