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Speaker, Round Table: Drug Trafficking and the death penalty



As Deputy Director of the Death Penalty Team, Maya Foa is responsible for running Repeive's Stop the Lethal Injection Project (SLIP) and Stop Aid For Executions project (SAFE) and supporting the Legal Director on Repeive's overall death penalty strategy and issue-specific investigations. Maya joined Repeive in October 2010. She began as a volunteer in the Death Penalty Team, researching the source of drugs due to be used in US executions. Her work on this issue led to a successful judicial review of the UK government's export policy in 2010, and developed into one of Repeive's most acclaimed projects, the Stop the Lethal Injection Project (SLIP), which has been running for two and a half years. Maya also runs the Stop Aid For Executions project (SAFE), which aims to prevent the death penalty for drug offences by encouraging the British and other European governments to put conditions on the financial and practical anti-narcotics aid such that it does not lead to executions for drug offences. Before joining Repeive, Maya worked as a writer, director and teacher in London, Paris and Rome. She studied French and Italian Literature at Magdalen College, Oxford, graduating with First Class Honours in 2008. While at Repeive, she studied Law part-time, graduating from BPP Law School with Distinction in 2012.