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SAHR News

- Bernard Duhaime's report on Documentation of gross violations of HR is now available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/ahrc6032-documentation-gross-violations-human-rights-and-serious> and the ICA's contribution is taken into account.
- McGill University, Canada, had a very interesting archives and human rights webinar on 22 October on Sierra Leone (David Crane) and Brazil (Monica Tenaglia). It was to honor John Peters Humphrey who wrote the first draft of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Here is a link to the recording for Lecture 1 and Lecture 2: <https://www.youtube.com/@McGillUniversityArchives>.
- The [2025 ICA Congress](#) was held in Barcelona this fall. Some topics of interest were: [trafficking of documentary heritage](#), [historical justice](#), [archiving war](#), [refugees](#), and [armed conflict](#), [transitional justice](#), [access to information](#), [archiving in Palestine](#), and a number of other talks related to archives and human rights.
- Perrine Canavaggio will be speaking at the Fourth [Euro-Mediterranean Conference of the Family Associations of the Disappeared on the subject of "Enforced Disappearances, Truth and Fight against Impunity"](#).
- Jens Boel presented about SAHR and our activities at the [Annual Meeting of the European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of the Secret-Police Files](#) in October.

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Events

[Call for Articles: Disabilities in Libraries & Information Studies](#). Cheryl, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2025-10-13.

[CFP: Seeking Oral Historians for Bloomsbury's Trans Studies Book Series](#). Cheryl, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2025-10-28.

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News by topic

Academia and Education

Worldwide: [Aux origines de la liberté académique, de l'Allemagne aux États-Unis](#). Essentielle aux échanges d'idées et au développement de la recherche, la liberté académique subit aujourd'hui des attaques aux États-Unis, un pays qui ont contribué à son essor. Fernandes, Camille, The Conversation, 2025-10-06.

Access to Information

Senegal: [Senegal Adopts Access-to-Information Law. Joining Africa's Transparency Wave](#). Senegal enacts law granting universal access to public information. Reform aims to boost transparency, job access for youth. AFIC praises move as part of Africa-wide transparency trend. Agency, Ecofin, Ecofin Agency, 2025-10-06.

Censorship

China: [Massive leak exposes how China's 'Great Firewall' is being exported to other countries](#). For years, China's government has used what's known as the "Great Firewall" to censor the internet inside its country and block access to select foreign websites. Now, a document leak shows that a little-known Chinese company is exporting these tools to other countries, including Myanmar, Pakistan, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia. Ali Rogin, PBS News Weekend, 2025-10-18.

Togo: [Au Togo, les autorités brandissent la menace d'une plus grande censure du discours en ligne](#). Au Togo, les autorités réitèrent leur désir de contrôler le discours en ligne pour restreindre l'usage des réseaux sociaux dans un contexte de confrontation politique intense. Global Voices en Français, 2025-10-09.

Togo: [En Togo, autoridades amenazan con más censura el discurso en línea](#). En Togo, las autoridades reiteran su deseo de controlar el discurso en línea para restringir el uso de redes sociales en un contexto de intensa confrontación política. Global Voices en Español, 2025-10-09.

Togo: [Togolese authorities threaten greater online speech censorship](#). In Togo, the authorities have restated their intentions to regulate online speech, restricting the use of social media amid heightened political tensions. Global Voices, 2025-10-19.

Children's Rights

France: [La France accusée par l'ONU de «violations graves» des droits des enfants migrants](#). Le Comité des droits de l'enfant des Nations Unies conclut dans son rapport publié jeudi 16 octobre 2025 que la France est responsable de violations « graves et systématiques » des droits des enfants migrants non accompagnés. Les experts affirment que beaucoup de jeunes sont exclus du système de protection de l'enfance et vivent dans des conditions jugées dégradantes. RFI, RFI, 2025-10-16.

