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Commentary

The preservation and documentation of historical archives are essential in understanding and interpreting past events, providing invaluable insights that shape our current understanding and future outlook. Efforts to handle, digitize, and preserve century-old documents, such as [those at the Indian Embassy in Muscat](#), are crucial. These documents, ranging from an 1838 record to a 1961 Indian Embassy event invitation, offer a unique glimpse into India's historical narrative. Digitization safeguards these delicate papers and makes them accessible to a broader audience, democratizing historical knowledge.

Similarly, the [uncovered documents from Lambeth Palace](#) archives reveal the Anglican Church's involvement in purchasing enslaved people for the Codrington sugar estate. Confronting these uncomfortable truths fosters a comprehensive understanding of history, including all voices and perspectives.

In Afghanistan, the [fall of the government has granted access to previously unreachable records](#). These newly accessible archives are crucial in documenting the country's bloody history, offering insights into the impacts of conflict and foreign intervention. They significantly contribute to academic research and public understanding of Afghanistan's turbulent past.

The [2000 Recommendation by the Council of Europe aimed at improving access to archives](#) in member states has been evaluated. Researchers have assessed the implementation of these

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recommendations, highlighting the technological, legal, and political challenges hindering freedom of information. Overcoming these obstacles ensures that archives remain accessible and reliable sources of historical knowledge and accountability.

SAHR News

- The International Council on Archives (ICA), the International Council of Museums (ICOM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) have issued a [declaration expressing their profound concern at the current escalating destruction of life and cultural heritage during armed conflict and political instability](#)
- The “[Rights and Records Knowledge Base](#)” (R&R) is a growing online database created by the [Section on Archives and Human Rights](#) at the International Council on Archives. These resources can be accessed via a full-text search engine.
The resources are SAHR publications, references used by authors affiliated to SAHR for selected publications, SAHR newsletters, SAHR submissions to “Calls for Comment” and SAHR recording of Tuesday Talks.

Member News

- El Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación de México a lo largo de su historia, ha resuelto sentencias paradigmáticas que protegen derechos políticos-electorales de la ciudadanía, como los de petición, acceso a la información pública, reunión, libertad de expresión y difusión de ideas, de votar, ser votado, de asociación y afiliación.
En su Archivo Histórico se encuentran sentencias históricas divididas en temáticas: paridad de género, violencia política de género, igualdad, seguridad jurídica, derechos laborales, derechos de los pueblos y comunidades indígenas, derechos de la niñez, entre otras. También se cuenta con traducciones a lenguas indígenas de diversos resúmenes de sentencias. El acervo está disponible en https://www.te.gob.mx/transparencia/front/Archivo_historico.
- The *Tribunal Electoral* of Mexico, throughout its history, has resolved paradigmatic sentences that protect political-electoral rights of citizens, such as those of petition, access to public information, assembly, freedom of expression and dissemination of ideas, of voting, of being voted, of association and affiliation.
In the *Archivo Histórico* there are historical sentences divided into themes: gender parity, political gender violence, equality, legal security, labor rights, rights of indigenous peoples and communities, children's rights, among others. There are also translations into indigenous languages of various summaries of sentences. The collection is available at https://www.te.gob.mx/transparencia/front/Archivo_historico.

Events

Chile: [Inscríbete y participa de Encuentros y Diálogos: Conversaciones sobre Justicia y Archivos](#). [Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos], 2024-04-25, Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos, [Human Rights]

United States of America: [Exhibition | L'histoire autochtone de la colonisation de New York exposée à Amsterdam](#). [Zone International- ICI.Radio-Canada.ca], 2024-05-15, Radio-Canada, [Indigenous Matters]

Worldwide: [Call for Applications | EHRI Seminar "Holocaust and Exile: Approaches, Sources, Methodologies"](#). [EHRI], 2024-05-08, EHRI Project, [World War II]

Worldwide: [Call for Proposals | Disability Heritage: Participatory and Transformative Engagement](#). [Publishing in the Archives Profession], 2024-05-14, Publishing in the Archives Profession, [Disability Rights]

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Editor's Note

The newsletters are constantly added to the Section's "Rights and Records Knowledge Base", available at <https://rightsandrecords.ica.org>.

