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Commentary

By Constantine Douglas

This month we'd like to share with you the proceedings of the XXXVIIth Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA), Cape Town, South Africa, 21-25 October 2003, edited by Nancy Bartlett.

2023 is a year of major milestones for the international community. Not only is the ICA celebrating its [75th anniversary](#), but December 10th also marks 75 years since the proclamation of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR). Like the ICA, formed in Paris by [UNESCO](#), this milestone document was also created in Paris during 1948 under the auspices of the United Nations (UN), with the General Assembly being directly responsible for the UDHR. Consequently, December 10th is now recognised as [International Human Rights Day](#). In the lead up to this date, we have digitised a piece of ICA history linking the archival community with historical and ongoing struggles for human rights worldwide.

This issue of Comma features proceedings from a groundbreaking session of the [International Conference of the Round Table on Archives \(CITRA\)](#), that saw a resolution on human rights violations and archives that led to the formation of the ICA Human Rights Working Group (predecessor to the ICA Section on Archives and Human Rights, or [SAHR](#)). In addition to several fascinating presentations on topics connecting archives

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and human rights, this issue also includes the [transcript of a keynote speech given by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African leader and legendary human rights activist, on Liberation, Reconciliation, and the Importance of the Record](#). In his capacity as former chair and commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Tutu's speech is an evocative reflection on the painful yet sorely needed service archives provide us as records of institutional injustice. Records are vital in providing the evidence needed not only to seek justice and hold authorities to account, but also to remind us all of our collective responsibility — as well as our particular duty as archives and records professionals — to remain vigilant to and speak out against the conditions that can lead such injustices to be repeated.

“The records are crucial to hold us accountable... They are a potent bulwark against human rights violations. We must remember our past so we do not repeat it.”

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SAHR News

- The SAHR **General Assembly** took place on 19th October 2023. All the activities of the Section were reviewed, and full updates were given. The minutes of the meeting will be uploaded onto the ICA SAHR web page in due course. Work on the Guidance document on Adoption and In Care records has reached the point where comments from the section and other interested parties will be sought.
- The **French edition** of the book on Archives and Human Rights will reach the bookshops on 14th November.
- The Section has been invited to participate in an event jointly run with the ICA Section on Sports Archives in 2024, on the theme of the Archives of Sport and Human Rights.
- Work on the translation of the text of the SAHR **First Tuesday Talks** is slowly improving. An English version of the [Talk on the Colombian Truth Commission](#) recording is now available.
- The forthcoming (December) **First Tuesday Talk** will be given by Helen Jarvis, on the court records relating to the Cambodian genocide. Stay tuned for more details!
- Vitor Fonseca participated in the closing ceremony of the X Jornadas de **Archiveros sin Fronteras** - España, in commemoration of its 25th anniversary.

Editor's Note

To keep the items as concise as possible, we reduce the weblinks to just show the respective hostname. The target of the links, however, will still lead directly to the specific article.

News by section

Events

Russian Federation: **Exhibition - Velvet Terrorism: Pussy Riot's Russia.** The performances, music, and videos created by the feminist punk art collective Pussy Riot, formed in Moscow in 2011, are characterized by provocative and politically charged lyrics and actions. Pussy Riot has shone a light on the brutal injustices that the Russian state inflicts on its citizens through political imprisonment, arbitrary arrests, extrajudicial executions, mysterious poisonings, aggressive surveillance, and other means of suppressing critical voices. The exhibition runs at the Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art until March 10, 2024. [webpage] [Alyokhina, Masha; Kjartansson, Ragnar; Sigurjónsdóttir, Ingibjörg; Pussy Riot's], 2023-10-04, MAC Montréal, macm.org. [Freedom of Expression]

United States of America: **Conference - Is AI the End of Creativity—Or a New Beginning? - On Line 2023-11-28.** Upcoming events - Is AI the End of Creativity—Or a New Beginning? | Friday, October 27, 2023 | Los Angeles In-Person | Streaming Online | Alan Turing, the father of computer science, predicted that “at some stage... we should have to expect the machines to take control.” As artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT promise to revolutionize the way we think and work—and futurists talk of the technology as a next step in human evolution—“some stage” appears to be now. [blog post] [Zócalo Public Square], 2023-10, Zócalo Public Square, www.zocalopublicsquare.org. [Technology]