Pakistan: ["Immoral mais pratique": au Pakistan, l'exploitation massive d'enfants comme domestiques](#). L'enregistrement vidéo et l'article associé traitent du travail domestique illégal des enfants au Pakistan, illustré par plusieurs cas de jeunes filles employées dans des familles aisées, et les conséquences sociales et judiciaires de cette pratique. AFP, 2025-10-17.

United States of America/Vietnam: [**This Adoptee Discovered a Trove of Documents in a Nun's Basement. The Rare Vietnam War Records May Rewrite the Story of Operation Babylift.**](#) The April 1975 effort matched more than 2,800 infants and children evacuated from Vietnam with adoptive families. Today, the adoptees are searching for clues to their past—and reflecting on the complicated legacy of their evacuation. Strohlic, Nina, Smithsonian Magazine, 2025-10-08.

Civil War

Sri Lanka: [**Old wounds reopened for Tamils as mass grave discovered since the civil war.**](#) A shocking mass grave discovery in Sri Lanka reignites global attention on one of the world's highest cases of unresolved enforced disappearances. Canisius, ABC News, 2025-10-04.

Climate change

Africa: [**Face au chaos climatique, les Touareg renoncent à leur nomadisme millénaire.**](#) Sécheresses, urbanisation... Dans le Sahel, les Touareg sont poussés à la sédentarisation. Moussa Ag Mohamed Lehib, de l'ONG Tamsidhalt, décrit le sentiment de perte et la nécessaire adaptation au chaos climatique de ces nomades. Reporterre, Reporterre, le média de l'écologie - Indépendant et en accès libre, 2025-10-03.

Colonialism

Africa: [**'This is strength': stories of enslaved Africans in Grenada will be made into searchable archive.**](#) Depths of Paradise project backed by British family and created by Stephen Lewis, a descendant of survivors. Abdul, Geneva; Osuh, Chris, The Guardian, 2025-10-01.

Canada: [**Peuples autochtones: Kent Monkman, artiste crie du Manitoba, déconstruit l'histoire canadienne.**](#) Rencontre avec l'artiste Kent Monkman qui redonne place aux peuples autochtones et déconstruit l'histoire coloniale au Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal. François, Catherine, 2025-09-30.

Corruption

Malta: [**Les mécanismes de la corruption illustrés par le cas de Malte.**](#) À Malte, huit ans après l'assassinat de la journaliste Daphne Caruana Galizia, qui avait sans relâche dénoncé ce fléau, la corruption demeure un phénomène structurel. Venard, Bertrand, The Conversation, 2025-10-15.

Crimes Against Humanity

Sudan: [**Sudan conflict: RSF accused of crimes against humanity over el-Fasher siege.**](#) The group has allegedly carried out murder, rape and other crimes, a UN report says. Ursher, Barbara Plett; Macaulay, Cecilia, 2025-09-05.

Death Penalty

France: [**Robert Badinter et l'abolition de la peine de mort.**](#) Plongée dans l'odyssée d'un homme juste qui a consacré sa vie à défendre la dignité humaine. Le sujet de l'émission étant un peu délicat, Laure Grandbesançon recommande d'écouter ce podcast en famille. Grandbesançon, Laure, 2025-10-07.

Decolonization

Congo: [La dent - La décolonisation selon Lumumba - Sceneario](#). Cet album, qui a pour objectif de suivre le parcours de Patrice Lumumba du moment où il obtient sa carte d'immatriculé jusqu'à ses derniers jours, nous parle surtout de la situation extrêmement complexe qui va amener la Belgique à abandonner bon gré mal gré son protectorat au Congo. On sent très bien la tension qui monte et le rôle de plus en plus important que joue Lumumba au fil des années dans cette lutte pour la décolonisation. Pitz, Nicolas; Lecrenier, Pierre, 2025-09.

United States of America: [Gathering Together, We Decide](#). For Christina Leza, Gathering Together, We Decide brings together a broad range of community, academic, and artistic voices to reflect on the colonized state of Indigenous lands on the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, and to envision decolonized Indigenous futures. 2025-10.

