



2004 Recipient

Monsignor Oscar Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights

Radhika Coomaraswamy

Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women,
Including its Causes and Consequences

Radhika Coomaraswamy served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against women from 1994 to 2003. In her reports to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights she has written on violence in the family, violence in the community, violence against women during armed conflict and the problem of international trafficking. She has made field trips on behalf of the United Nations to Japan and Korea on the problems of comfort women, to Brazil on domestic violence, to Poland on trafficking, to South Africa on rape in the community and to the US on women in prisons. She has also visited Rwanda and East Timor to investigate the issues of violence against women during armed conflict, to Afghanistan to look at issues of religious extremism and India, Nepal and Bangladesh on the problem of the trafficking of young girls. She has also intervened on behalf of countless women throughout the world seeking clarification from governments in cases involving violence against women.

Radhika Coomaraswamy is currently the Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in Colombo. As Director of the Centre, she oversees projects and programs on multiculturalism, federalism and constitutional reform as well as education policy, and judicial approaches to pluralism. She is also a Board Member of the Family Rehabilitation Center, the Women's Education and Research Center, and the Center for the Study of Human Rights in Colombo. Dr. Coomaraswamy, a graduate of the United Nations International School in New York, received her B.A. from Yale University, her J.D. from Columbia University, an LLM from Harvard University and an honorary Ph.D. from Amherst College. Radhika Coomaraswamy is a member of the Global Faculty of the New York University School of Law. She has published widely. She has two forthcoming books, one called *Born Free and Equal: Women's International Human Rights* and the other entitled *Dharma and Conscience*, a book on Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict. She has also published numerous articles on ethnic studies and the status of women.

PROGRAM

- 8:00 PM "MOTHERS OF THE DISAPPEARED"
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- 8:05 PM WELCOME
Mark Ensalaco, Director, Human Rights Program, University of Dayton
- 8:10 PM REFLECTIONS ON THE MINISTRY AND MARTYRDOM OF MONSIGNOR OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO
Christopher Duncan, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Dayton
- 8:30 PM ROMERO AWARD CITATION
• Margaret Karns, Professor of Political Science, University of Dayton
• Presentation of Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights.
Dr. Daniel Curran, President, University of Dayton
- 8:45 PM ROMERO ADDRESS
Dr. Radhika Coomaraswamy
- 9:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS
Mark Ensalaco