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REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEMS FROM A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

12 – 13 December 2019
European University Institute
Villa Salviati, Sala del Consiglio
Via Bolognese 156, Florence

■ PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019

- 12.00-13.00 Welcome Lunch for organizers, speakers and moderators (Sala degli Stemmi)
- 13.00-13.15 Introduction to Theme of Conference (Sala del Consiglio), **Pierre Thielbörger**
- 13.15-14.45 **Panel 1: How do regional human rights systems manage the tension between the universality of human rights and the particularity of value systems and systems of government(s)?**
- Christian Tomuschat** (Humboldt University; former member of the ILC and the HRC; President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the OSCE): *“Interpretation of human rights in regional instruments: Moderation – but forceful defence of the basic foundations of human dignity”*
- Martin Scheinin** (European University Institute; former member of the HRC and former UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism): *“Universality vs. Particularity: the perspective of UN treaty bodies and regional human rights systems”*
- Mervat Rishmawi** (Fellow at University of Essex and University of Nottingham; Former Legal Adviser to the Middle East and North Africa at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International): *“Universality vs. Particularity: the perspective from the League of Arab States' human rights system”*
- Moderator: **Neha Jain** (European University Institute)
- 14.45-15.00 *Coffee Break* (Sala della Conchiglia & Courtyard)

- 15.00- 16.30 **Panel 2: Do judges establish “new” human rights and/or extend existing rights or general concepts (e.g. relating to territoriality or rights-holders), and how do they do so?**
- Andreas von Arnould** (Kiel University, Executive Director of WSI): *“New human rights in different regional human rights systems”*
- Pierre Thielbörger** (Ruhr University Bochum, currently EUI; Executive Director of IFHV): *“A notion of ‘essence’ of human rights in regional human rights systems”*
- Alice Ollino** (University of Milano-Bicocca; Winner ESIL Young Scholar Prize 2019): *“Recent developments on extraterritoriality in different regional human rights system”*
- Moderator: **Urška Šadl** (European University Institute)
- 16.30-16.45 *Coffee Break* (Sala della Conchiglia & Courtyard)
- 16.45-18.15 **Panel 3: How do regional courts respond to the populist wave in modern politics in their region, in particular how to they address challenges relating to enforcement?**
- Mark Dawson** (Hertie School of Governance, currently EUI): *“Coping with the ‘Populist Challenge’ to EU fundamental rights”*
- Tim Eicke** (Judge at the European Court of Human Rights): *“Populism from the point of view of the ECtHR”*
- Sabrina Ragone** (University of Bologna): *“Countering Populism and Non-Compliance: Approaches by the Inter-American human rights system”*
- Moderator: **Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann** (European University Institute)
- 20.00 Conference dinner for organizers, speakers and moderators

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019

- 9.00-9.30 *Coffee Break* (Sala della Conchiglia & Courtyard)
- 9.30-11.30 **Panel 4: How do the regional systems adapt to societal challenges relating to vulnerable groups, e.g., forced migration, environmental degradation or increasing homophobia?**
- Frans Viljoen** (University of Pretoria; Director of Centre for Human Rights University of Pretoria): *“LGBT rights in regional human rights systems with a focus on the African human rights system”*
- Lys Kulamadayil** (Geneva Graduate Institute & German Foreign Ministry): *“Resource exploitation in different regional human rights systems”*
- Tamirace Fakhoury** (Lebanese American University): *“Refugee law and politics in the Middle East: how legal and political refugee regimes clash”*
- Hans-Joachim Heintze** (Ruhr University Bochum): *“Children’s rights in different regional human rights systems”*
- Moderator: **Joanne Scott** (European University Institute)
- 11.30-11.45 *Coffee Break* (Sala della Conchiglia & Courtyard)

- 11.45-13.15 **Panel 5: 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** (Humboldt University): *“Business and human rights in the European, African and Inter-American human rights systems”*
- Eleni Frantziou** (Durham University): *“The horizontalization of human rights in the EU system”*
- David Kinley** (University of Sydney): *“Finance and human rights: where the local is global”*
- Moderator: **Margot Salomon** (London School of Economics)
- 13.15-13.30 Conclusion of Conference: **Pierre Thielbörger** and **Tamirace Fakhoury**
- 13.30-14.30 Goodbye lunch for organizers, speakers and moderators (Sala degli Stemma)
- From 14.30 Departure of Participants

■ CONFIRMED SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

Andreas von Arnould	Kiel University
Mark Dawson	Hertie School of Governance & currently EUI
Tim Eicke	European Court of Human Rights
Tamirace Fakhoury	Lebanese American University
Eleni Frantziou	Durham University
Hans-Joachim Heintze	Ruhr University Bochum
Neha Jain	European University Institute
David Kinley	University of Sydney
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Alice Ollino	University of Milano-Bicocca
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Michael Riegner	Humboldt University
Mervat Rishmawi	University of Essex and University of Nottingham
Urška Šadl	European University Institute
Margot Salomon	London School of Economics
Martin Scheinin	European University Institute
Joanne Scott	European University Institute
Pierre Thielbörger	Ruhr University Bochum & currently EUI (Organizer)
Christian Tomuschat	Humboldt University
Frans Viljoen	University of Pretoria

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