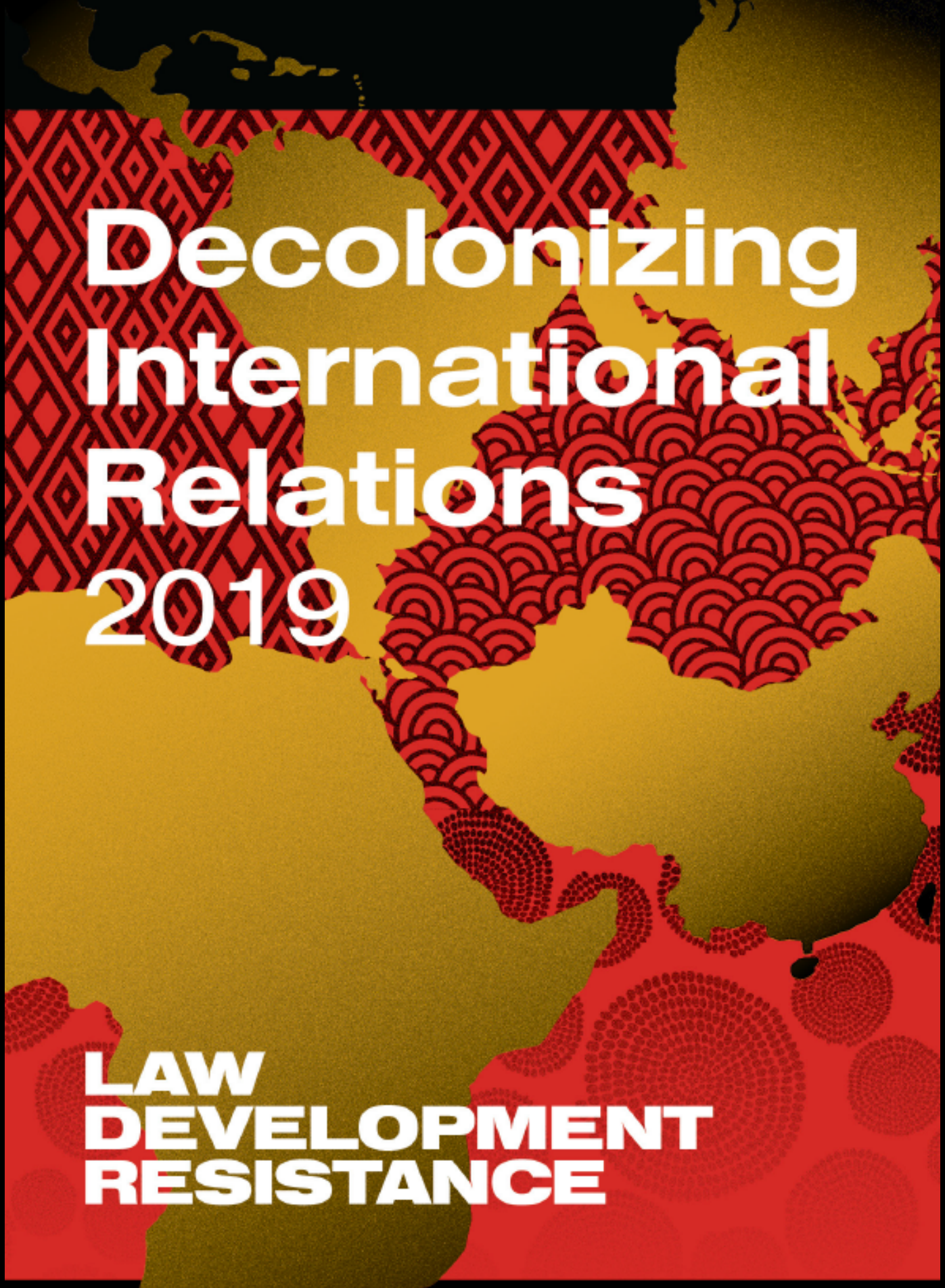

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9:15 - 9: 25 AM
OPENING REMARKS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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9:30 - 9:40 AM
WELCOME ADDRESS: DEAN RACHEL KYTE
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9:45 - 11:00 AM
PANEL 1: RE-EXAMINING THE FOUNDATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
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11:05 -11:20 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK HALL OF FLAGS

11:25 AM - 12:40 PM
ENGAGING PRACTITIONERS: WORKING SESSIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN PRACTICE ROOM 702
MOVEMENT METHODS ROOM 703
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE ASEAN AUDITORIUM