News by heading

Armed Conflict and Groups

[Investigating a Monster: What We Found and How We Did It](#). The end of the war in Afghanistan and the fall of its government allowed us to reach previously inaccessible records, places and people, documenting the bloody history of a key American ally. [Ahmed, Azam], 2024-05-22, The New York Times, [Afghanistan]

Business

[RDC: des familles déplacées pour cause de pollution engendrée par l'exploitation minière](#). En République démocratique du Congo (RDC), la société minière Tenke Fungurume mining (TFM) a enfin décidé de déplacer plus mille familles du quartier Mano-Mapia, à Fungurume, à quelque 120 Km de Kolwezi. En effet, depuis plus de six mois, cette filiale du groupe chinois CMOC, était accusée de pollution de l'environnement par l'usine de traitement du cuivre et du cobalt. [RFI; Maheho, Denise], 2024-05-11, RFI, [Congo, Democratic Republic of the]

Colonialism

[Beatings, brandings, suicides: life on plantations owned by Church of England missionary arm](#). Documents from Lambeth Palace archives show how one of Justin Welby's predecessors approved the purchase of enslaved people for the notorious Codrington sugar estate [Baptiste, Desirée; Ungood-Thomas, Jon], 2024-05-25, The Observer, [United Kingdom]

[État d'urgence en Nouvelle-Calédonie | Une colère historique a éclaté](#). La France a imposé mercredi l'état d'urgence en Nouvelle-Calédonie en réponse à des protestations à grande échelle qui ont tourné à l'affrontement, faisant au moins quatre morts, dont un gendarme, et des centaines de blessés. Un projet de réforme électorale piloté de Paris a entraîné une « explosion » qui menaçait depuis longtemps de se produire au sein de la population kanake. [Thibodeau, Marc], 2024-05-16, La Presse, [France]

[Meet The Sámi Land Defenders of Scandinavia](#). Four Sami leaders and advocates speak with Nina Gualinga about their relationship to the land, and why the green transition is amounting to a new wave of colonization. [Gualinga, Nina], 2014-05-24, Atmos, [Norway]

[Three killed as New Caledonia rocked by riots over voting change](#). Three people have been killed in New Caledonia during rioting that broke out after France's National Assembly approved changes to voting rules. Many injuries were reported in the worst unrest the Pacific island has seen since the 1980s. [Mannevy, Charlotte; RFI; AFP], 2024-05-15, RFI, [France]

Crimes Against Humanity

[Landmark Swiss Conviction of Ex-Official](#). A Swiss court's conviction of the former Gambian Interior Minister Ousman Sonko for crimes against humanity is monumental for Gambian victims of atrocity crimes during the rule of Yahya Jammeh. The verdict is a major achievement for Switzerland's efforts to hold accountable those responsible for grave crimes committed abroad. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-05-15, Human Rights Watch, [Gambia, Republic of the / Switzerland]

Decolonization

[Comment la décolonisation a amené la démocratie au Portugal \(notamment\)](#). Il y a 50 ans, le Portugal ouvrait les bras à la démocratie après presque un demi-siècle de dictature. Les militaires portugais, après plus d'une décennie de guerre, demandaient la fin de la colonisation et un changement politique. [Missirri, Artiom], 2024-04-25, [Portugal]

[Decolonial Film Festival : un festival de cinéma alternatif questionne la décolonisation](#). Le Decolonial Film Festival lance sa première édition du 14 au 25 mai. Une trentaine de films seront projetés en région parisienne lors de cet évènement qui vise le grand public. Parmi la sélection, plusieurs oeuvres interrogent l'héritage colonial dans les territoires ultramarins. [Harmange, Albane], 2024-04-26, Outre-mer la 1ère, [Worldwide]

[Décolonisation : les territoires non autonomes selon l'ONU](#). Cette infographie détaille les territoires définis comme "non autonomes" par les Nations Unies, ainsi que leur puissance administrante. [Fourreau, Valentine], 2024-05-16, Statista Daily Data, [Worldwide]

[Reportage. En Namibie, les germanophones face au sinistre héritage de la colonisation allemande](#). De nos jours, on dénombre environ 20 000 Namibiens d'origine allemande, descendants des colons qui ont participé, entre 1904 et 1908, à l'extermination des peuples herero et nama. La "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" raconte une communauté attachée à ses privilèges de grands propriétaires fonciers et qui tente néanmoins d'assumer ce lourd passé. [Obertreis, Sarah], 2024-05-12, Courrier international, [Namibia]

