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Boris Dittrich co-organized the launch of a landmark document, the Yogyakarta Principles, principles on the application of international human rights law in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity, at the UN in New York. He also co-organized two side events at the UN Headquarters on sexual orientation and gender identity which resulted in the joint statement of 66 countries (now 67 including the United States) to combat discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, respectively, and a statement by the Holy See to decriminalize homosexual conduct and to respect the human rights of homosexual men. Before coming to Human Rights Watch in 2007, Dittrich was a member of the Dutch national parliament for more than 12 years. He initiated the same sex marriage and adoption bills through which the Netherlands became the first country in the world to open its civil marriage for gays and lesbians.

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CLAS Conference Room
Kelly Hall, Room 114
5848 South University Avenue

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This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Sarah Patton Moberg at spmoberg@uchicago.edu or 773-834-0957.