International News

Africa: **Forum Paix et Sécurité au Togo: «La démocratie oui, mais il le faut à l'africaine».** Le Forum Paix et Sécurité s'est tenu à Lomé dans la capitale togolaise. Le panel sur « les transitions politiques » en Afrique est le principal thème de cette édition initiée par le Togo avec notamment la participation de l'ONU, de l'UA et de pays du Sahel. [newspaper article] [Daniel, Serge], 2023-10-22, RFI, www.rfi.fr. [Civil Rights]

Americas: **Quand les Autochtones accusent les chercheurs de s'approprier leurs connaissances | Radio-Canada.ca.** Il y a, en Guyane française, une plante qui recèle des propriétés contre le paludisme. Des chercheurs l'Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) ont rencontré des Autochtones et les ont questionnés sur leurs remèdes traditionnels. Ils ont ensuite isolé une molécule utile au traitement du paludisme et déposé une demande de brevet. Ce brevet s'approprierait des savoirs médicaux sans reconnaître l'apport autochtone. L'article présente aussi un exemple canadien qui a emprunté une autre trajectoire. [newspaper article] [Jung, Dephine], 2023-10-16, Radio-Canada, ici.radio-canada.ca. [Indigenous Matters]

Europe: **EU investigates Musk's X, as harmful content surges from Israel-Hamas war.** The European Commission has opened an investigation into X, Elon Musk's social media platform formerly known as Twitter. The move comes after Brussels ordered X, as well as rivals Meta and TikTok, to act quickly to tackle the spread of disinformation, which has surged on each of these platforms since Hamas's deadly attack on Israel. [video recording] [O'Brien, Peter], 2023-10-13, www.france24.com. [Disinformation]

Europe: **GDPR harmonisation could be key to unleashing health data's potential.** While EU legislators debate between opt-in and opt-out options for the secondary use of health data under the European Health Data Space (EHDS) proposal, harmonising GDPR across the bloc could provide a

solution. [newspaper article] [Peseckyte, Giedre], 2023-10-04, Euractiv, www.euractiv.com. [Medical Records]

Europe: **MEPs vote in favour of stronger press freedom rules.** Concerns have been growing in the EU over a backsliding of standards protecting journalists. [newspaper article] [Zsiros, Sandor], 2023-10-03, euronews, www.euronews.com. [Freedom of the Press]

Europe: **Planned EU laws on child sexual abuse have sparked a privacy row. Why?.** Some have argued the proposed EU law could usher in mass surveillance in the bloc through the scanning of all communications, including encrypted messages. [newspaper article] [Jones, Mared Gywn], 2023-10-19, euronews, www.euronews.com. [Child Abuse]

Western Asia: **Commission of Inquiry collecting evidence of war crimes committed by all sides in Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories.** There is already clear evidence that war crimes may have been committed in the latest explosion of violence in Israel and Gaza, and all those who have violated international law and targeted civilians must be held accountable for their crimes. [newspaper article] [OHCHR], 2023-10-10, UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, www.ohchr.org. [War Crimes]

Western Asia: **Hamas Attacks, Israel Bombs Gaza and Misinformation Surges Online.** Videos supposedly from the latest escalation of the conflict are actually years old, from the wrong country or don't depict a warzone at all. [blog post] [Bellingcat Investigation Team], 2023-10-11, bellingcat, www.bellingcat.com. [Disinformation]

Western Asia: **TikTok says it has acted to curb disinformation amid Israel-Hamas war.** Moves comes after EU wrote to social media platform calling on it to step up its efforts over illegal content [newspaper article] [Jolly, Jasper], 2023-10-15, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [Disinformation]