Destruction of documents

[A catástrofe no Rio Grande do Sul, as limitações do Sistema Nacional de Arquivos e uma utopia \(possível?\)](#). The Permanent Archive Division of the General Archive Department at the Federal University of Santa Maria was one of the first to be hit by the flood. On Tuesday 30 April, 8,000 boxes containing documents dating back to the 1930s were submerged in the muddy water that overflowed from a stream near the DAG-UFSM building. Thousands of documents, including records such as the university's founding minutes and the Gaucho archives were affected. [Cougo, Chico], 2024-05-23, Medium, [Brazil]

[Assassination attempt on Gotabaya: Confession by main accused missing, High Court told](#). The log book containing the confession of a suspect in the case filed over the assassination attempt on then Defence Ministry Secretary, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, has gone missing at the police archives. [Padmasiri, Ranjith], 2024-05-19, The Sunday Times, [Sri Lanka]

Disability Rights

[Birth certificate in Braille now available](#). For many years, members of the visually impaired community have faced significant challenges in accessing printed information, often having to rely on others for assistance. [The Gleaner], 2024-05-08, The Gleaner, [Jamaica]

[Call for Proposals | Disability Heritage: Participatory and Transformative Engagement](#). Call for Proposals | Disability is "everywhere and nowhere" in heritage. Even in settings where disability is obviously embedded, as in collections and sites associated with war, medicine, and industry, the experiences of disabled people often go unacknowledged or uncritically presented in the service of

another story | Chapter proposals due 15 June 2024: 500 words (not including references)
[Publishing in the Archives Profession], 2024-05-14, Publishing in the Archives Profession,
[Worldwide]

Disinformation

[Addressing the Impact of Mis-/Disinformation and Hate Speech on Civilians: Evolving Policies and Practices from Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Actors](#). Misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation (MDM), also categorized as “harmful information”, and hate speech pose a direct threat to civilians in situations of armed conflict and other humanitarian crises. MDM and hate speech affect conflict dynamics and exploit societal divisions by increasing mistrust, exacerbating polarization, and contributing to physical, political, economic, and gendered harms. [ReliefWeb], 2024-05-06, ReliefWeb, [Worldwide]

[Les dessous de l'infox, la chronique - Inde: la désinformation s'immisce dans les élections législatives](#). En Inde, 970 millions d'électeurs sont appelés, jusqu'au 1er juin 2024, à élire les 543 députés de la Lok Sabha, la chambre basse du Parlement. Le Premier ministre, Narendra Modi, est candidat à sa réélection et son parti, le BJP, est favori face au Congrès, le premier parti d'opposition. Cette semaine, les autorités électorales ont mis en garde les partis politiques contre la fabrication de fausses vidéos et l'utilisation abusive de l'intelligence artificielle qui perturbe le scrutin. [Génévrier, Gregory], 2024-05-10, RFI, [India]

[Partnership to curb the spread of misinformation & disinformation in the run-up to the election](#). The growth of misinformation tools, including AI-generated deepfakes, is forcing the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC), the Information Regulator and other organisations to cooperate with one another to assure the integrity of the upcoming election. [Ndlovu, Nkosinathi], 2024-05-17, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, [South Africa]

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

["L'expérience Ungemach, une histoire de l'eugénisme" : un documentaire et trois raisons de le regarder](#). 140 maisons roses, ceintes de jardinets propres, voici le décor de la cité-jardin Ungemach, à deux pas du Parlement européen de Strasbourg. Derrière cet engageant décor se jouait depuis 1924, une expérience aux limites de l'eugénisme. [Gueffier, Sophie], 2024-05-10, France 3 Grand Est, [France]

[A tres décadas del descubrimiento de los archivos del terror recordamos la experiencia del hallazgo desde la propia voz de Martín Almada](#). Esta es una presentación en donde Martín Almada narra su experiencia política y académica que lo llevó a descubrir uno de los mayores pactos dictatoriales: la «Operación Cóndor». Se puede destacar su actividad como defensor de los derechos humanos y la educación popular en América Latina. [Martín Almada], 1905-07-15, Revista nuestrAmérica, [Chile]

[Bonaire : un passé d'esclavage, un présent d'inégalités sociales](#). Bonaire, une île des Caraïbes appartenant au Royaume des Pays-Bas, a été marquée par l'esclavage et la violence, et des inégalités persistantes. [Mourik, Anne Van], 2024-04-15, JusticeInfo.net, [Netherlands]

