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Commentary

We are glad to inform you that the latest report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Ms. Alexandra Xanthaki, entitled "Artificial intelligence and creativity", is now published and available in all UN languages.

The report can be accessed through [this page](#), under the number A/80/278. It is also available on the [website of the mandate](#), where you will find more information about its content.

The Special Rapporteur will be presenting her reports to the UN General Assembly on Friday 31 October, tentatively at 11 am, New York time. All who wish to follow the interactive dialogue live on that day can do so by accessing the webcast through this link: <http://webtv.un.org/live>.

SAHR News

The 2025 SAHR General Assembly will be held in Barcelona on 27 October 2025 (time to be confirmed). If you are able to come please do: we hope to run a hybrid session. Registration and call for papers can be found here: <https://icabarcelona2025.cat>.

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Events

Call for Applications: 2026 Penn State Global Asias Summer Institute: Vitalizing Global Asias: Artifacts & Archives.

2026 Penn State Global Asias Summer Institute VITALIZING GLOBAL ASIAs: ARTIFACTS & ARCHIVES Penn State University and the Global Asias Initiative invites applicants for its annual Global Asias Summer Institute. Cheryl, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2025-09-19.

Call for Papers: Queer/Trans History Conference 2026. The LGBTQ+ History Association is pleased to announce a call for papers for its fourth conference, the Queer/Trans History Conference* 2026 (#QTHC26), to be held at the University of Michigan. Cheryl, Publishing in the Archives Profession, 2025-09-16.

Power for the People: Art, Protest, and the Archives of Activism. Call for participation: we invite proposals which look at archives and art practices which centre or challenge the notion of sculpture as protest, or protest as sculpture, both nationally and internationally. Henry Moore Foundation, Henry Moore Foundation, 2025-09-15.

Would you like to promote your event (conference, webinar, exhibition, etc.) to an international audience? Please submit information, including title, description, date(s) and URL to sahr-newsletter@ica.org for upcoming publication.

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If you would like to volunteer as a news collector, please send an email to sahr-newsletter@ica.org. We'd love to have you! We're currently looking for collectors who can focus on Latin America, South America, Africa, Oceania and Asia to ensure a more global coverage.

News by topic

Apartheid

South Africa: [South Africa reopens inquest into death of anti-apartheid leader Steve Biko](#). In tonight's edition: a South African court has reopened an inquest into the death of anti-apartheid leader Steve Biko, 48 years after he died of brain injuries in police custody. France 24, France 24, 2025-09-12.

Armed Conflict and Groups

Syria: [Government, affiliated forces extrajudicially executed dozens of Druze people in Suwayda](#). Amnesty International documented the deliberate shooting and killing of 46 Druze people (44 men and two women), as well as the mock execution of two older persons in Suwayda. Amnesty International, 2025-09-01.

Worldwide: [Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2792 \(2025\). Security Council Requests Appointment of Senior Official to Address Fate of Missing Persons in Gulf War](#). The Security Council today requested the Secretary-General to appoint a Senior Representative with a mandate focused solely on efforts to repatriate or return all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals — or their remains — and to ensure the return of Kuwaiti property, including the national archives. UN News, 1900-01-00.

Censorship

Canada: [Alberta pauses book ban after schools remove Handmaid's Tale, 1984 and other classics](#). The province says it will review its controversial policy after outcry over removing beloved novels from classrooms. Cecco, Leyland, The Guardian, 2025-09-03.

China: [A Guide to Censorship in China](#). Strange processes determine what does—or doesn't—get published. Palmer, James, Foreign Policy, 2025-09-11.

United States of America: [The Librarians review – the heroic women battling against book bans and censorship](#). Kim A Snyder's documentary highlights the defenders of young readers' rights to see their lives in print facing rightwing attacks. Clarke, Cath, The Guardian, 2025-09-24.

Child Abuse

United States of America: [US House committee releases more than 33,000 pages of Jeffrey Epstein files](#). Files appear to contain information already in public domain as calls grow for release of all pertinent documents. Anguiano, Dani, The Guardian, 2025-09-03.