Worldwide: **'Predator Files' spyware scandal reveals brazen targeting of civil society, politicians and officials.** Shocking spyware attacks have been attempted against civil society, journalists, politicians and academics in the European Union (EU), USA and Asia, according to a major new investigation by Amnesty International. [newspaper article] [Amnesty International], 2023-10-09, Amnesty International, www.amnesty.org. [Internet and Social Media]

Worldwide: **'Steve Bannon is watching us closely': Naomi Klein on populists, conspiracists and real-world activism.** Author speaks candidly about a 'mirror world' that feeds our anxieties, distorts reality and fuels the polarisation of society [newspaper article] [Goodfellow, Maya], 2023-10-18, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [Disinformation]

Worldwide: **A Wartime Case for Information Integrity.** The fog of war is driving the spread of hate and lies online — resulting in dangerous errors with real-time, real-world consequences. The case for information integrity has rarely been more compelling, or more urgent. [blog post] [Melissa Fleming], 2023-10-27, LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. [Disinformation]

Worldwide: **Birth Registration in the Developing World: Bridging the gap between policy and practice.** Birth registration is a fundamental human right, yet millions of children worldwide still lack this crucial documentation. Even though the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child emphasizes immediate registration after birth, the reality on the ground is quite different. [blog post]

[Abu S. Shonchoy; Zaki Wahhaj], 2023-10-16, LSE International Development, blogs.lse.ac.uk. [Citizenship]

Worldwide: **Decentering Whiteness in Libraries: A Framework for Inclusive Collection Management Practices.** The book serves as a "how to" guide for evaluating and crafting collection development policies that will help create equity and diversity in library collections. [book] [Jamison, Andrea], 2023-10, , rowman.com. [Human Rights]

Worldwide: **Digitalisation has the power to revolutionise human rights tracking for the best.** Digitalisation affects the realisation and enjoyment of human rights, creating new openings for violations. As offline and online settings have started blurring, we see offline reprisals against online action, and online tracing and intrusion to our privacy affecting our actions offline. But digital tools can also offer new ways of protecting human rights. [newspaper article] [Zipoli, Dominic; Kirchmeier, Feklix], 2023-10-14, Geneva Solutions, genevasolutions.news. [Technology]

Worldwide: **Explainer: What is international humanitarian law?.** While aid workers serving conflict-affected civilian populations depend on a set of laws to protect them, some warring parties violate these global agreements, from targeting hospitals and schools to blocking aid workers from reaching civilians with lifesaving goods and services. [newspaper article] [UN News], 2023-10-19, UN News, news.un.org. [Human Rights]

Worldwide: **Global Demand for Universal Social Security.** Governments and international financial institutions should make a commitment to create social security systems that enable everyone to realize their rights. [newspaper article] [Stroehlein, Andrew], 2023-10-03, Human Rights Watch, www.hrw.org. [Human Rights]

Worldwide: **How police use location and search data to find suspects – and not always the right ones.** ‘Geofence warrants’ tied a man in the wrong place at the wrong time to a crime he didn’t commit – is he the only one? [newspaper article] [Bhuiyan, Johana], 2023-10-03, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [Privacy]

Worldwide: **Humanitarian Organizations must ensure protection of data during Emergencies.** Humanitarian organizations bear the responsibility of ensuring that their systems and procedures for data collection, processing, and utilization align with the best international standards and which data it needs to protect. [newspaper article] [Daniel O’Malley], 2023-10-02, ReliefWeb, reliefweb.int. [Human Rights Defenders and Activists]

Worldwide: **Inclusiveness Index.** The Othering and Belonging Institute’s “Inclusiveness Index” is a holistic gauge of the degree of inclusivity experienced by marginalized groups across the globe. The 2022 index ranks states and countries in absolute and relative terms using a variety of indicators. [webpage] [Othering and Belonging Institute], 2023-10, Othering and Belonging Institute, belonging.berkeley.edu. [Human Rights]

Worldwide: **La Russie s’ingérerait dans les élections partout dans le monde.** La Russie utilise ses espions, ses médias d’État et les réseaux sociaux pour saper la crédibilité d’élections partout dans le monde, selon un rapport du renseignement américain transmis à une centaine de pays. [newspaper article] [Agence France-Presse], 2023-10-21, Radio-Canada, ici.radio-canada.ca. [Disinformation]