[Declaration on the protection of archives, libraries, museums and heritage places during armed conflicts and political instability](#). May 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the 1954 Hague

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the first international treaty that focused exclusively on this issue. Today, at an increasing and alarming rate, many painful events have recently caused an immense loss of human life, and damage to the world's cultural and documentary heritage. [International Council of Museums], 2024-05-30, International Council of Museums, [Worldwide]

[États-Unis: il y a 70 ans, l'arrêt Brown décrétait la fin de la ségrégation scolaire](#). Souligne l'arrêt Brown vs Board of Education qui a mis fin en 1954 à la ségrégation scolaire aux États-Unis. [RFI], 2024-05-18, RFI, [United States of America]

Elections and electoral processes

[Democracy and Archives: A quest for truth](#). [Gabriele Mohale], 2024-05-21, Research News, [South Africa]

[Newsmax accused of deleting evidence that it was spreading 2020 election lies](#). In lawsuit, voting machine firm Smartmatic alleges the outlet destroyed documents that were 'direct evidence of actual malice' [Levine, Sam], 2024-05-22, The Guardian, [United States of America]

Forced Disappearance

[Accountability for Enforced Disappearances in Sri Lanka](#). From the 1970s through to the end of the civil war in 2009, Sri Lanka witnessed several waves of enforced disappearances. Primarily used by Sri Lankan security forces and affiliated paramilitary groups as a tool to intimidate and oppress perceived opponents, it is apparent that, at a minimum, tens of thousands have been subject to enforced disappearances. Perpetrators at all levels continue to escape justice [OHCHR], 2024-05-17, OHCHR, [Sri Lanka]

Freedom of Expression

['Black Twitter' documentary explores its history and cultural impact](#). In its early days, "Black Twitter" became a driving force in defining pop culture, creating trending hashtags, unforgettable memes and sparking social justice movements. [Nawaz, Amna], 2024-05-23, [Worldwide]

[Authorities Escalate Clampdown on Media, Freedom of Expression](#). Tunisian authorities have ramped up their crackdown on media and freedom of expression in recent weeks, sentencing two journalists and a media founder to prison sentences, detaining another media figure, and intimidating private media. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-05-30, [Tunisia]

[Dark day as parliament bulldozes adoption of repressive "foreign influence" bill](#). This damaging bill contravenes Georgia's international obligations on the rights to freedom of expression and association and strikes at the heart of the civil society's ability to operate freely and effectively [Amnesty International], 2024-05-14, Amnesty International, [Georgia]

[Tunisie : Les autorités intensifient leur répression contre les médias et la liberté d'expression](#). Les autorités tunisiennes ont intensifié leur répression contre les médias et la liberté d'expression ces dernières semaines, en condamnant deux journalistes et un fondateur de média à des peines de prison, en procédant à l'arrestation d'une autre figure médiatique et en intimidant des médias privés,

ont déclaré aujourd'hui Amnesty International et Human Rights Watch. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-05-30, [Tunisie]

Freedom of Information

[Biden asserts executive privilege to block release of special counsel interviews](#). House Republicans seek recordings of classified documents case interviews, in what Democrats call a 'purely political' move [Pengelly, Martin], 2024-05-16, The Guardian, [United States of America]

[Freedom of information: To what extent are public archives accessible?](#). In 2000, the Council of Europe issued a Recommendation aimed at improving access to archives in the member states. Together with the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA Archivum) in Budapest, Fraunhofer ISI evaluated how these recommendations have been implemented and how accessible the archives are more than 20 years on. The researchers also investigated the technological, legal and political challenges facing freedom of information. [Jung, Anne-Catherine], 2024-04-23, Phys.org, [Europe]

[Government Urged to Fund Online Public Records Access](#). Around 100 people gathered outside National Library in Wellington today, calling on the Government to continue funding the digitisation of Archives [Mirage News], 2024-05-14, Mirage News, [Australia]

Freedom of the Press

[Amal Mekki: mon combat contre les autorités tunisiennes et le coût de la vérité](#). Après sa victoire judiciaire contre le ministère de l'Intérieur en 2018, notre journaliste était optimiste quant au futur du journalisme tunisien. Elle constate aujourd'hui avec regret qu'une décision de justice ne peut pas tout changer. [Mekki, Amal], 2024-05-03, SWI swissinfo.ch, [Tunisia]

