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**JASS cordially invites you to**

## **A Discussion on Women's Human Rights in Honduras**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

**9:30-11:00a.m.**

**JASS (Just Associates)**

**2040 S Street NW**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Washington, DC 20009**

Since the coup d'état on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Honduras, women have mobilized in the streets at great cost and in the face of violence to demand a return to constitutional order and the reinstatement of the democratically elected President. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, under international pressure, a political agreement was reached which would allow for the reinstatement of the ousted President and elections.

These three human rights advocates have come to the US to testify about the specific violations of women's rights in the context of the coup and its aftermath before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We invite you to listen to these powerful stories about the leadership and experience of women in this critical struggle for democracy and rule of law, and to explore how to strengthen our shared agendas and alliances for women's rights.

**Jessica Mariela Sanchez**, Honduran women's rights advocate and journalist, representing the national alliance of Honduran Feminists in Resistance; former Director of the Access to Justice Project of the Honduran Supreme Court, she is a legal rights researcher for UNIFEM, UNDP & ILO and the founder of the network, Women of Comitahual;

**Adelay Carias Reyes**, Lawyer and Sociologist with the Center for Women's Rights (Centro de los Derechos de la Mujer) in Honduras; she is a legal rights researcher, writer and advocate focusing on violence against women and reproductive rights in Honduras and Central America.

**Soraya Long** holds a doctorate in human rights and served as the Regional Director for the Center for Justice and International Rights (CEJIL) handling human rights cases in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. A Costa Rican lawyer, she served as a human rights expert on the August 2009 women's fact-finding delegation to investigate women's human rights violations in the aftermath of the Honduran coup co-organized by JASS.

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