Worldwide: [Seloua Luste Boulbina : Malaise dans la décolonisation](#). Les aberrations coloniales ne se sont pas évaporées. Leurs empreintes et leurs recompositions s'observent, aujourd'hui encore, un peu partout dans le monde. Leurs conséquences sont patentes. Au Nord et au Sud. L'existence sociale des Kanak de Nouvelle-Calédonie s'est-elle véritablement et profondément améliorée ? Qu'est-ce qui, en Haïti, hante encore ses citoyens ? Luste Boulbina, Seloua, 2025-02.

Disability Rights

Mexico: [La Suprema Corte de México da un paso adelante, pero se queda corta](#). Cuando Martha García, una joven activista con discapacidad y estudiante, se enteró de que la Suprema Corte planeaba modificar un precedente legal que podría debilitar el derecho de las personas con discapacidad a participar en la vida democrática, decidió actuar. / When Martha García, a young activist with a disability and student, learned that the Supreme Court was planning to change a legal precedent that could weaken the right of persons with disabilities to participate in democratic life, she decided to take action. Human Rights Watch, Human Rights Watch, 2025-10-15.

Disinformation

Worldwide: [Meta AI adviser spreads disinformation about shootings, vaccines and trans people](#). Critics condemn Robby Starbuck, appointed in lawsuit settlement, for 'peddling lies and pushing extremism'. Wilson, Jason, The Guardian, 2025-10-12.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Djibouti: [Djibouti President Urges Preservation of African Heritage](#). The inaugural forum in Djibouti brings together 17 African nations to promote digital archiving, legal transparency, and the preservation of Africa's collective memory. Africa, Dawan, Dawan Africa, 2025-10-16.

Nigeria: [Restitution row: how Nigeria's new home for the Benin bronzes ended up with clay replicas](#). The public display of artefacts looted by British colonial forces at the new Museum of West African Art was supposed to be the crowning glory of a decades-long restitution effort. What went wrong?. Oltermann, Philip; Egbajule, Eromo, The Guardian, 2025-10-12.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Institutional memory of Palestinian Public Institutions under the war: Post-October 2023](#). This report presents the first comprehensive

assessment of the destruction and loss of public records in Palestinian institutions in the Gaza Strip, following the outbreak of war in October 2023. “Institutional memory”, defined as the archived records and documented knowledge of institutions, is a cornerstone of effective governance, particularly in the justice and security sectors. It underpins transparency, continuity, accountability, and the protection of public and private rights. Eman Redwan, Imad Kahil, Johannes Sauerland, Patricia Valencia Gallego, Fateh Hamarsheh, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, 2025-10-06.

Worldwide: [The World's First Virtual Museum of Stolen Cultural Objects Wants Its Collection to Shrink, Not Grow](#). Visitors can explore 3D renderings of stolen artworks, historical artifacts, rare books and more in UNESCO's new digital museum. Feldman, Ella, Smithsonian Magazine, 2025-10-03.

Elections

Netherlands: [Don't use AI to tell you how to vote in election, says Dutch watchdog](#). Data protection authority says chatbots are ‘clearly biased’, as Netherlands prepares for national poll. France-Presse, Agence, The Guardian, 2025-10-21.

Environment

United States of America: [Amazon strategised about keeping its datacentres' full water use secret, leaked document shows](#). Executives at world's biggest datacentre owner grappled with disclosing information about water used to help power facilities. Barratt, Luke; Furneaux, Rosa, The Guardian, 2025-10-25.

Environment and Land Defenders

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [À Gaza, l'écocide comme arme de génocide](#). Après deux ans de génocide, Gaza est devenu un vaste champ de ruines et de poussière. En plus des bâtiments, l'armée israélienne a détruit toutes les cultures de l'enclave, intoxiqué les sols et souillé les eaux. Une destruction de l'environnement qui pourrait causer des milliers de morts à long terme. Blast, Blast, 2025-10-30.