[China erases memory of 'white paper' protests in further threat to journalism](#). Silencing of a film-maker documenting the widespread 2022 demonstrations against Covid controls is part of rising suppression of press freedom. [Lau, Jessie], 2024-05-01, The Guardian, [China]

[Chinese Woman Jailed for Reporting on Covid Is Set to Be Freed](#). Silencing of a film-maker documenting the widespread 2022 demonstrations against Covid controls is part of rising suppression of press freedom [Wang, Vivian], 2024-05-13, The New York Times, [China]

[Liberté de la presse : RSF dénonce pressions politiques et désinformation dans son classement 2024](#). L'ONG Reporters sans frontières a publié son 22e classement annuel sur la liberté de la presse dans le monde. Si la Norvège reste le pays le mieux noté, l'Érythrée a supplanté la Corée du Nord à la dernière place, tandis que la France, elle, passe de la 24e à la 21e place dans cette édition 2024 qui met en exergue une moindre protection du journalisme par les États. [France24], 2024-05-03, France24, [Worldwide]

Genocide

[Colombie: le douloureux souvenir d'indigènes massacrés par l'exploitation du caoutchouc](#). L'AFP a accompagné une mission gouvernementale qui s'est rendue dans cette région Colombie afin de demander pardon aux peuples autochtones pour ce qu'elle a qualifié de "génocide". L'industrie du caoutchouc a quasiment exterminé les peuples Uitoto, Bora, Munaire et Ocaina. Les sources officielles

estiment qu'au moins 60.000 meurtres ont été commis à cette époque, quand certains historiens les chiffrent à 100.000. [Munoz, Daniel; AFP], 2024-05-01, Challenges, [Colombia]

Human Rights

['O desmonte me adoeceu': o abandono de arquivos da Ditadura](#). The had of the dictatorship project at the National Archives retires and denounces abandonment. It wasn't an easy decision to make. Inês Stampa spent 40 years working at the National Archives. Of these, 17 were dedicated to the Reference Centre for Political Struggles in Brazil - Memórias Reveladas (Revealed Memories), an award-winning research centre on the 1964 military dictatorship. But she was left with no alternative: she decided to retire. [Tautz, Carlos], 2024-05-27, Intercept, [Brazil]

[El procedimiento de acceso a la información pública como mecanismo para proteger el derecho a la verdad. Una revisión de los criterios de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos sobre la materia](#). El presente estudio pone en evidencia la eficacia de los mecanismos de acceso a la información para proteger la “dimensión colectiva” del derecho a la verdad. Respecto de casos graves de violaciones a derechos humanos como la desaparición forzada o la ejecución extrajudicial de personas, el acceso a la información pública permite la divulgación de documentos y archivos oficiales que pueden esclarecer el paradero de una persona, las circunstancias en que se cometieron los hechos ilícitos y la identidad de los posibles responsables. [Curiel, Karen Dalina; Sotelo-Torres, Claudio Renato A.], 2024-05-21, Revista Española de la Transparencia, [Americas]

[Inscríbete y participa de Encuentros y Diálogos: Conversaciones sobre Justicia y Archivos](#). Inscríbete y participa de Encuentros y Diálogos: Conversaciones sobre Justicia y Archivos. En el marco de la exposición “Juzgar y Filmar los juicios por crímenes de lesa humanidad”, te invitamos a participar de “Visitas Mediadas: Encuentros y Diálogos”. Luego de una visita mediada a la exposición nos encontremos con invitados especiales para conversar sobre sus diversas experiencias con la justicia, desde distintas perspectivas. Los diálogos se celebran del 5 de junio al 16 de julio, visite el sitio web [Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos], 2024-04-25, Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos, [Chile]

Human Rights Defenders and Activists

[Identificación de archivos relativos a Derechos Humanos, memoria histórica y conflicto armado](#). ¿Conoces los criterios para identificar los archivos relativos a Derechos Humanos, memoria histórica y conflicto armado? [CanalAGNColombia], 2024-05-09, [Colombia]

[Rilwan and Yameen's murders: DDCOM seeks to share redacted reports with families](#). The Deaths and Disappearances Commission (DDCOM) announced on Tuesday that it is seeking to share redacted reports on two most high-profile murders it investigated. The commission also added it is prepared to hand over all its records of permanent value to the President's Office, and that the material will be accompanied by guidelines and procedures “regarding how to ensure its security, confidentiality, but also accessibility for future use.” [Sun Online], 2024-05-14, Sun Online International, [Maldives]

