## Global Abolition of the Death Penalty:Contributors, Challenges, and Conundrums

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## The Speaker



Carol Steiker is the Henry J. Friendly Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Criminal Justice Policy Program at Harvard Law School. She specializes in the broad field of criminal justice, where her work ranges from substantive criminal law to criminal procedure to institutional design, with a special focus on capital punishment. She is the co-author (with her brother Jordan Steiker) of Courting Death: The Supreme Court and Capital Punishment, published by Harvard University Press in November, 2016. Her most recent book (co-edited with Jordan Steiker) is Comparative Capital Punishment Law, forthcoming from publisher Edward Elgar in 2019. Professor Steiker is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where she served as president of the Harvard Law Review, the second

woman to hold that position in its then 99-year history. After clerking for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court, she worked as a staff attorney for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she represented indigent defendants at all stages of the criminal process. In addition to her scholarly work, Professor Steiker has done pro bono work for indigent criminal defendants, including death penalty cases in the U.S. Supreme Court. She also has served as a consultant and expert witness on issues of criminal justice for non-profit organizations and has testified before Congress and state legislatures.