You are cordially invited to a discussion on:

The Ten-Year Anniversary of the *Yean and Bosico* Case and Continued Statelessness in the Dominican Republic

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
200 McDonough Hall

**Moderator**
Santiago A. Canton
Executive Director of RFK Partners for Human Rights and Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center

**Panelists**
Shelly Pitterman
Regional Representative for the United States and the Caribbean, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Francisco Quintana
Program Director for the Andean, North America and Caribbean Region, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)

B. Shaw Drake
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Ten years ago, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights first held the Government of the Dominican Republic accountable for violations of the right to nationality in the landmark case of *Yean and Bosico*, litigated by CEJIL, the Movement of Dominican-Haitian Women (MUDHA), and the UC Berkeley International Human Rights Law Clinic. Despite the judgment, statelessness continues to be a major problem that affects the enjoyment of other rights, such as the right to education, as documented in the 2014 Georgetown Law Human Rights Institute report “*Left Behind: How Statelessness in the Dominican Republic Limits Children’s Access to Education.*” Moreover, in 2013, Judgment 168-13 issued by the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic exacerbated the problem of statelessness by retroactively stripping tens of thousands of Dominicans – primarily of Haitian descent – of their nationality.

A panel of experts will analyze the impact of citizenship and migration policies of the Dominican government and the solutions to resolve issues regarding the right to nationality. Additionally, the panel discussion will be informed by a recent fact-finding trip by Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights to the Dominican Republic.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

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