Worldwide: **Punished for speaking up at the UN.** Collaborating with the United Nations can have consequences, some more serious than others. Activists who have dared to denounce human rights abuses in their countries before the UN have faced smear campaigns. They have also been prevented from travelling, jailed or even killed in an attempt to stifle criticism. [newspaper article] [Langrand, Michelle], 2023-09-29, Geneva Solutions, [genevasolutions.news](https://www.genevasolutions.news). [Human Rights Defenders and Activists]

Worldwide: **Responsible Management and Use of Data in UN Peace Operations.** In recent years, the UN has embarked on an ambitious project to use data more extensively and effectively to improve the safety of peacekeepers and the implementation of peace operations' mandates. [blog post] [Oksamytna, Kseniya], 2023-10-10, International Peace Institute, www.ipinst.org. [Human Rights Defenders and Activists]

Worldwide: **Risk Data Library Standard: making it easier to work with disaster and climate risk data.** GFDRR releases an open data standard to make it easier to publish, access, share, and use quality disaster and climate risk data. [document] [Data Blog of the World Bank], 2023-10-02, , riskdatalibrary.org. [Climate Change]

Worldwide: **Settler colonialism is not distinctly Western or European.** Displacing and destroying peoples by colonisation is not just a historical Western evil but a global and contemporary one [magazine article] [McNamee, Lacklan], 2023-10-05, Aeon, [aeon.co](https://www.aeon.co). [Colonialism]

Worldwide: **Speakers Spotlight Key Role of Department of Global Communications as Fourth Committee Begins Debate on Information Matters.** Delegates of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee of the UN General Assembly welcomed the development of a global code of conduct for information integrity on digital platforms. [report] [United Nations], 2023-10-17, , press.un.org. [Disinformation]

Worldwide: **The Panama Papers proved encryption is a massive asset for democracy.** We should celebrate the transformative power of encryption and spotlight the incredible things it has done in the fight to expose injustice and give a voice to the voiceless. [newspaper article] [Obermaya, Bastian], 2023-10-21, euronews, www.euronews.com. [Technology]

Worldwide: **UN Cybercrime Treaty: A Menace in the Making.** Governments are meeting in Vienna this week to negotiate a global treaty on cybercrime. But instead of fostering cooperation in cybercrime, the treaty may end up facilitating cross-border repression and make it more difficult to investigate actual cybercrimes. [newspaper article] [Brown, Deborah], 2023-10-16, Human Rights Watch, www.hrw.org. [Internet and Social Media]

Worldwide: **Un enfant sur trois victime de cyberintimidation dans le monde.** Sur les réseaux sociaux et même dans la vie réelle, la haine peut se déverser à grande échelle chez certains enfants. Et selon un expert indépendant des Nations Unies, la cyberintimidation reste un phénomène bien réel qui touche environ un enfant sur trois dans le monde. [newspaper article] [Groupe des Nations Unies pour le développement durable], 2023-10-17, Groupe des Nations Unies pour le développement durable, unsdg.un.org. [Internet and Social Media]

Worldwide: **Une histoire de la lutte des femmes pour l'égalité au travail.** La longue et encore incomplète ascension des femmes vers l'égalité dans le monde du travail n'a pas été celle qu'on croyait jusqu'à ce que Claudia Goldin, qui s'est vu décerner le « prix Nobel d'économie » en octobre

2023, y fasse plus la lumière. [newspaper article] [Desrosiers, Éric], 2023-10-20, Le Devoir, www.ledevoir.com. [Women's Rights]

Worldwide: **WHO-OHCHR launch new guidance to improve laws addressing human rights abuses in mental health care.** Ahead of World Mental Health Day, the World Health Organization and the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights are launching a new guidance, entitled “Mental health, human rights and legislation: guidance and practice”, to support countries to reform legislation in order to end human rights abuses and increase access to quality mental health care. [newspaper article] [Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR); World Health Organization (WHO)], 2023-10-09, World Health Organization (WHO), www.who.int. [Human Rights]