Human Trafficking

[A new Texas landmark highlights a chapter in US history that's often overlooked](#). Some of Sebastian Corral's memories have faded. But the 91-year-old remembers his 1953 arrival in the US as

if it were yesterday. He is one of the last surviving participants in a US program some described as 'legalized slavery' [Schoichet, Catherine], 2024-05-21, CNN, [United States of America]

[Exhibit explores experiences of humans put on display at 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis](#). In 1904, nearly 1,200 Filipinos were brought to the U.S. to take part in the World's Fair in St. Louis. Some worked as guides, but others were put on display. More than a century later, a new exhibit explores the impact in St. Louis and beyond. Communities correspondent Gabrielle Hays reports. [Gabrielle Hays], 2024-05-21, PBS NewsHour, [United States of America]

[Immoral. l'esclavage était-il aussi une aberration économique ?](#). Pierre Samuel Dupont de Nemours et le marquis de Condorcet, tous deux favorables à l'abolition de l'esclavage, soulignaient entre autres son absurdité économique. [Mueller, Thomas Michael], 2024-05-05, The Conversation, [Worldwide]

Indigenous Matters

['It's a privilege'](#). Meet one of the commissioners responsible for helping document the "real" history of Victoria [Brennan, Dechlan], 2024-05-23, National Indigenous Times, [Australia]

['One hell of a storm is coming': Canadian graphic novel about Indigenous identity sparks outrage](#). A graphic novel investigating Indigenous identity in Canada has prompted outrage from Métis groups, who say the book undermines their history and represents an attack on their sovereignty. [Cecco, Leyland], 2024-05-19, the Guardian, [Canada]

[Exhibition | L'histoire autochtone de la colonisation de New York exposée à Amsterdam](#). Une exposition présentée jusqu'au 10 novembre 2024 au Musée de la Ville d'Amsterdam retrace l'histoire d'Autochtones victimes il y a 400 ans de la conquête néerlandaise. [Zone International- ICI.Radio-Canada.ca], 2024-05-15, Radio-Canada, [United States of America]

[Musée national de l'histoire du Québec - Personne n'effacera les Premières Nations de l'histoire du Québec](#). L'Assemblée des Premières Nations Québec-Labrador (APNQL) tient à rappeler au gouvernement du Québec que l'histoire du Québec débute bien avant l'arrivée des Européens sur le territoire. L'APNQL réagit ainsi à la suite des propos tenus par le premier ministre Legault le 25 avril dernier, lorsqu'il a annoncé la création du Musée national de l'histoire du Québec en mettant en avant « l'importance de débiter avec Champlain [...] ». [Assemblée des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador], 2024-05-07, Cision, [Canada]

[Ngāhuia Murphy: The mana and mātauranga of wāhine Māori](#). Ngāhuia's work — most notably on menstruation practices in the precolonial Māori world — has done much to uncover the previously invisible histories and identities of Māori women that were “stolen from us through colonial processes”. She is reclaiming the stories and mātauranga of wāhine Māori, she says, because she's “not prepared to leave wāhine stranded in the margins of history as second-class citizens”. [Rakuraku, Maraea], 2024-05-04, E-Tangata, [New Zealand]

[Ottawa nommera un commissaire pour superviser les traités conclus avec les Autochtones](#). Cela permettra à Ottawa de rendre des comptes, peu importe qui est au pouvoir. [ICI.Radio-Canada.ca], 2024-05-02, Radio-Canada.ca, [Canada]

[**South African communities vs Shell: high court victories show that cultural beliefs and practices count in climate cases.**](#) Indigenous people's concerns and considerations could provide a strong basis for climate litigation in South Africa. [Soyapi, Brewsters Caiphas; Kotzé, Louis; Toit, Louise Du], 2024-05-18, The Conversation, [South Africa]

Israel-Gaza Crisis

[**'Instead of a scream': the Palestinian artist who does a Gaza drawing every day.**](#) His studio was flattened, he has had to move his family 10 times, and they now share a house with 25 others. But still Maisara Baroud finds a way to document the fear and destruction he sees all around [Baroud, Maisara], 2024-05-14, The Guardian, [Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN)]