Worldwide: [La répression mondiale des défenseurs de l'environnement menace l'action climatique](#). Le combat des défenseur·es de l'environnement est essentiel pour l'action climatique. Chaque jour, ils et elles s'engagent pour protéger les terres, les forêts et les océans. Pourtant, ces défenseur·es sont victimes d'une répression mondiale. Amnesty France, Amnesty France, 2025-10.

Forced Disappearance

Bangladesh: [Crackdown on forced disappearance alleged perpetrators](#). Bangladesh seems to be tackling head-on the scourge of enforced disappearances under the former regime. On 8 October 2025, 24 arrest warrants were issued against army officers allegedly responsible for crimes against humanity, and within a week, 13 had been detained. Bergam, David, JusticeInfo.net, 2025-10.

Bangladesh: [UN rights chief hails Bangladesh prosecutions over enforced disappearances](#). L'ouverture de poursuites contre des personnes accusées d'être responsables de disparitions forcées et d'actes de torture sous le précédent gouvernement au Bangladesh constitue une étape importante

vers la reddition de comptes, a déclaré le Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme. UN News, UN News, 2025-10-12.

Forced Labor

Russian Federation: [Histoire des goulags : travailler sur les archives d'un pays en guerre](#). Dans sa thèse, Guillaume Minea-Pic revient sur les origines du goulag, cette administration soviétique qui est un vaste réseau de travaux forcés, de camps et de déportation mis en place sous Staline. Le chercheur explique "avant d'être entré dans le langage commun, le goulag, c'est un acronyme qui veut dire administration principale des camps." Le réseau de goulag est selon Guillaume Minea-Pic le plus vaste réseau de camps de concentration du XXème siècle par lequel 3,5 voire 4 millions d'individus sont passés et ont trouvé la mort du fait des mauvais traitements. Erner, Guillaume, 2025-10-14.

Forced Medical Procedures

Canada: [Former premier of Nunavut calls on Carney to stop victimizing Inuit](#). The former premier of Nunavut is calling on Prime Minister Mark Carney to end the federal government's attempt to dismiss a lawsuit against Canada over an "International Biological Experiments" program undertaken in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Sanders, Leane, APTN News, 2025-10-08.

Freedom of Expression

Russian Federation: [Vers un « goulag numérique » : comment la Russie développe le contrôle et la surveillance de ses citoyens](#). Le rapide développement de nombreuses technologies de contrôle et de surveillance tend à transformer la Russie entière, y compris l'espace numérique, en un espace où aucune contestation n'est possible. Trusov, Iurii, The Conversation, 2025-10-27.

Freedom of Information

Russian Federation: [In the dark. Access to key Russian archives is being restricted as the state seeks to tighten its control of historical memory](#). Archive files detailing the fate of millions of Soviet citizens who were executed or imprisoned during the Stalin era have suddenly been made harder for historians to access. The Russian federal archive authority's decision to limit access to such documents to the relatives of individual victims is both a violation of Russian law and will further hamper the work of historians researching the period. As it is, to date just a quarter of Stalin's victims are known to historians by name. Alexander Leonidovich, Novaya Gazeta Europe, 2025-10-08.

Russian Federation: [Russia Restricts Access to Stalin-Era Purge Archives](#). Russian archives block historians from accessing Stalin-era files, citing security, limiting research on millions repressed during Soviet purges. Odessa Journal, 2025-10-06.

Freedom of the Press

Afghanistan: [Taliban Trample Media Freedom](#). The Taliban have gutted Afghan media since taking control of the country in August 2021 through the use of surveillance and censorship and by punishing media workers for perceived criticism. Human Rights Watch, 2025-10-23.

Japan: [**Au Japon aussi, la neutralité des médias est au cœur des débats**](#). Un récent scandale incite à une plongée dans l'évolution historique du positionnement des médias japonais sur la question de la neutralité politique. Castellvi, César, The Conversation, 2025-10-16.

