This project established a network of practitioners, policymakers, and researchers brought together by a professional and/or scholarly interest in actively contributing to torture prohibition. The workshop, held in London in November 2017, aimed to offer cross-disciplinary insight on torture prohibition and to draw on the complementary strengths of the assembled participants spanning diverse sectors, organisations and disciplines.

The wide range of participants in the workshop combined analytical expertise on torture prohibition with deep substantive knowledge on specific domains, sectors, and developments at all levels.

**Outputs and Impacts**

After the workshop a report was published and disseminated – it is available to download on the Grand Challenge of Justice and Equality website. The workshop's report contains concrete proposals for input to and collaboration with the UK National Torture Prevention Mechanism established as part of the UK's international obligations under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

The new Network on the Prohibition of Torture hopes to hold future policy exchanges and launch a project on immigration detention.

The workshop and establishment of the Network created a brand new collaboration between UCL Laws, the Global Governance Institute and the Institute of the Americas.

One of the organisers and participants, UCL's Dr Par Engstrom said, “The Network and the workshop was genuinely cross-disciplinary in spirit and in action, and involved a wide variety of stakeholders as reflected in the report. The workshop and the Network launch would not have been possible without interaction across disciplinary boundaries and the active involvement of external partners.”

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