Child Rights

South Africa: [South Africa's one million invisible children without birth certificates](#). An NGO has taken the South African government to court over a backlog of hundreds of thousands of applications for late birth registration, with some people waiting for seven years for a response. Canneti, Tom, France 24, 2025-07-05.

Civil Rights

United States of America: [Trump's war on science leaves US public health experts reeling: 'There will be lasting damage'](#). Career experts warn of decades of progress lost as administration fires staff, slashes budgets and buries data. Tait, Robert, The Guardian, 2025-09-17.

Colonialism

Algeria/France: [Torture, colonialisme, résistance : quand Frantz Fanon exposait l'horreur de la guerre d'Algérie dans son discours d'Accra en 1960](#). Dans un discours prononcé à Accra (Ghana) en août 1960, Frantz Fanon révélait la véritable nature de la guerre en cours en Algérie. Ce document, que l'on croyait perdu, vient de ressurgir des archives des services du contre-espionnage français, de la diplomatie italienne, et du sociologue et militant Immanuel Wallerstein. Chauvet, Diego, L'Humanité, 2025-08-24.

Belgium/Congo, Democratic Republic of the: [Colonisation belge au Congo : cette propagande raciste qui a marqué notre imaginaire](#). Mission civilisatrice, enrichissement personnel et exploitation des ressources, violence coloniale, réhabilitation. La colonisation belge du Congo a fait l'objet d'une lente évolution dans l'historiographie contemporaine. Avec pour conséquence une image édulcorée et tenace de la colonisation dans l'imaginaire collectif des citoyens belges. L'auteur et analyste politique Eric Van den Abeele revisite un siècle d'histoire coloniale belge au Congo en s'appuyant sur un matériau redoutablement efficace : les images de propagande. Saint-Amand, François, RTBF Actus, 2025-08-23.

Cameroon: ['Une reconnaissance à minima': quels enjeux après la lettre de Macron reconnaissant que 'la France a mené une guerre' au Cameroun?](#). Dans une lettre adressée à son homologue camerounais Paul Biya et rendue publique le 12 août dernier, le président français Emmanuel Macron reconnaît officiellement que la France a mené une guerre au Cameroun entre 1955 et 1971. Eboulé, Christian, TV5MONDE - Informations, 2025-08-18.

France/Niger: [Massacre de l'armée coloniale au Niger : derrière le mea culpa de Macron, la continuité d'un récit historique biaisé](#). Le 19 juin 2025, le représentant permanent de la France auprès des Nations unies a reconnu que Paris était ouvert au dialogue avec le Niger et prêt à collaborer avec des chercheurs spécialisés afin de mettre en place une coopération patrimoniale permettant la restitution au Niger des objets culturels volés. Gerits, The Conversation, 2025-08-19.

United Kingdom: [Letters found on eBay cast light on UK families who benefited from slavery](#). Researcher Malik Al Nasir bought historical documents while investigating his family history – and began building an archive. Osuh, Chris, The Guardian, 2025-09-23.

Colonisation

Argentina: [After 160 years of Welsh settlement in Patagonia, Indigenous voices are finally being heard](#). The first Welsh settlers landed on the shores of what is today the Province of Chubut, in Argentinean Patagonia, on 28 July 1865. A major aspect of the settlement that is celebrated is the unique friendship with the Indigenous Tehuelche that the Welsh immigrants would have struck up. Lublin, Geraldine, The Conversation, 2025-07-25.

Corruption

United States of America: [Jeffrey Epstein's birthday book is a horrifying document](#). Conspiracy theorists wonder about what Epstein and his powerful friends may have done to cover up his crimes. But they barely were covered up. Donegan, Moira, The Guardian, 2025-09-12.

Crimes Against Humanity

Bosnia: [Remembering genocide in Srebrenica through the lens of Kristian Skeie](#). Photographer Kristian Skeie's ongoing project documents life in the aftermath of the genocide in Srebrenica, capturing the quiet resilience of survivors and the enduring scars of Europe's worst atrocity since WWII. Farrant, Theo, euronews, 2025-07-11.

Indonesia: [Sixty years on from the 1965 Indonesian genocide](#). This edition of Inside Indonesia commemorates the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the 1965–1966 genocide, when an estimated half a million men, women and children were murdered for their real or perceived support of the Indonesian Communist Party. Inside Indonesia's Newsletter, 2025-09-29.