Labor Rights

[**Avec les chômeurs, la France n'est pas plus généreuse que ses voisins.**](#) Un panorama européen permet d'éclairer cette caractéristique centrale de l'indemnisation des chômeurs. Contrairement aux idées reçues, elle n'est généreuse ni en France ni chez nos voisins. [Françon, Baptiste; Pillon, Jean-Marie], 2024-05-14, The Conversation, [Europe]

Medical Records

[**'I would prefer to know': Kerri has up to 600 siblings. They may finally learn the truth of their origins.**](#) Queensland minister says donor-conceived people's right to know genetic history outweighs a donor's competing right to privacy [Messenger, Andrew], 2024-05-22, The Guardian, [Australia]

[**'Why must I be a doctor, solicitor and detective?': lost records block compensation for infected blood victims.**](#) Claimants who can't access medical information face battle for payments in biggest treatment disaster in NHS history. [Ungoed-Thomas, Jon], 2024-05-12, The Observer, [United Kingdom]

[**Grindr accused of treating gay man's medical data like 'piece of meat'.**](#) Civil lawsuit against dating company alleges misuse of users' private information, including HIV status [Booth, Robert], 2024-05-26, The Guardian, [United Kingdom]

[**National Records of Scotland data published in NHS cyber attack.**](#) National Records of Scotland (NRS) data was accessed and published by hackers who breached the systems of NHS Dumfries and Galloway in March of this year. The patient data, used for identification and service accuracy, has been published on the dark web. [BBC], 2024-05-23, BBC, [United Kingdom]

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Migration

['The Cursed': Former migrants rejected by society on return to Ivory Coast](#). In Ivory Coast, would-be migrants who return home are known locally as "the cursed". With their dream of a better life abroad in tatters, they also face stigma and rejection from their families and communities. [Collanges, Guillaume; Ciyow, Yassin], 2024-05-10, France 24, [Côte d'Ivoire]

[A century ago, anti-immigrant backlash almost closed America's doors](#). May 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the Immigration Act of 1924, which sharply cut the number of people allowed into the US. [Smith, Matthew], 2024-05-21, The Conversation, [United States of America]

[Flawed immigration detention risk assessment tool can't be upgraded as ABF data 'riddled with errors'](#). The secretive risk assessment tool used in Australia's immigration detention centres could not be replaced by a better model due to insufficient data collection by Australian Border Force. [Bogle, Ariel], 2024-05-10, The Guardian, [Australia]

[More than 7,000 documents of Indian diaspora in Oman digitised](#). The soiled and yellow papers were more than a century old. As officials carefully handled the delicate documents, history was told in its own way. Be it a document from 1838, a trade document from 1927, or a 1961 invitation to an Indian Embassy event, hundreds of documents from the 19th and early 20th centuries were scanned and saved at the Indian Embassy in Muscat. [Times of Oman], 2024-05-28, Times of Oman, [Oman / India]

[New technology and AI used at borders increases inequalities and undermines human rights of migrants](#). Global: New technology and AI used at borders increases inequalities and undermines human rights of migrants [Amnesty International], 2024-05-21, Amnesty International, [Worldwide]

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[Europol's declaration against end-to-end encryption reignites debate, sparks privacy concerns](#). Europol's recent joint declaration with European police chiefs urges action against end-to-end encryption, citing concerns of possible justice obstruction, amid an ongoing debate about balancing data privacy with combating crime. [Julia Tar], 2024-05-10, Euractiv, [Worldwide]

[Security and surveillance practices in special collections and archives institutions](#). During the discussion, the guiding questions for each of the areas the aforementioned survey focused on, specifically administrative policies on law enforcement, use of surveillance technologies, and administration policies, and experience of archival and special collections workers, and mention of the questions themselves. [Burkely Hermann,], 2024-05-15, Issues & Advocacy, [United States of America]

Protests and Demonstrations

[Hong Kong court finds 14 democracy campaigners guilty of subversion](#). A Hong Kong court found 14 people guilty of subversion on Thursday in the biggest case against pro-democracy campaigners since China imposed a national security law to crush dissent. [News Wire], 2024-05-30, France 24, [China]

Racism

[MLB recognizes Negro Leagues legends by adding their stats to official records](#). Baseball prides itself on statistics and it's how the sport recognizes its all-time greats. Those stats are now changing, in a big way. MLB officially incorporated statistics from the Negro Leagues into its record books. [], 2024-05-29, [United States of America]

