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Renowned Legal Activist Will Discuss Pursuing the Cause of Human Rights

MAHWAH, N.J. – Reed Brody, Human Rights Counsel for Human Rights Watch, International Crimes Prosecutor and Investigator, will speak about “Human Rights and the Rule of Law,” on Monday, March 19 at 1 p.m. in the Anisfield School of Business (ASB 332) under the auspices of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and the Law and Society and Social Work programs of Ramapo College. The program is free and open to the public.

As counsel and spokesperson for Human Rights Watch, Brody is deeply involved in international litigation regarding “crimes against humanity.” He has worked in various high-profile cases, including those of Hissène Habré, Augusto Pinochet, and Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier. In addition, he has authored four Human Rights Watch reports on U.S. treatment of prisoners in the “war on terror,” and his work has been featured in various prominent news outlets.

Before joining Human Rights Watch, he led United Nations teams investigating massacres in the Democratic Republic of Congo and monitoring human rights in El Salvador, and he helped to prosecute human rights crimes in Haiti. He coordinated the International Commission of Jurists report “Tibet: Human Rights and the Rule of Law.” At the 1993 UN World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, he coordinated lobbying for 2,700 NGO representatives and helped negotiate the creation of the post of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Brody’s 1984 investigation uncovered atrocities by the U.S.-backed “contras” against Nicaraguan civilians and led to a halt in U.S. funding. His work has been profiled in the *New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Al-Jazeera*, the *National Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *El País*, *El Mundo*, and *El Periódico de Catalunya*. In January 2017, he was elected to the International Commission of Jurists. He is on the Advisory Board of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights. He has taught regularly on accountability for international crimes, including at Columbia Law School and the American University Washington College of Law.

For information or to request disability-related accommodations for this event, please contact holgen@ramapo.edu or call 201-684-7409.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.