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“Testimony and the Cultural Politics of Human Rights”

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Anne Cubilié has worked in humanitarian and development policy at United Nations headquarters while maintaining a consistent interest in bridging the gap between academic research and the political and policy considerations of international aid. Women Witness Terror: Testimony and the Cultural Politics of Human Rights (2005) focuses on testimony by women survivors of war and human rights abuse through critical frameworks of ethics, trauma, and witnessing.

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The Human Rights Working Group promotes new understandings of human rights violations by examining the circulation and production of knowledge and by revealing obstacles and ethical challenges of representation. Participants explore the normative frameworks and the myriad forces that shape the formation of witnessing publics and the adoption of certain human rights issues and agenda setting in world politics. For further information, please contact Wendy Hesford (hesford.1@osu.edu)

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