

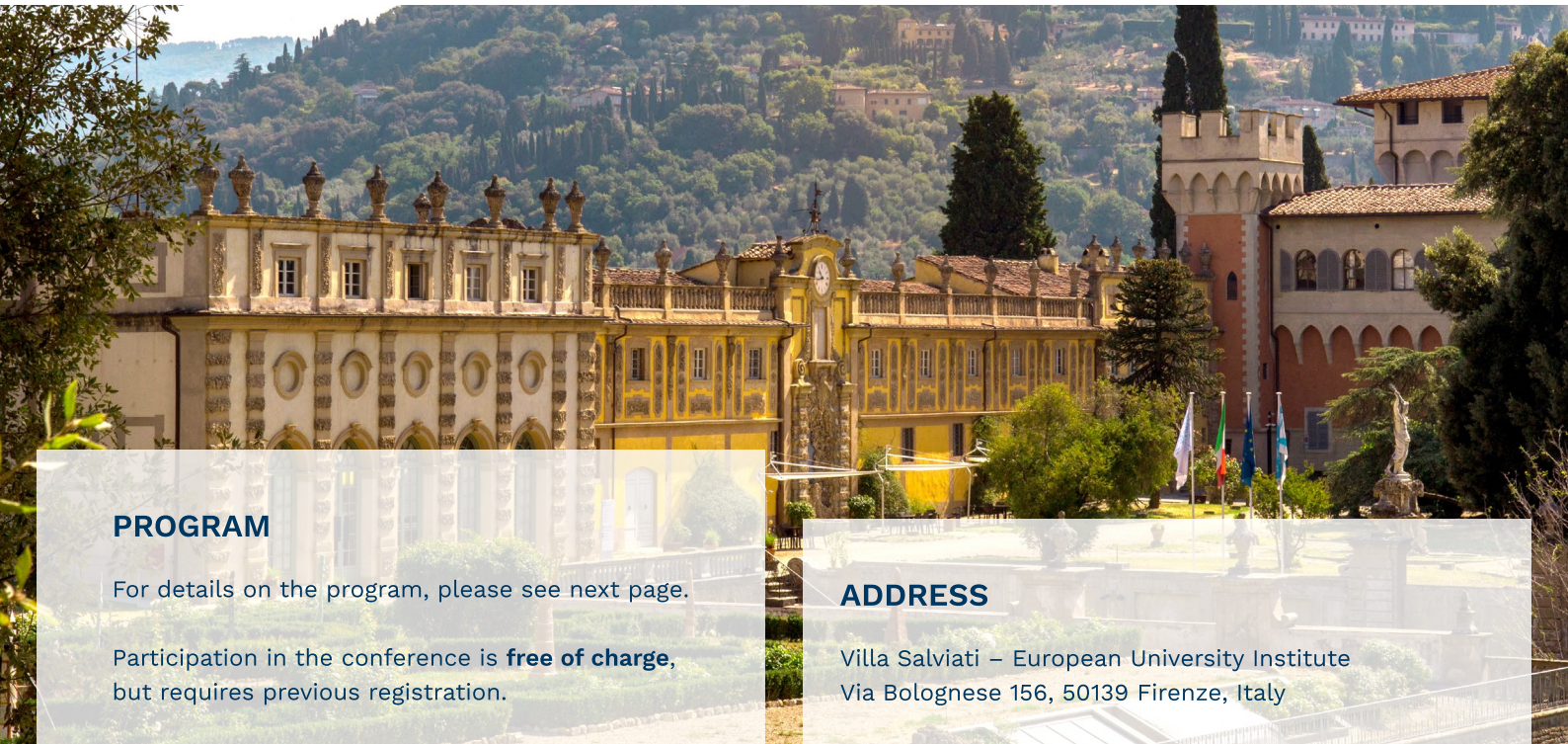
# Regional Human Rights Systems from a Comparative Perspective

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
12 – 13 December 2019

European University Institute, Florence  
Villa Salviati, Law Department



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## PROGRAM

For details on the program, please see next page.

Participation in the conference is **free of charge**, but requires previous registration.