Worldwide: **Why companies should care about recent attacks on human rights.** We’re seeing ‘an assault’ on civil rights, reproductive rights, and LGBTQ rights, say human rights advocates. Companies need to know they have skin in the game. [newspaper article] [Gossage, Bobbie], 2023-10-16, Fast Company, www.fastcompany.com. [Business]

Worldwide: **Why only 1% of the Snowden Archive will ever be published.** Speaking to Computer Weekly after we published new revelations from the Snowden archive, the Guardian’s Pulitzer Prize winner, Ewen MacAskill, explains why more of the Snowden trove is unlikely to see the light of day. [newspaper article] [Maurizi, Sterfania], 2023-10-11, ComputerWeekly.com, www.computerweekly.com. [Transparency]

National News

Angola: **En Angola, la réconciliation divise.** En Angola, suite à une nouvelle controverse quant à une enquête visant l'ancienne guérilla UNITA, la politisation du processus de réconciliation pose question. [newspaper article] [Wijk, Maarten van Munster et Joris van], 2023-10-09, JusticeInfo.net, www.justiceinfo.net. [Reconciliation]

Australia: **'The police were feeding information to the press': The Australian mother wrongly convicted of murder.** After being convicted of murder in 1982, Lindy Chamberlain was exonerated six years later. In these exclusive BBC Archive clips, she describes what it was like to be wrongly accused. [newspaper article] [Burke, Myles], 2023-10-22, BBC News, www.bbc.com. [Unfair Trials]

Australia: **'A knife in your heart': Indigenous Australians grapple with grief after voice defeat.** Australia overwhelmingly voted against enshrining an Indigenous voice to parliament to advise policy and lawmakers on issues affecting First Nations people. Just 40% of Australians voted in favour while indigenous communities overwhelmingly voted yes [newspaper article] [Collard, Sarah], 2023-10-15, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [Indigenous Matters]

Australia: **Killing for Country: A Family Story.** The author was shocked to discover forebears who served with the brutal Native Police in the bloodiest years on the frontier. Killing for Country is the result – a soul-searching Australian history. [book] [Marr, David], 2023-10-01, , www.blackincbooks.com.au. [Indigenous Matters]

Australia: **The failed referendum is a political disaster, but opportunity exists for those brave and willing to embrace it.** The Voice to Parliament has failed. What does this mean for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? [newspaper article] [Williamson, Bhiemie], 2023-10-14, The Conversation, theconversation.com. [Indigenous Matters]

Australia: **The Voice: Australians vote No in historic referendum.** The country has overwhelmingly voted No to a proposal aimed at elevating First Nations voices. [newspaper article] [Ritchie, Hannah], 2023-10-14, BBC News, www.bbc.com. [Indigenous Matters]

Brazil: **Brazil slave trafficker's links to top bank spark debate over reparations.** Researchers are at last revealing how slavery and the slave trade shaped the country's institutions [newspaper article] [Mallaret, Constance], 2023-10-26, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [Reparation]

Brazil: **Investigan a agencia bolsonarista que espío a políticos brasileños.** La Policía Federal de Brasil refirió este viernes que durante el mandato del expresidente Jair Bolsonaro, la Agencia Brasileña de Inteligencia (Abin) espío a políticos y periodistas a través de sus dispositivos móviles. [newspaper article] [teleSUR], 2023-10-20, teleSUR, www.telesurtv.net. [Spying]

Brazil: **Lula veta parte del marco temporal para las tierras indígenas.** El proyecto aprobado por el Senado establecía que los pueblos indígenas solo podrían reclamar la propiedad de las áreas que ocupaban de forma permanente antes del 5 de octubre de 1988. [newspaper article] [teleSUR], 2023-10-21, teleSUR, www.telesurtv.net. [Indigenous Matters]

Burundi: **The long road to reconciliation in Burundi.** Thirty years after the civil war between the Hutu and Tutsi began in Burundi, nobody has forgotten the atrocities. But the country's current conflict is more political than ethnic. [newspaper article] [Schwikowski, Martrina], 2023-10-21, DW, www.dw.com. [Reconciliation]