Sudan: [**Journalism is the oxygen of democracy: How Sudan's information crisis reflects a global reality**](#). Now more than ever, we need to talk about the importance of journalism. This is not about journalism as an abstract ideal, or as an industry fighting for survival, but as a living, breathing force that connects people to the information they need. Protecting journalism is not just about saving newsrooms. It is about safeguarding people's right to usable, trusted information, which is the very foundation of healthy societies everywhere. Global Voices, 2025-10-28.

United States of America: [**US news outlets refuse to sign new Pentagon rules to report only official information**](#). Defense department policy requires outlets to vow not to obtain unauthorized files and restricts access to some areas. Helmore, Edward, The Guardian, 2025-10-13.

Zimbabwe: [**How Zimbabwe is suppressing journalism**](#). Following arrests and draconian legislation, editors are self-censoring to protect their organisations. GroundUp News, 2025-10-17.

Genocide

Bosnia and Herzegovina: [**The genocide in Srebrenica mustn't be allowed to remain a niche issue - A conversation with activist Sejfuddin Dizdarevic**](#). What drives a person to dedicate themselves tirelessly to education, remembrance, and civic engagement? Born in 1977 in Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Sejfuddin Dizdarevic came to Germany as a teenager. For him, the genocide in Srebrenica in 1995 marked a decisive turning point in his life. Arolsen Archives, Arolsen Archives, 2025-10-10.

Israel: [**Le consentement israélien au génocide**](#). Journaliste au quotidien « Haaretz », Gideon Levy a passé sa carrière à dénoncer l'occupation des territoires palestiniens, la colonisation, les expulsions, le chantage à l'antisémitisme. Depuis deux ans, il est l'une des rares voix dans son pays à s'élever contre le bain de sang à Gaza. Comment une telle tragédie a-t-elle pu se dérouler dans le silence et l'indifférence de la plupart des Israéliens?. Levy, Gideon, Le Monde diplomatique, 2025-10-01.

Rwanda: [**Génocide au Rwanda : 24 ans de réclusion confirmés en France pour l'ex-médecin Munyemana**](#). L'ancien médecin rwandais Sosthène Munyemana a été condamné à Paris en appel à 24 ans de réclusion criminelle pour sa participation au génocide des Tutsi en 1994 au Rwanda, a-t-on appris vendredi de source judiciaire. RTBF, RTBF, 2025-10-24.

Government

India: [**Beyond an Archive of Suffering, PUCL's Manipur Report Is a Challenge to India's Conscience**](#). This article draws from a critique of the PUCL report submitted to the organisation by Ranjan Solomon. Ranjan Solomon, The Wire, 2025-10-07.

United States of America: [**DHS Agreement Reveals Risks of Using Social Security Data for Voter Citizenship Checks**](#). A recently released agreement gives the Department of Homeland Security access to hundreds of millions of Americans' Social Security data. It contains alarmingly few provisions to ensure accuracy and privacy, experts say. Fifield, Jen, ProPublica, 2025-10-30.

United States of America: [DHS asked Texas for driver's license data for citizenship checks](#). It's the latest step to pool confidential data that the Trump administration claims will help identify noncitizens on voter rolls and tighten immigration enforcement. Despart, Jen Fifield, Zach, The Texas Tribune, 2025-10-31.

Human Rights

Israel/Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Hollow Land](#). In this new edition, Weizman explains how the events following the invasion of Gaza in October 2023 bear witness to the continuing policies of oppression. He details how this book became a foundational text for Forensic Architecture. Weizman, Eyal, 2024-10.

Venezuela: [Naciones Unidas subraya que el Premio Nobel a Machado "es una oportunidad para recordar a las víctimas y su derecho a la justicia"](#). El Consejo de Derechos Humanos advierte de que el chavismo "continúa persiguiendo a las voces críticas". El Gobierno de Maduro cierra su Embajada en Noruega tras la concesión del galardón. Moleiro, Alonso; Singer, Florantonia, EL PAÍS América, 2025-10-13.

