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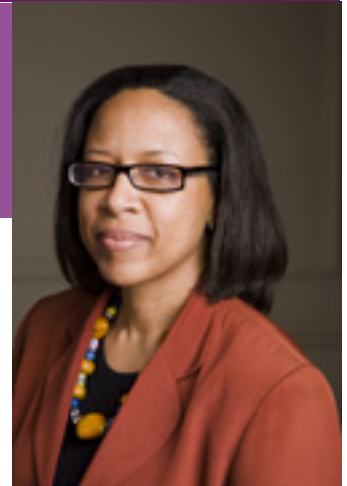


PUBLIC SEMINAR

REGULATING DECENT WORK FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS? PROMISE AND PERILS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SETTING

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This presentation builds on the ILO's 2009 law and practice report (International Labour Conference, Decent Work for Domestic Workers, Report no. IV(1), 99th Session, 2010, Fourth Item on the Agenda) to consider the promise of international standard setting that centres a socially marginalized, informalized societal group, and seeks to establish specific standards to regulate meaningfully, with due attention to the pluralist law of the home-workplace. This presentation also considers the perils of standard setting separate from a framework that challenges the structural factors that lead both to increased supply, through transnational "care resource extraction" and to increased demand, through an observed retreat of the state from the provision of social welfare services. It asks whether regulating decent work for domestic workers offers a transformative approach to the re-production of the borders of labour law.

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