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AN OPINION COLUMN ON HUMAN RIGHTS

With its as yet unscreened films, debates and solidarity actions, the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH) is an opportunity for commitment open to all. An annual event in the international human rights capital of Geneva, it aspires to be a place where opinions can be freely expressed in counterpoint to the UN Human Rights Council. A platform for dialogue for those who defend human rights, film-makers and actors in civil society, the FIFDH does not hesitate to denounce attacks on human dignity.

NEW FIFDH EVENTS

SOLIDARITY with the people of Iran: this event opens the Festival with a film **Green Days** and a debate with Iranian film director **Hana Makhmalbaf**.

SUPPORT to the Abderrahmane Sissako Foundation « cinemas for Africa », with the Flux Laboratory Foundation, in the presence of actress **Juliette Binoche** and **Abderrahmane Sissako**.

MASTER CLASS given by famous film directors **Robert Guédiguian** and **Amos Gitaï**.

DEBATE in collaboration with the 4th World Congress Against the Death Penalty and screening of *Manners of dying* by Jeremy Peter Allen.

EXCHANGE around Israeli TV star journalist **Haim Yavin's** film on coexistence between Arabs and Israelis. In collaboration with the Martin Buber circle.

MEETING with **Tony Gatlif**, who will present his latest film *Liberty* in the context of the FIFDH.

PROGRAM

Faithful to the formula it has applied ever since its creation, the FIFDH offers a *subject - a film - a debate* each evening. Programmed this year are: **Peace versus Justice?**, **trafficking of women**, **Human rights in question**, **discrimination against Roms**, **indigenous people sacrificed**, **the penalization of homosexuality**, **Islam in Europe**, **Iran**, **Irak**, **China**, **Russia**.

JURY AND GUESTS

Jean-Marie Le Clézio, freedom writer, 2008 Nobel peace prizewinner. **Tony Gatlif**, renowned maker of films about the roving life and travellers. **Hina Jilani**, world-famous lawyer committed to the cause of human rights defenders and member of the Goldstone Commission. **Cherif Bassiouni**, professor of law and one of the fathers of the International Criminal Court. **Golshifteh Farahani**, prestigious and combative Iranian actress and musician now living in exile. With philosopher **André Glucksmann** and lawyer and former French minister of justice **Robert Badinter**.

FILMS

In the heart of the Khymer Rouge madness, *The important thing is to stay alive* by Roshane Saidnattar. A clandestine reportage from Myanmar *Burma VJ, reporting from a closed country* by Anders Østergaard. Creativity versus globalization: *The yes men remake the world* by Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno. *The battle for human rights* by Caroline Fourest. Guilty of homosexuality, *Cameroon : coming out of the Nkuta* by Céline Metzger. Rape, weapon of war in Congo, *Weapon of War*, by Ilke and Femke van Velzen.

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