Iraq: [The Bright Side: Iraq's Yazidis rediscover their lost history in photos found in a museum archive](#). Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania have been scouring the university's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to create a visual archive of Iraq's Yazidi communities from photos left behind. France 24, France 24, 2025-09-13.

Syria: [New Human Rights Watch report links Syrian Government to March coastal massacres, criticizes lack of transparency and accountability in investigation](#). A new report released this week by Human Rights Watch, Syrians for Truth and Justice, and Syrian Archive has accused the Syrian Government of failing to confront senior officials' roles in widespread atrocities carried out during March 2025 in the country's coastal and central regions. SyriacPress, SyriacPress, 2025-09-24.

Syria: [Syria Prisons Museum digital torture archive opens in Damascus](#). The Syria Prisons Museum will provide an immersive experience paying homage to victims and survivors of the Assads' brutal prison system. The New Arab, 2025-09-15.

Decolonization

Algeria/France: [Depuis Vienne, l'Algérie exige la divulgation complète des archives nucléaires françaises dans le Sud](#). Algeria is calling on France to disclose all archives related to nuclear explosions and tests in the south, including maps of radioactive waste disposal sites and contaminated equipment. Awras, 2025-09-20.

Destruction of Documents

Canada: [Almost Destroyed: Chinese Canadian records at Library and Archives Canada](#). A century after the Chinese Exclusion Act introduced its requirement for mass registration, the records created in this hostile context are being used to pursue collective healing, grounded in the personal, painful work of recovering ancestors who lived through the shame and regret of exclusion in silence. Chow, June, Active History, 2025-09-17.

Disinformation

United Kingdom: [UK's public sector broadcasters demand more prominence on YouTube to combat misinformation](#). How can we archive against genocide in Gaza and its extension elsewhere in Palestine and surrounding countries like Lebanon in this urgent moment while avoiding the pitfalls of white guilt and paternalistic benevolence?. Michael Savage Media, The Guardian, 2025-09-18.

Worldwide: [A Guide To Monitoring Conflict Amidst a Sea of Misinformation](#). How does one monitor a conflict zone on the brink of civil war, especially in a region which is difficult to access, experiences frequent internet shutdowns and where misinformation is common? In this guide, we outline the open source tools and methods we can use to evidence what is really happening in many such conflict settings. Sitlhou, Makepeace, bellingcat, 2025-09-01.

Worldwide: [Autocrats don't act like Hitler or Stalin anymore – instead of governing with violence, they use manipulation](#). Autocrats today are polished, appear mainstream and use the media, not overt repression or violence, to gain public support and consolidate power. They govern through a 'spin dictatorship.'. Treisman, Daniel, The Conversation, 2025-06-03.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Afghanistan: [UN cooperates with National Archives to restore historical monuments and build capacity](#). The UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Afghanistan promised in a meeting with the head of the National Archives of the Ministry of Information and Culture that the organization will cooperate with the National Archives in the field of restoration of monuments, training of professional staff and building capacity. Afghan Voice Agency (AVA), 2025-09-07.

Australia/United Kingdom: [Bristol returns cultural artefacts taken from Larrakia people in Australia](#). Objects including three-metre spears were collected in late 19th and early 20th centuries and donated to city's museum. Morris, Steven, The Guardian, 2025-09-01.

Somalia/United Kingdom: ['Artefacts were just sitting in suitcases in people's homes': the London museum preserving Somali culture](#). The UK's first dedicated space for Somali heritage has built its collection from 15 years of donations. Culture House's founders explain the power of giving a permanent home to a community's heritage and hopes. Abdi, Sundus, The Guardian, 2025-09-02.

Forced Disappearance

Belgium/Morocco: [Affaire Ben Barka : les révélations déclassifiées des archives diplomatiques belges](#). Declassified Belgian diplomatic archives shed new light on the Ben Barka affair and redraw the political portrait of the Moroccan opposition leader on the eve of his abduction. Brahim, Haiji, Le Club de Mediapart, 2025-09-04.