Cameroun: **Décolonisation et répression au Cameroun : la France livre ses archives classifiées.** Paris livre ses archives classifiées à la commission d'historiens des deux pays chargée de « faire la lumière » sur le rôle de la France dans la violente répression ayant visé les indépendantistes puis l'opposition au Cameroun avant et après son indépendance. [newspaper article] [Le Monde; Agence France-Presse], 2023-10-18, Le Monde, www.lemonde.fr. [Colonialism]

Canada: **Acting Piapot chief, other Sask. Indigenous people react to CBC investigation into Buffy Sainte-Marie.** Indigenous identity - Investigation by CBC revealed details that contradict the songwriter's claims to Indigenous ancestry but Acting chief of Piapot First Nation says "When it comes to Buffy specifically we can't pick and choose which part of our culture we decide to adhere to.... We do have one of our families in our community that did adopt her. Regardless of her ancestry, that adoption in our culture to us is legitimate." [newspaper article] [Quon, Alexander], 2023-10-28, CBC News, www.cbc.ca. [Indigenous Matters]

Canada: **Canada Should Declassify Nazi War Criminal Report.** The Trudeau government has a lot to do in explaining why numerous immigrants of questionable and troubling backgrounds were allowed into Canada after World War II. [blog post] [Kirshner, Sheldon], 2023-10-04, Times of Israel - The Blogs, blogs.timesofisrael.com. [World War II]

Canada: **The Canadian museum filled with stolen art.** The Ni'isjoohl memorial pole has been returned to Canada after being stolen by the British in 1928. Here, it will live out its days alongside hundreds of other appropriated items. [newspaper article] [Selkirk, Diane], 2023-10-13, BBC News, www.bbc.com. [Indigenous Matters]

Canada: **Unarchived.** In community archives across British Columbia, local knowledge keepers are hand-fashioning a more inclusive history. [video recording] [Gray, Hayley; Tzadok, Elad], 2023-10, , www.nfb.ca. [Indigenous Matters]

Canada: **Who is the real Buffy Sainte-Marie?** Indigenous identity - Late 2022, CBC received a tip that Sainte-Marie is not of Cree ancestry but, in fact, has European roots. She is the latest high-profile public figure whose ancestry story has been contradicted by genealogical documentation - the latest chapter in the complex and growing debate around Indigenous identity in Canada. [newspaper article] [Leo, Geoff; Woloshyn, Roxanna; Guerrero, Linda], 2023-10-27, CBC News, www.cbc.ca. [Indigenous Matters]

Chile: **25 ans de "procès Pinochet" au Chili : la vague continue du changement.** L'arrestation de Pinochet en 1998 a été un moment décisif pour la justice internationale mais aussi pour la justice au Chili. Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, ses crimes continuent d'être jugés. [newspaper article] [Collins, Cath], 2023-10-16, JusticeInfo.net, www.justiceinfo.net. [Human Rights]

Chile: **Análisis de 89 cajas con osamentas "olvidadas" en Universidad de Chile.** El ministro de Justicia, Luis Cordero, dio a conocer los resultados de la revisión especial que se encargó a los procesos seguidos por la Unidad de Derechos Humanos del SML, y que incluyó un detallado estudio de lo ocurrido con osamentas enviadas a la Universidad de Chile entre 2001 y 2002. [newspaper article] [Batarce, Catalina], 2023-10-18, La Tercera, www.latercera.com. [Forced Disappearance]

Colombia: **"Álvaro Uribe y Juan Manuel Santos son los que deberían estar aquí pidiendo perdón por el asesinato de mi hijo": Rubiela Giraldo, madre de una de las víctimas de los falsos positivos.** Esta semana el gobierno colombiano realizó un acto de petición de perdón público por la muerte de miles de jóvenes que fueron ejecutados extrajudicialmente por el ejército. [newspaper article] [Millán Valencia, Alejandro], 2023-10-06, BBC News Mundo, www.bbc.com. [Crimes Against Humanity]

