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STUDENTS AND ACADEMICS IN DIALOGUE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND FORMER DETAINEES

*The Second Graz / Puerto Rico International Conference on Human Rights from an
Inter-American Perspective*

Approximately 150 participants from more than thirty different countries will gather for the academic conference '[Camps, Carceral Imaginaries, and Critical Interventions](#),' from May 30th to June 2nd of 2024 at the University of Graz in Austria. The conference is sponsored by the Center of Inter-American Studies at the University of Graz and the Department of English at the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras.

The interdisciplinary conference is a forum for the discussion of human rights and the use of camps as places of refuge, detention, and incarceration, as well as examples of resistance, protest, and struggle that have emerged in reaction to them. A wide variety of topics will be discussed, everything from history, ethics, art, and literature, to borders, migration policy, and educational projects within camps and prisons.

Among participants are scholars who are experts on camps and human rights as well artists, educators, and several former detainees who have written memoirs about their experiences at the US naval base at Guantánamo, Cuba, including Mohamedou Ould Slahi, author of the bestseller *Guantánamo Diary*. The keynote speaker for the opening ceremony is Behrouz Boochani. Author of *No Friend but the Mountains*, Boochani is a Kurdish writer and investigative journalist from Iran who was detained in Australia's offshore detention center, a site modeled after migrant camps built by the US at Guantánamo Bay, for approximately four years.

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