Sri Lanka: [Experts of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances Welcome Sri Lanka's Law on Enforced Disappearance, Ask about Reports of Arbitrary Detentions and Intimidation of Victims' Families](#). Produced by the United Nations Information Service in Geneva for use of the information media; not an official record. English and French versions of our releases are different as they are the product of two separate coverage teams that work independently. OHCHR, 1900-01-00.

Forced Medical Procedures

Canada: [Projet MK-Ultra sur le lavage de cerveau](#). Aux côtés d'autres familles de victimes de traitements expérimentaux effectués à Montréal pour le compte de la CIA, Julie Tanny se bat depuis plusieurs années pour obtenir justice. La Cour supérieure du Québec a autorisé jeudi leur action collective. Desgagné, Marie-Laurence, La Presse, 2025-07-31.

Freedom of Expression

France: [Résister. Petite histoire des luttes contemporaines](#). Les révolutions ne sont pas des processus linéaires. Elles se déroulent sur le temps long et sont rythmées par des rebondissements. Les nouvelles luttes mettent en évidence, dans l'opinion publique, des dominations et des violences. Le voile se lève car les luttes paient. Varlin, Eugène, Le Club de Mediapart, 2025-09-10.

South Asia: [Kashmiri representatives urge UNHRC to act against Indian repression in IIOJK](#). Kashmiri representatives Altaf Hussain Wani, Shamim Shawl and Advocate Parvez Ahmed Shah have urged the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to urgently intervene against India's escalating repression in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, warning that durable peace in South Asia is impossible without granting the Kashmiris their UN-mandated right to self-determination. Kashmir Media Service, KMS News, 2025-09-11.

United States of America: [Musk calls Anti-Defamation League 'hate group' for documenting Christian extremism](#). Organization earlier this year came to the tech mogul's aid over his widely criticized salutes at Trump's inauguration. Robins-Early, Nick, The Guardian, 2025-09-29.

Worldwide: [Liberté d'expression, crédibilité des élections : l'inquiétant recul de la démocratie dans le monde](#). Après plusieurs décennies de progrès, la démocratie est de plus en plus menacée dans le monde, selon un rapport de l'organisation intergouvernementale IDEA International. La liberté de la presse, en particulier, régresse dans un quart des 173 pays observés. Goulard, Constance, Les Echos, 2025-09-10.

Freedom of Information

Australia: [Tasmanian right to information review makes 43 recommendations, including release of cabinet information](#). From pulp mills to stadiums, Tasmanians don't have access to information about how and why decisions are made. A review of the state's transparency system says this — and many other things — should change. Holmes, Adam, ABC News, 2025-09-23.

Canada: [Canada's Archives Are in Trouble—and So Is Its History](#). Years-long delays, archaic privacy laws, and chronic underfunding are threatening Canada's national memory. Bourrie, Mark, The Walrus, 2025-06-25.

Canada: [Confidentialité des documents gouvernementaux, un accès divergeant](#). La loi sur l'accès à l'information varie d'une province à l'autre. Des gouvernements ou des organismes peuvent rendre publiques ou pas certaines informations. Radio-Canada, OHdio | Radio-Canada, 2025-09-16.

Worldwide: [Access to Information: A Cornerstone of Sustainable Development, Human Rights and Environmental Resilience](#). Access to information is the bridge that allows citizens to demand

justice, journalists to expose corruption, and communities to secure basic services. United Nations, 1900-01-00.

Freedom of the Press

United States of America: [Pentagon demands journalists sign pledge not to gather certain information](#). If they don't agree to limits, including restricting movement within building, Pentagon press passes will be revoked. Yang, Maya, The Guardian, 2025-09-20.

Genocide

Indonesia: [Archiving memories of the 1965 genocide in Indonesia - Inside Indonesia: The peoples and cultures of Indonesia](#). Poor archival conditions have meant that the identification of victims, their experiences and their needs is incredibly difficult. Wahyuningroem, Sri Lestari, Inside Indonesia, 2025-09.

Government

Georgia: [Limitation review – bloodshed and chaos of Georgia's coup d'état comes alive from the archive](#). Seaming together many different records of the civil war in the early 1990s we see a country's fracture unfold through a crowd of partisan views. Le, Phuong, The Guardian, 2025-09-15.