12:45 - 1:25 PM LUNCH HALL OF FLAGS

1:30 - 2:45 PM
PANEL 2: PEOPLE POWER, STRATEGIC NON-VIOLENCE BOTTOM UP APPROACHES
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2:50 - 3:05 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK HALL OF FLAGS

3:10- 4:25 PM
PANEL 3: MOVING BEYOND NORTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES
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4:25-4:35 PM BREAK HALL OF FLAGS

4:40 - 5:40 PM
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: DR. MAHMOOD MAMDANI
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5:45 - 6:00 PM
CLOSING REMARKS: DR. KIMBERLY THEIDON
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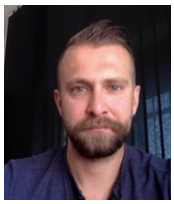

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WORKING SESSIONS: ENGAGING PRACTITIONERS

Scholars, practitioners and activists will be invited to share their experiences with conference participants in smaller, intimate, and more informal circles during the lunch period. These speakers will share their experiences pertaining to one of three focused issues:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN PRACTICE **ROOM 702**
Dr. Kwabena Kyei-Aboagye of Boston University will lead a discussion on environmental justice. He will bring in both local and international perspectives, from his work as a Massachusetts urban environmental program manager for the regional United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as his professional experience and research on environmental issues in Ghana.

MOVEMENT METHODS **ROOM 703**
Jeff Rousset and Amelia Pinal (Movimiento Cosecha) will present the methodologies of movement building. A Q&A will follow a 45 min presentation.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE **ASEAN AUDITORIUM**
Roundtable discussion and conversation with development aid designers/implementers, theorists and recipients.

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PEOPLE POWER: STRATEGIC NON-VIOLENCE BOTTOM UP APPROACHES

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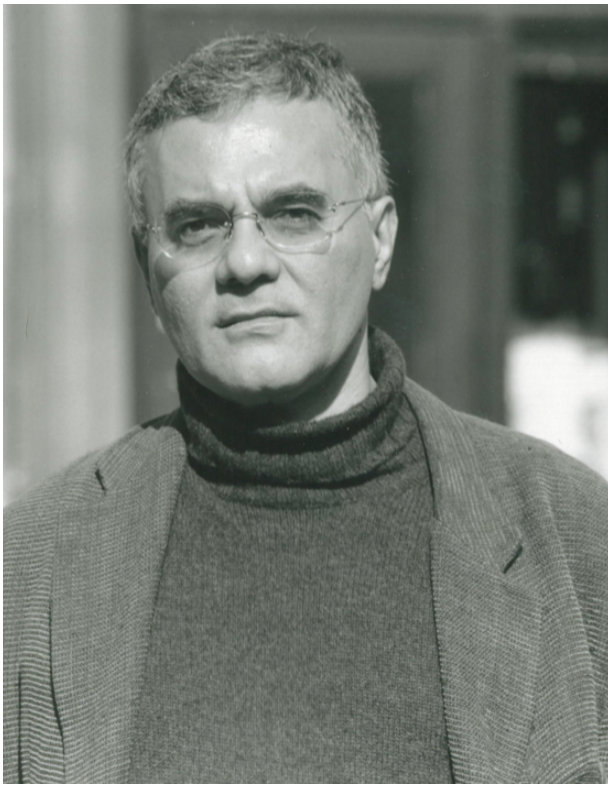

Mahmood Mamdani is the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1974 and specializes in the study of African history and politics. His works explore the intersection between politics and culture, a comparative study of colonialism since 1452, the history of civil war and genocide in Africa, the Cold War and the War on Terror, and the history and theory of human rights. Prior to joining the Columbia faculty, Mamdani was a professor at the University of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania (1973-79), Makerere University in Uganda (1980-1993), and the University of Cape Town (1996-1999).

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including being listed as one of the 'Top 20 Public Intellectuals' by Foreign Policy (US) and Prospect (UK) magazine in 2008. From 1998 to 2002 he served as President of CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa). His essays have appeared in the New Left Review and the London Review of books, among other journals.

He teaches courses on: major debates in the study of Africa; the modern state and the colonial subject; the Cold War and the Third World; the theory, history, and practice of human rights; and civil wars and the state in Africa.Mamdani's books include Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror (2009); Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War and the Roots of Terror (2004); When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and Genocide in Rwanda (2001); Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism (1996), which was awarded the Herskovitz Prize of the African Studies Association; Politics and Class Formation in Uganda(1976); From Citizen to Refugee(1973); and The Myth of Population Control: Family, Class and Caste in an Indian Village (1972).

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