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## Moderators

 **Neha Jain**  
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 **Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann**  
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The protection of human rights is not only a national and global, it is also a regional endeavor. However, despite human rights’ supposedly universal reach, there are still many problems within the different regional systems of protection, such as substantive protection gaps or weaknesses in enforceability. The conference addresses these problems by looking to regional human rights mechanisms with a view to detecting their respective strengths and weaknesses, and to identify lessons for the global system to be learned from regional ones, and for regional systems to learn from each other. In light of significant recent developments, both politically and legally, it appears to be high time to spark the debate on regional human rights systems again.

THURSDAY

12 December 2019

12:00 - 13:00

Welcome Lunch for organizers, speakers and moderators (Sala degli Stemmai)

13:00 - 13:15


Introduction Pierre Thielbörger (Sala del Consiglio)

13:15 - 14:45


**PANEL 1:** Universality vs. Particularity

GUIDING QUESTION


How do regional human rights systems manage the tension between the universality of human rights and the particularity of value systems & systems of government(s)?



**Christian Tomuschat**  
Interpretation of human rights in regional instruments: Moderation – but forceful defence of the basic foundations of human dignity



**Martin Scheinin**  
Universality vs. Particularity: the perspective of UN treaty bodies and regional human rights systems



**Mervat Rishmawi**  
Universality vs. Particularity: the perspective from the League of Arab States’ human rights system

Moderator: Neha Jain

14:45 - 15:00


Coffee Break (Sala della Conchiglia)

15:00 - 16:30


**PANEL 2:** New Rights and New Concepts

GUIDING QUESTION


Do judges establish new human rights or new concepts, e.g. relating to territoriality or essence, and how do they do so?



**Andreas von Arnould**  
New human rights in different regional human rights systems



**Pierre Thielbörger**  
A notion of ‘essence’ of human rights in regional human rights systems



**Alice Ollino**  
Recent developments on extraterritoriality in different regional human rights systems

Moderator: Urška Šadl

16:30 - 16:45


Coffee Break (Sala della Conchiglia)

16:45 - 18:15


**PANEL 3:** Populism

GUIDING QUESTION


How do regional courts respond to the populist wave in modern politics in their region, in particular how to they address challenges relating to lack of compliance?



**Mark Dawson**  
Coping with the ‘Populist Challenge’ to EU fundamental rights



**Tim Eicke**  
Populism from the point of view of the European Court of Human Rights



**Sabrina Ragone**  
Countering Populism and Non-Compliance: Approaches by the Inter-American human rights system

Moderator: Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann

20:00

Conference dinner for organizers, speakers and moderators

FRIDAY

13 December 2019

9:00 - 9:30


Coffee Break (Sala della Conchiglia)

9:30 - 11.30


**PANEL 4:** Vulnerable Groups

GUIDING QUESTION


How do the regional systems adapt to societal challenges relating to vulnerable groups, e.g., forced migration, environmental degradation, abuse of children or increasing homophobia?




**Frans Viljoen**  
LGBT rights in regional human rights systems with a focus on the African human rights system



**Lys Kulamadayil**  
Resource exploitation in different regional human rights systems



**Tamirace Fakhoury**  
Refugee law and politics in the Middle East: how legal and political refugee regimes clash



**Hans-Joachim Heintze**  
Children’s rights in different regional human rights systems

Moderator: Joanne Scott

11:30 - 11:45


Coffee Break (Sala della Conchiglia)

11:45 - 13:15


**PANEL 5:** Business and Finance

GUIDING QUESTION


Are there elements of horizontalization of human rights in regional systems, e.g. do judges hold other entities responsible apart from States (e.g. companies or financial institutions)?



**Michael Riegner**  
Business and human rights in the European, African and Inter-American human rights systems



**Eleni Frantziou**  
The horizontalization of human rights in the EU



**David Kinley**  
Finance and human rights: where the local is global

Moderator: Margot Salomon

13:15 - 13:30

Conclusion Pierre Thielbörger & Tamirace Fakhoury

13:30 - 14:30

Goodbye lunch for for organizers, speakers and moderators (Sala degli Stemmai)

From 14:30

Departure of participants



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