

Tri-institute Lecture

26 November 2012, 5 – 7 pm,
Samuel Alexander Building, Arts Theatre.

Chaired by Professor Keith Brown, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities.
The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.

Humanitarian Intervention and US Foreign Policy: Why Libya? Why Not Syria?

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Thomas G. Weiss is Presidential Professor of Political Science at the CUNY Graduate Center and Director of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies. He directed the United Nations Intellectual History Project (1999-2010) and was President of the International Studies Association (2009-10), Chair of the Academic Council on the UN System (2006-9), editor of *Global Governance*, Research Director of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, Research Professor at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies, Executive Director of the Academic Council on the UN System and of the International Peace Academy, a member of the UN secretariat, and a consultant to several public and private agencies. He has authored or edited some 45 books and 200 articles and book chapters about multilateral approaches to international peace and security, humanitarian action, and sustainable development. His latest authored volumes are: *Humanitarianism Intervention: Ideas in Action* (2012); *What's Wrong with the United Nations and How to Fix It* (2012); *Thinking about Global Governance, Why People and Ideas Matter* (2011); *Humanitarianism Contested: Where Angels Fear to Tread* (2011); *Global Governance and the UN: An Unfinished Journey* (2010); and *UN Ideas That Changed the World* (2009).