Religious Archives

[Vicaría de la Solidaridad: documentos que salvaron vidas](#). En plena dictadura militar, la Iglesia Católica crea la Vicaría de la Solidaridad. Un organismo dedicado a proteger la vida, otorgar asistencia jurídica, económica y espiritual a quienes eran perseguidos. Esta defensa significó una permanente tensión entre el Cardenal Raúl Silva Henríquez y la Junta Militar, la persecución y tortura de varios de sus trabajadores pero también permitió salvar muchas vidas. A 30 años del cierre de la Vicaría, sus archivos han permitido que muchas causas de derechos humanos sigan abiertas en busca de justicia y verdad. [24horas], 2022-08-27, 24horas, [Chile]

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[Tribunaux citoyens : « Il s'agit d'actionner le starter »](#). C'est un tribunal, et cela n'en est pas un. Comment fonctionne un tribunal citoyen et quelle est son utilité ? Justice Info examine quelques exemples de ces tribunaux issus de la société civile. [janderson], 2024-05-07, JusticeInfo.net, [Worldwide]

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[Restitution des archives algériennes : Lancement prochain d'une plateforme numérique](#).

Annonce de la mise en service imminente d'une plateforme numérique dédiée aux archives nationales marque un tournant décisif dans l'accès à la mémoire collective du pays. Cette avancée majeure a été révélée par Mohamed-Lahcen Zeghidi, professeur d'histoire à l'université d'Alger et coprésident de la commission conjointe d'historiens algériens et français «Histoire et mémoire», lors de l'ouverture d'un colloque sur «L'agression française contre l'identité et le patrimoine national». [Salem, Yousra], 2024-05-06, El Watan, [Algeria]

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[Assassinat d'un leader sikh au Canada : la police annonce l'arrestation de trois suspects](#)

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[Former army lawyer sentenced to five years for stealing and leaking Afghanistan war](#)

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Technology

[Passports, criminal records leaked in EU Parliament data breach](#). Identity cards, passports, excerpts of criminal records, and work experience documents were among the personal data of European Parliament employees compromised in a data breach. [Tar, Julia], 2024-05-23, Euractiv, [European Union]

Transparency

[Looking Up an NYPD Officer's Discipline Record? Many Are There One Day, Gone the Next](#). The police department's public site for tracking officers' discipline is shockingly unreliable. Cases against officers frequently vanish for days — sometimes weeks — at a time. [Hernandez, Sergio], 2024-05-09, ProPublica, [United States of America]

Ukraine War

[In a 'battle for minds', Ukrainians fight the daily disinformation storm](#). Since the beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian war, dozens of projects have emerged in Ukraine to combat disinformation. This is a daily challenge for Ukrainians and, given the high level of media literacy in society, they have been able to resist. [Churanova, Olena], 2024-05-27, www.euractiv.com, [Ukraine]

[ICB built and supplied equipment to Russia months after saying exports had stopped](#). Russian customs records suggest firm owned by major Tory donor kept supplying machines after 'voluntary pause' [Jolly, Jasper], 2024-05-15, The Guardian, [Russian Federation / United Kingdom]

War Crimes

[Israel accuses South Africa of false claims at ICJ](#). Israel's lawyers push back against South Africa, which is trying to get its Rafah offensive stopped. [Berg, Raffi], 2024-05-17, BBC News, [Israel / South Africa]

Women's Rights

[Quand la justice devient « complice » involontaire de violence conjugale](#). Québec veut profiter de sa réforme sur le droit de la famille pour mieux outiller les tribunaux contre la violence judiciaire. [Gaior, Camil], 2024-05-05, Radio-Canada, [Canada]

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['Every piece of evidence is vital': Holocaust survivor calls for victims' shoes to be salvaged](#). Manfred Goldberg, 94, urges authorities to preserve fragments of thousands of shoes left to rot at Stutthof concentration camp site [Connolly, Kate], 2024-05-29, The Guardian, [Germany]

["Grand tabou de la Seconde Guerre mondiale" : des Bretonnes témoignent des viols commis par les soldats américains à la Libération](#). À la Libération, 152 soldats américains seront jugés pour le viol de femmes françaises. Un nombre largement sous-estimé selon les spécialistes. 80 ans après la Libération, la parole se libère dans les campagnes bretonnes. [LeCharpentier, Manon; AFP], 2024-05-06, FranceInfo, [France]

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