Colombia: **Un an après la mort de Rafael Moreno, le "Projet Rafael" se poursuit.** Dans le cadre du "Projet Rafael", France 24 s'est associé à une trentaine de médias coordonnés par l'organisation Forbidden Stories pour poursuivre les enquêtes du journaliste colombien Rafael Moreno. [newspaper article] [Mariani, Pascale], 2023-10-16, France 24, www.france24.com. [Human Rights Defenders and Activists]

Denmark: **Gilleleje: Denmark's seaside town that saved Danish Jews.** This October, a fishing town on the Danish Riviera remembers one of the greatest collective acts of resistance of World War Two: its role in the flight and escape of the Danish Jews. [newspaper article] [Hall, Laura], 2023-10-03, BBC News, www.bbc.com. [World War II]

Denmark: **Greenland women seek compensation over involuntary birth control.** Some 4,500 women were fitted with coils as part of attempts to limit the territory's population. [newspaper article] [Cooney, Christie], 2023-10-02, BBC News, www.bbc.com. [Indigenous Matters]

Ecuador: **Elecciones en Ecuador: "Hasta para pedir un préstamo en el banco", la alucinante cantidad de cosas para las que necesitan el certificado de votación los ecuatorianos.** En Ecuador el voto es obligatorio y el certificado de votación es casi tan importante como la cédula de identidad. [newspaper article] [Borja, María Sol], 2023-10-12, BBC News Mundo, www.bbc.com. [Elections]

Ethiopia: **Justice transitionnelle défailante en Éthiopie.** Malgré un accord de paix, la justice transitionnelle en Éthiopie est en échec et les violences continuent. L'Europe et les États-Unis ont-ils abandonné la justice au profit d'intérêts politiques stratégiques ? [newspaper article] [Crawford, Julia], 2023-10-19, JusticeInfo.net, www.justiceinfo.net. [Human Rights]

France: **'I don't want my mother's story to die': Holocaust account brought to life in virtual reality film.** Documentary Letters From Drancy is named for the letters Alice Deichmann sent from an internment camp [newspaper article] [Nadia Khomami], 2023-10-07, The Guardian, www.theguardian.com. [World War II]

France: **Archives des féminismes : rencontre avec l'historienne Christine Bard.** Christine Bard est historienne, spécialiste de l'histoire des femmes, du genre, du féminisme et de l'antiféminisme. Elle préside l'association Archives du féminisme et copréside l'Association pour un musée des Féminismes. Christine Bard a codirigé l'ouvrage « Les féministes et leurs archives », paru en 2023 aux Presses universitaires de Rennes. Retrouvez le podcast en fin d'article. [newspaper article] [Casimi, Sivagami], 2023-10-12, Archimag, www.archimag.com. [Women's Rights]

France: **Traite des êtres humains : sept graphiques pour comprendre qui sont les victimes en France.** Plus de 2 000 victimes de traite ou d'exploitation des êtres humains ont été enregistrées en France en 2022 d'après un rapport du Service statistique ministériel de la justice (SDSE). Voici sept graphiques pour comprendre qui sont les victimes. [newspaper article] [Chapellon, Nolwenn], 2023-10-21, Ouest-France.fr, www.ouest-france.fr. [Human Trafficking]

Israel: **From 1947 to 2023: Retracing the complex, tragic Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was reignited once again after a surprise offensive launched by Hamas against Israel. In retaliation, Israel ordered air strikes and a "complete siege" of the Gaza Strip, the Hamas-run Palestinian enclave. [newspaper article] [France 24], 2023-10-11, France 24, www.france24.com. [Armed Conflict and Groups]

Israel: **Israel-Hamas: How an AI photo of a baby duped social media users.** The war between Israel and Hamas has generated so much false or misleading information online that even fact-checkers and analysts are having a tough time keeping up. Social media is flooded with misleading posts and artificial intelligence is making things worse. [newspaper article] [Khatsenkova, Sophia], 2023-10-24, euronews, www.euronews.com. [Disinformation]

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