Marshall Islands: [Marshall Islands picks up the pieces after fire destroys its 'heart of democracy'](#). The slow process to rebuild parliament, the Nitijela, begins as the Pacific nation confronts the loss of a vital cultural landmark. Letman, Jon, The Guardian, 2025-09-02.

Nepal: ['We Are in a Zero State': Scenes From the Ashes of Nepal's Capital](#). Arson attacks during protests in Nepal destroyed buildings, court files and even records of international agreements and state investments. Kathmandu, Atul Loke Reporting from; Nepal, The New York Times, 2025-09-17.

United States of America: [Yes, this is who we are: America's 250-year history of political violence](#). The US has long fused politics and violence, often through firearms. To claim that such shootings betray 'who we are' is to forget that the US was founded on this form of political violence. Valsania, Maurizio, The Conversation, 2025-09-12.

Worldwide: [Digital authoritarianism is on the rise: Australia should take note](#). Democracies are increasingly using the tools of digital control under the guise of national security. Nicholas Morieson, Ihsan Yilmaz, Lowy Institute, 2025-09-05.

Human Rights

Australia: [Jo-Ann found her mum in 1991. Quiet changes will hurt the chance for others](#). A shift in Queensland's approach to allowing adopted people or their families to access information to reunite has cast a shadow over three decades of reform. Dennien, Matt, Brisbane Times, 2025-09-27.

United States of America: [Les États-Unis ne participeront pas à l'évaluation de leur bilan des droits de la personne](#). Les États-Unis ont informé les Nations unies qu'ils ne prendraient pas part à la prochaine évaluation de leur bilan en matière de droits de la personne aux Nations unies. Agence France-Presse, Radio-Canada, 2025-08-28.

Human Rights Defenders and Activists

China: [A Hidden Camera Protest Turned the Tables on China's Surveillance State](#). Before fleeing China, an activist in Chongqing staged an elaborate one-man demonstration against the Communist Party that doubled as performance art. Yuan, Li, The New York Times, 2025-09-02.

Mexico: [Activistas digitales indígenas en México afirman su autodeterminación frente a la inteligencia artificial](#). ¿Qué significa la inteligencia artificial para las lenguas indígenas de México? Durante dos días, activistas digitales reflexionaron sobre cómo estas tecnologías pueden revitalizar o amenazar sus idiomas y culturas. Mercedes Caso, Rising Voices en Español, 2025-09-03.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): ['I woke up and there was no water': Gaza's human rights defenders in their own words](#). A UN special rapporteur shares the stories of those trying to record the horrors of Gaza even as they live through them. Lawlor, Mary, The Guardian, 2025-09-14.

South Africa: [Activist and writer Ruth Weiss lived life of service](#). Ruth Weiss, a Jewish journalist, author and human rights activist, was a tireless opponent of apartheid who used her pen to fight hatred and racism. A look at her extraordinary life. Fisher, Nicola, DW, 2025-09-15.

Indigenous Matters

Australia: [Victoria is on the cusp of signing a Treaty with Indigenous people. It could change lives](#). If passed, potentially later this month, it will deliver a formal apology to First Peoples, embed Aboriginal truth-telling in schools and restore traditional names to parks and waterways. McManus, Justin, The Conversation, 2025-09-10.

Denmark: [Re-activating Indigenous Knowledge from Oral History: Landscape and In Greenland](#). This book focuses on Greenlandic oral history and how to better understand people, their cultural remains, and their landscape through their own stories. It offers a way to consult Inuit oral history that opens a perspective on houses and landscapes that may otherwise be invisible to the barren eye. Working with and re-activating Indigenous knowledge of Greenland, the study draws on more than two thousand stories collected between 1735 and 1981, preserved, and later enrolled in an online and searchable database. Mønsted, Asta, 2025-09-11.

Nigeria: [Grupo de usuarios Wikimedia en tyap de Nigeria revitalizan su lengua con herramientas y plataformas digitales](#). "Sueño con un futuro en el que los niños crezcan hablando tyap porque sus padres les hablan en esa lengua durante su infancia". Abdulrosheed Fadipe, Global Voices en Español, 2025-09-02.

