

**“Culture and Cutting:
Does Hymenoplasty Violate Human Rights?”**



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noon - 1:00 p.m.

**University of Houston Law Center
Hendricks Heritage Room (2nd Floor)
Seating is very limited.**

Please RSVP to healthlaw@uh.edu.

Lunch will be provided.

Alison Dundes Renteln is a Professor of Political Science, Anthropology, Law, and Public Policy at the University of Southern California where she teaches Law and Public Policy with an emphasis on comparative and international law. A graduate of Harvard (History and Literature), she has a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from the USC Gould School of Law. Her publications include *The Cultural Defense* (Oxford, 2004), *Folk Law* (University of Wisconsin, 1995), *Multicultural Jurisprudence* (Hart, 2009), and *Cultural Law* (Cambridge, 2010), and *Global Bioethics and Human Rights* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2014) and numerous articles. She has taught judges, lawyers, court interpreters, jury consultants, and police officers at meetings of the American Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, North American South Asian Bar Association, and the American Society of Trial Consultants. Renteln has also collaborated with the UN on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, lectured on comparative legal ethics in Bangkok and Manila at ABA-sponsored conferences, and served on California civil rights commissions and a California committee of Human Rights Watch. In Fall 2013 she was a Fellow at Stanford's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences where she conducted research on incentives for civic engagement including the legal duty to rescue. In Spring 2014 she was a Human Rights Fellow at the School of Advanced Study at the University of London. She gathered data on the use of images in human rights and humanitarian campaigns.

Professor Renteln is working with colleagues at USC to set up a Human Rights Center to sponsor collaborative research, bring speakers (human rights defenders, UN officials, and government officials) to campus and give students internship experiences abroad.