

# Does Torture Prevention Work?

## Panel Discussion and Book Launch

17 October 2016, 6:00pm–7:00pm

ACLU National Headquarters, 125 Broad St. 19th Floor, New York

The first independent, in-depth global study of the impact of torture prevention measures, involving more than 20 researchers in 16 countries, gives important new insights into the most effective ways to reduce torture and ill-treatment.

The research shows that torture can be prevented, in particular by improving safeguards during the first hours of detention and by closing gaps between law and practice.

This joint, public event by Association for the Prevention of Torture, the Anti-Torture Initiative at Washington College of Law and the American Civil Liberties Union will be an opportunity to discuss the main findings of the research, as well as to explore their policy implications.

### Panel

Mr Jamil Dakwar, Director of the Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union (chair)

Dr Lisa Handley, Oxford Brookes University

Mr Juan Mendez, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture

Mr Mark Thomson, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture

### Q&A

Moderated by Mr Jamil Dakwar, Director of the Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union.

The panel will be followed by a short drinks reception from 7:00–8:00pm. Please RSVP at [preventtorture2016@gmail.com](mailto:preventtorture2016@gmail.com) with your full name and organization by Friday, October 14th.