United States of America: ["I Have Not Surrendered": Leonard Peltier Remains Committed to Indigenous Rights](#). In this interview, Peltier discusses his time in (and release from) prison, his ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights, and more. Goodman, Amy, Truthout, 2025-09-19.

Israel-Gaza Crisis

Israel/Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN)/United States of America: [FIDH denounces heinous U.S. sanctions against leading Palestinian human rights organisations](#). The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) denounces in the strongest terms the heinous

designations imposed by the United States on three major Palestinian human rights organisations – Al-Haq, Al Mezan, and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) – all members of FIDH. At a time when Palestinians face an ongoing genocide, these measures seek to silence those documenting atrocities, fighting for justice and accountability. International Federation for Human Rights, 2025-09-05.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Escaping Gaza City, while reporting on its destruction](#). Malak A Tantesh on fleeing the Israeli ground offensive in Gaza and becoming a reporter in the most dangerous place on Earth for journalists. Hough, Lucy; Tantesh, Malak A.; Abrahams, Ruth; Khaleeli, Homa; Kent, Sami; Abrahams, Presented by Lucy Houghwith Malak A. Tantesh; produced by Ruth; Khaleeli, Brian McNamara; executive producer Homa, The Guardian, 2025-09-25.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN): [Rescuing the UNRWA Archive: Saving Palestinian History amidst the Gaza Genocide](#). Israel's genocide in Gaza has entailed extensive attacks on Palestinian heritage and history, including institutional archives which preserve historical documents, like that of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). In this article, we trace how a small team of UNRWA staff successfully resisted these attacks by rescuing the agency's archival materials and transferring them out of Gaza. Kelcey, Jo; Irfan, Anne, History Workshop Journal, 2025-09-29.

Palestine (Permanent Observer to the UN)/United States of America: [US imposes sanctions on Palestinians for requesting war crimes inquiry](#). Rights groups in Gaza and Ramallah had asked international criminal court to investigate Israel over genocide claims. Christou, William, The Guardian, 2025-09-05.

LGBTQ+ Rights

Burkina Faso: [En criminalisant l'homosexualité, le Burkina Faso renoue avec «l'homophobie coloniale»](#). Le pouvoir burkinabè, dirigé par le capitaine Ibrahim Traoré, a voté la pénalisation de l'homosexualité le 1er septembre. Un signal fort du rejet de l'Occident par le Burkina Faso, qui rejoint en cela la politique des autres pays membres de l'Alliance des États du Sahel. Gagné, Charles, Fugues, 2025-09-05.

Europe: [Intersex people in Europe face 'alarming' rise in violence, EU finds](#). Increase in violence since 2019 is linked to online campaigns seeking to sow disinformation and fuel hatred. Kassam, Ashifa, The Guardian, 2025-09-18.

Worldwide: [Among the archives, you can find love, community and history](#). Queer and trans archives preserve our past—they also offer community space that is essential to our future. Aino Pihlak, Xtra Magazine, 2025-09-25.

Medical Records

Australia: [Body parts taken without consent for museum display, coroner finds](#). A Tasmanian coroner has released his findings from an investigation into 177 human specimens held in the collection of a university museum without the consent or knowledge of families. The investigation required complex manual searches and reconciliation of records with "very little additional

resources" provided to the Coroners' Office to do the work. Lohberger, Loretta, ABC News, 2025-09-11.

Australia: [Monash IVF pauses donor treatments in NSW as it conducts review of patient records](#). Patients have been left blindsided by Monash IVF's decision to temporarily halt treatments using donated eggs and sperm in New South Wales. Cockburn, Paige, ABC News, 2025-09-19.

Migration

United States of America: [Demonizing Immigrants in the 1880s](#). American newspapers portrayed members of immigrant groups as potential anarchists, linking the ideology to other anxieties and stereotypes about foreigners. Gershon, Livia, JSTOR Daily, 2025-09-06.

