

NPT PrepCom Side-Event

## **Human Rights, Democracy, and Nuclear Weapons**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**1:15 – 2:45 pm**

**Conference Room C, United Nations, New York**

Sponsored by Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

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Moderator: **John Burroughs**, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

In October 2018, the UN Human Rights Committee found that the threat or use of nuclear arms is incompatible with the right to life set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons invokes international human rights law and provides for assistance to victims of nuclear weapons testing and use. Speakers will examine these developments, and address more broadly the place of human rights in international law, the relationship between international human rights law and the law of armed conflict, and the role of social movements.