Mr. Peter Weiss of the Center for Constitutional Rights, recipient of this year’s Cox Price Human Rights Award, will be delivering a lunchtime keynote address on The Human Rights of the Underclass in 2015. Mr. Weiss spearheaded the litigation of the path-breaking *Filartiga* case which opened the doors in the US for bringing to justice perpetrators of grave human rights violations abroad.

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