

*Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities and Peace and Justice Studies present the Fall 2011
Global Justice Lecture*

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“From Antiwar Politics to Anti-Torture Politics”

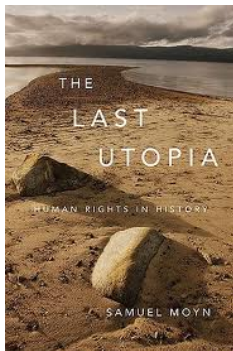
Monday, November 7

7:00PM-9:00PM

304 International Center

Open to the Public

Most of us believe that American respect for the laws of war was steadfast and sterling until 9/11 led to "pushing the envelope" against a pressing new threat. In a conservative counternarrative, wise American statesmen once did not have to face executive constraint in waging war, and now suffer from a web of new rules—the unprecedented legalization of warfare. Returning to the most flagrant episode of global American counterinsurgency, Vietnam unsettles both views. Until remarkably late in that war, atrocities were not the issue—the war itself was, and in fact consciousness of atrocities after My Lai became part of the effort to oppose the war. By contrast, post-9/11 wars have been fought in the absence of comparable generational unrest and political aspiration, and the intense focus on the laws of war like the Geneva Conventions is one byproduct of this shift.



“On *The Last Utopia*: Interdisciplinary Roundtable Discussion about the History of Human Rights”

Monday, November 7

1:00PM-2:30PM

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Discussants: Professors David Kim (German and Global Studies), Brandt Peterson (Anthropology), and Ronen Steinberg (History). Open to the public.

These events are co-sponsored by Jewish Studies, the Department of Linguistics and Languages, the Department of Philosophy, the Department of History, the Center for Integrative Studies, and the Center for International Studies. For more information, contact Professor David Kim at ddkim@msu.edu or Professor Beth Drexler at drexler@msu.edu.