Police Violence

United Kingdom: [Irlande du Nord: cinquante ans après le «Bloody Sunday», le procès historique d'un soldat britannique](#). Un ancien soldat britannique est jugé à partir de ce lundi 15 septembre 2025, à Belfast, pour deux meurtres et cinq tentatives de meurtre lors des événements du « Bloody Sunday », en Irlande du Nord. Le dimanche 30 janvier 1972, à Derry, des parachutistes britanniques avaient ouvert le feu sur une manifestation pacifique de militants catholiques, faisant treize morts. Aucun soldat n'avait encore été jugé. Pénard, Clémence, RFI, 2025-09-15.

Privacy

Europe: [Draghi calls for deep cuts to privacy rules and pause on 'high risk' AI Act](#). Influential Italian economist calls for "radical simplification" of GDPR on the one-year anniversary of his landmark report on European competitiveness. Euractiv, 2025-09-16.

Ireland: [Ireland's privacy watchdog opens probe into sale of citizens' phone locations](#). One of the online data brokers is located in Ireland, the Data Protection Commission told Euractiv, another is in an unspecified EU country. Euractiv, Euractiv, 2025-09-26.

United Kingdom: [Britain Is Introducing a Digital ID. Here's How It Is Expected to Work](#). The government said the new system would help to curb illegal migration, but opponents said it would infringe on citizens' privacy. Chutel, Lynsey, The New York Times, 2025-09-26.

United States of America: [A New Lawsuit Alleges the Gun Industry Exploited Firearm Owners' Data for Political Gain](#). The federal court complaint filed this week closely mirrors the findings of a ProPublica investigation that detailed a decades-long secret program operated by the gun industry's largest trade group. Johnson, Corey G., ProPublica, 2025-09-25.

United States of America: [US border patrol collected DNA from thousands of US citizens for years, data shows](#). CBP officers took DNA samples from about 2,000 citizens, some as young as 14 and many who never faced criminal charges, new analysis shows. Bhuiyan, Johana, The Guardian, 2025-09-23.

Worldwide: ['Smart' \(or Machiavellian?\) surveillance: The power of terminology](#). The Israeli military "offers an important insight into how the latest technologies can be adopted for widespread monitoring and control.". Tactical Tech, Global Voices, 2025-09-03.

Worldwide: [Meta 'eavesdropping' on Flo exposes how period apps are a data...](#) Tech giant was found to have illegally collected user info – but this could be a landmark moment for data privacy. Andjela Milivojevic, TBIJ, 2025-09-03.

Protests and Demonstrations

Africa: [The poetics of protest](#). From rooftop beginnings to open mics that echo on the streets, Kenya's newest literary collective shows how art can archive struggle and energize dissent. Keith Ang'ana, Africa is a Country, 2025-06-28.

United Kingdom: [The Right to Protest: the exhibition navigating counter-culture through archival activist design](#). With a collection dating back to the 1960s, the Museum of UnRest is displaying its archive of iconic screen-printed posters, marking the struggle against climate breakdown, the cost of living crisis, housing shortage, and more. Sudi Jama, It's Nice That, 1900-01-00.

Racism

United States of America: [When Historians Rediscovered These Frederick Douglass Letters, They Were Surprised by His Candid Opinions About Abraham Lincoln](#). In correspondence with a passionate abolitionist in London, the great American orator didn't hold back when talking about the 16th president, or his successor, the much-maligned Andrew Johnson. White, Lucas; Morel, Jonathan W., Smithsonian Magazine, 2025-09.

Reconciliation

Mali: [Mali. Semaine de la réconciliation. Traditions, symboles et récits: la riposte citoyenne aux années de violence](#). Le Premier ministre, Abdoulaye Maïga, a lancé à Bamako la Semaine nationale de la réconciliation qui vise, du 15 au 21 septembre, à encourager toutes les composantes de la nation malienne, tant à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur du pays, à réfléchir aux voies qui favorisent le retour de la paix, synonyme de cohésion nationale. Moussa Konaté, Diemba, Le360 Afrique, 2025-09-17.

Worldwide: [States must prioritise documentation in transitional justice processes: UN expert](#). GENEVA – The Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, Bernard Duhaime, warned today that the collection, mapping, recording, preservation and archiving of information, evidence and testimonies of gross human rights violations are still an afterthought for national and international actors engaged in transitional justice processes. Duhaime urged them to ramp-up efforts in this area. OHCHR, 1900-01-00.

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