



## Where's the Accountability During the "War on Terror"?

### *An Update from the Center for Constitutional Rights*

presented by Katherine Gallagher, Senior Human Rights Attorney, CCR

**When:** Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

**Where:** First Church Congregational • 11 Garden St • Hastings Room • Cambridge

- CCR's work to hold private military contractors, such as the Blackwater Corporation, accountable for human rights abuses
- CCR's efforts to use international law mechanisms to hold Bush administrations accountable for torture
- CCR's case challenging the Obama Administration's policy of target assassinations

The CCR appreciates the opportunity to share its work to help us win in the "court of public opinion".

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[Katherine Gallagher](#) is a Senior Staff Attorney at the CCR, where she focuses on holding individuals, including US and foreign government officials, and corporations, including private military contractors, accountable for serious human rights violations. Among the cases she is working on are *Arar v. Ashcroft*, *Matar v. Dichter*, *Saleh v. Titan* and *Estate of Atban v. Blackwater*.

Prior to joining CCR, she worked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia from 2001-2006. Among other jobs, she has also worked as a legal advisor for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Kosovo and with the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown. During the negotiations to establish the International Criminal Court, she worked as a member of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court, to ensure that gender-based violence and discrimination are adequately addressed.

Katherine currently serves as a Vice-President on the International Board of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), of which CCR has been a member since 2004. (For more information on FIDH, see [www.fidh.org](#)). Katherine received a joint M.A. in Journalism and Middle East Studies from New York University in 1995 and a J.D. from the City University of New York in 2000.

**Lunch will be served (a small donation will be requested).**

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