Worldwide: ['Orwell: 2 + 2 = 5' Review: Raoul's Peck's Vital Film Shows How We're Living In A '1984'-Style Dystopia](#). Raoul Peck's vital documentary *Orwell: 2 + 2 = 5*, which premiered tonight at the Cannes Film Festival, makes it startlingly clear the degree to which we are living in Orwellian times. The parallels between the nightmare of 1984 – where Big Brother dictates every facet of life – and Trump's America have not been properly acknowledged. This film does that. T. Carey, Matthew, MSN, 2025-10.

Human Rights Defenders and Activists

Africa: [Repolicizing a generation](#). Thirty-eight years after Thomas Sankara's assassination, the struggle for justice and self-determination endures—from stalled archives and unfulfilled verdicts to new calls for pan-African renewal and a 21st-century anti-imperialist front. Amber Murrey, *Africa is a Country*, 2021-04-15.

Worldwide: [Interview with editors of "Archivist Actions, Abolitionist Futures"](#). Alison Clemens is an archivist and librarian, and founding co-coordinator of the Abolition in Special Collections collective. Jess Farrell is an archival consultant at Redstart Works and a community organizer. *Issues & Advocacy*, 2025-10-27.

Indigenous Matters

United States of America: [Un an après les excuses de Biden, les droits des peuples autochtones aux États-Unis à nouveau fragilisés sous Trump](#). En octobre 2024, Joe Biden, alors encore président, présentait des excuses historiques aux peuples autochtones des États-Unis, dans la lignée des démarches entreprises par le Canada et par l'Australie en 2008. Un an plus tard, le retour de Donald Trump à la Maison Blanche a marqué un net revirement. Depuis janvier 2025, la nouvelle administration s'emploie à démanteler les avancées obtenues sous Biden et à imposer son propre récit national. Alors que les excuses de 2024 semblaient ouvrir la voie à un dialogue durable, la dynamique actuelle met un frein au processus de réparation historique et alimente les inquiétudes au sein des communautés autochtones. Félix-Nair, Sonia, *The Conversation*, 2025-10-21.

Worldwide: [Nearly 100 years after her death, Oxford's first female Indigenous scholar honoured](#). Mākereti Papakura died weeks before handing in her thesis at Oxford university documenting the life and customs of her tribe, work that is still used by Māori today. Tahana, Jamie, The Guardian, 2025-10-01.

Israel-Gaza Crisis

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Objetivo: matar al periodista](#). El ejército de Israel ha matado a dos centenares de informadores en Gaza en los últimos dos años, mientras el Gobierno de Netanyahu prohíbe la entrada de la prensa internacional a la Franja. Es una situación inédita en los conflictos bélicos. Los reporteros palestinos son los ojos y oídos del mundo, los únicos testigos que documentan una masacre que ha causado ya más de 65.000 muertos. Yakovenko, Beatriz Lecumberri, Margaryta Yakovenko, Perfiles de Margaryta, El País, 2025-10-05.

Privacy

Afghanistan: [At least 49 relatives and colleagues of Afghans in data leak have been killed, study suggests](#). Research also finds 200 of 231 people notified by MoD of breach reported threats to themselves or families. Taylor, Diane, The Guardian, 2025-10-27.

Europe: [Digital ID: Danes and Estonians find it 'pretty uncontroversial'](#). Citizens have enrolled with little opposition, albeit with some concerns over security and privacy, as UK plans system. Bryant, Miranda, The Guardian, 2025-10-15.

Europe: [EU countries split over extraterritorial in cloud sovereignty definition](#). France is demanding a Council text tackles US data access laws but several smaller countries are pushing in the opposition direction. Euractiv, Euractiv, 2025-10-17.

India: ['Your basis to live is checked at each and every step': India's ID system divides opinion](#). Keir Starmer is considering Aadhaar as model for UK, but detractors warn of 'digital coercion' and security breaches. Ellis-Petersen, Hannah, The Guardian, 2025-10-14.

Ireland: [Civil society urges Commission to probe Irish privacy watchdog's independence](#). In an open letter, more than 40 civil society organisations have questioned the DPC's independence after it appointed a former Meta lobbyist to be its third commissioner. Euractiv, Euractiv, 2025-10-14.

