

The Children of “An Infinity of Cultures*”: A Human Rights Approach to Cultural Mixing

12.00-13.30 EST/17.00-18.30 BST, Tuesday 26 October 2021



Photo: Courtesy of Omaid Sharifi and ArtLords, mural promoting diversity in Afghanistan. The text reads “Oh homeland! In the end, I will build you. I will build you”.

**Title quote from the Haitian poet, Jacques Stephen Alexis*

Join the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Karima Bennoune, and the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development (CREID), in the launch of the Special Rapporteur’s final report to the UN General Assembly. Faced with rising claims about monolithic cultures and cultural “purity” around the world, and with rising threats in many contexts, whether of the destruction of the cultural diversity of Afghanistan or the erasure of mixed identities in Japan, the speakers will address how those who value rights-respecting cultural openness and hybridity can defend these practices. How can we preserve histories of cultural mixing in the past and ensure their possibilities in the present and future so as to protect cultural rights for all?

SPEAKERS

- ♦ **Karima Bennoune**, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights and Visiting Professor, University of Michigan Law School (Algeria/USA)
- ♦ **Wole Soyinka**, Writer, Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, 1986 (Nigeria)
- ♦ **Omaid Sharifi**, Activist and Co-Founder, ArtLords (Afghanistan)
- ♦ **Pragna Patel**, Founder and Director, Southall Black Sisters (UK)
- ♦ **Hiroko Tsuboi-Friedman**, UNESCO 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions Expert Facility member (Japan)
- ♦ **Mariz Tadros**, Director of the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development and Professor of Politics and Development at the Institute of Development Studies (Egypt/UK)

This event will feature simultaneous interpretation in French and British Sign Language.

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