Netherlands: [Dutch want to clarify AI rules instead of delaying them](#). A position paper, obtained by Euractiv, also contains ideas on digital reporting obligations and streamlining privacy rules. Maximilian Henning, Euractiv, 2025-10-09.

United Kingdom: [Launch of veteran card will be used to test UK government's digital ID scheme](#). Ministers hope scheme for 1.8 million people will show how technology works and ease privacy and security concerns. Booth, Robert, The Guardian, 2025-10-16.

United Kingdom: [UK government resumes row with Apple by demanding access to British users' data](#). New access order by Home Office would seek access to the tech company's encrypted cloud backups. Milmo, Dan, The Guardian, 2025-10-01.

United States of America: [JP Morgan staff told they must share biometric data to access headquarters](#). Investment bank had previously planned for such information from New York workers to be voluntary. Sweney, Mark, The Guardian, 2025-10-10.

United States of America: [US expands facial recognition technology at borders to track non-citizens](#). New regulation will allow US authorities to require non-citizens to be photographed at any point of departure. Reuters, The Guardian, 2025-10-24.

Worldwide: [Against 'chat control': we can't eliminate child abuse by eliminating privacy](#). Banning online anonymity tools like Tor won't stop crime. It will only drive people underground and normalize government control over the internet. Jeremy Malcolm, The Guardian, 2025-10-13.

Racism

United States of America: [White Work and Reparative Genealogy: Reckoning with Ancestral Debt as a Path to Racial Reparations](#). White Work and Reparative Genealogy invites white-identifying readers on a courageous journey into the heart of ancestral memory, historical accountability, and racial repair. Watkins, Mary, 2025-10-01.

Reconciliation

Canada: [Indigenous Peoples grapple with claims downplaying the history of residential schools](#). As Indigenous Peoples marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this week, they also had to confront a persistent problem: public figures claiming the history of residential schools has been exaggerated or falsified. Passafiume, Alessia, CTVNews, 2025-10-04.

Refugees

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [« A repository of identity and rights »](#). Roger Hearn, le directeur des secours et des services sociaux de l'UNRWA, sur la digitalisation des archives de l'agence de l'Onu. La question archivistique est éminemment politique: La documentation de l'UNRWA « supports claims to identity, lineage, and origin », rappelle un récent «strategic assessment» commandité par le secrétaire général de l'Onu. Bernard Thomas, Lëtzebuerger Land, 2025-10-24.

Reparation

Worldwide: [Why do reparations for colonialism and slavery matter?](#). Across the world, people are still suffering the effects of slavery and colonialism and struggling to get the reparations they deserve. Amnesty International, 2025-10-17.

Restitution

France: [Restitutions du patrimoine culturel illicite : un nouveau projet de loi française pourrait changer la donne](#). Le projet de loi sur les restitutions du patrimoine culturel illicite devrait permettre à la France de se positionner à l'avant-garde du débat sur ce sujet. Titi, Catharine, The Conversation, 2025-10-21.

United States of America: [Principles in Indigenous Archival Repatriation \(PINAR\)](#). The SAA Archival Repatriation Committee offers this set of Principles, which aligns with the SAA Core Values

Statement and Code of Ethics, and the Protocols for Native American Archival Materials, to center repatriation and ethical returns as a core responsibility for archivists and institutions with holdings pertaining to Indigenous peoples. Society of American Archivists, 2025-08.

Sexual Violence

Worldwide: [Pédocriminalité | L'Église néglige trop les victimes, selon un rapport du Vatican](#). Représailles « troublantes », négligence, manque de transparence, lenteur : l'Église catholique souffre encore de sévères maux dans l'accompagnement des victimes de violences sexuelles en son sein, malgré des années d'efforts pour lutter contre ce fléau mondial, a révélé une commission du Vatican. Melki, Clément, La Presse / AFP, 2025-10-16.

Spying

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