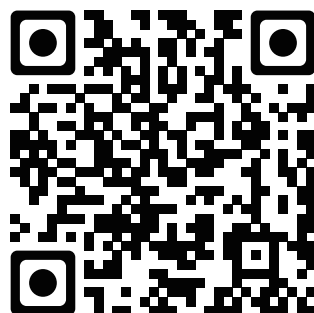


Programme

International Inter- and Transdisciplinary Conference

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75:
Rethinking and Constructing its Future Together

6-8 December 2023 - Ghent University, Belgium



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Introduction

Dear delegates, colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the programme of the first international inter- and transdisciplinary conference organised by the UGent Human Rights Research Network (HRRN) on the occasion of the **75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**.

The UDHR will be celebrated on 10 December 2023. Since its adoption, the Declaration has been read in multiple ways. Some have been inspired by it, others have found it wanting. At this conference, Ghent University wants to take stock and look forward, embracing a resolute engagement with human rights in their multiple contemporary dimensions.

This conference puts special emphasis on stepping out of our comfort or habitual zones and creating space for debating and learning from different perspectives. We have invited contributions from scholars, practitioners, right holders, policy makers, students and artists who cross or are willing to cross boundaries and build bridges between academic disciplines, theory and practice, and political action and artistic engagement. **Activists, policy makers, artists, and students** are participating **alongside** both emerging and established **academics**.

The conference is an initiative of the **UGent Human Rights Research Network (HRRN)**, which brings together researchers at Ghent University working on human rights in different disciplines. The network stimulates **interdisciplinary collaboration** and fosters the **societal impact** of academic research in close cooperation with stakeholders. At this conference, we reach out to those who wish to contribute to the collective reflection on and construction of human rights knowledge and praxis.

We see this event as a major opportunity to learn from one another and join forces, and as a big encounter from which you will return with new ideas, new friendships and new resolutions.

Looking forward to meeting you at the conference,

The scientific committee:

Prof. Eva Brems, Dr. Giselle Corradi, Prof. Stef Craps, Prof. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, Prof. Ellen Desmet, Prof. Tine Destrooper, Prof. Marijke D'Haese, Prof. Jan Orbie, Prof. Didier Reynaert, Prof. Christel Stalpaert, Prof. Geert Van Hove

The conveners of the thematic streams:

- (TS1) Climate Justice: Prof. An Cliquet, Prof. Stef Craps, Prof. Hendrik Schoukens
- (TS2) Decolonisation and Racial Justice: Prof. Jan Orbie, Dr. Cira Palli-Aspero
- (TS3) Realizing the Right to Food: Amber Steyaert, Prof. Joost Dessein, Prof. Carl Lachat
- (TS4) Digital Technologies and Human Rights: Prof. Eva Lievens, Dr. Darek Kloza, Dr. Ingrida Milkaite, Lien Stolle, Valerie Verdoodt, Iris Vanwyck
- (TS5) Migration and Human Rights: Prof. Ellen Desmet, Prof. Jinske Verhellen, Geertrui Daem, Prof. Ilse Ruysen, Prof. Katrijn Maryns, Dr. Justine Feyereisen
- (TS6) The Politics of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights: Prof. Ines Keygnaert, Emilie Peeters, Prof. Pieter Cannoot
- (TS7) Current Themes in the Analysis of Human Rights: Dr. Alina Cherviatsova, Dr. Giselle Corradi, Dr. Gustavo Prieto
- (TS8) Human Rights, Truth and Power: Prof. Emiliano Acosta, Prof. Berber Bevernage, Prof. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, Prof. Gertrudis van de Vijver
- (TS9) Human Rights Knowledge Through Experience: Prof. Didier Reynaert, Prof. Geert Van Hove, Prof. Marijke D'Haese
- (TS10) Multi-layered Human Rights Protection in Europe: Prof. Inge Govaere, Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege, Dr. Joyce De Coninck
- (TS11) Human Rights and Accountability: Prof. Tine Destrooper, Prof. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour
- (TS12) Data, Methods and Methodology in Human Rights Research: Prof. Tine Destrooper, Dr. Gustavo Prieto, Elke Evrard, Sofie Verclyte

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Kristien Ballegeer, Dr. Guido Bartolini, Magali Carel, Dr. Alina Cherviatsova, Sabine Dekie, Martine Dewulf, Elke Evrard, Nathan Herrebosch, Brigitte Herremans, Dr. Gustavo Prieto, Wannes Slosse, Tiny Vandoorne, Kristien Van Ingelgem, Emma Várnagy and Sofie Verclyte.

This conference is organized with the support of:

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Important information

Wednesday 6 December

Welcome events

The conference program starts on Wednesday 6 December 2023 with several welcome events between 11:00 and 17:00 for which separate - free of charge - enrolment is required through [this link](#).

Start registration

Conference registration starts on Wednesday 6 December 2023 from 17:00 to 17:30 at the entrance hall of the AULA Complex, Voldersstraat 9, Ghent, where the opening ceremony takes place.

Separate enrolment for opening ceremony

We kindly request delegates to register their attendance at the opening ceremony and welcome reception through [this link](#).

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 December 2023

Conference venue

Most conference activities on 7 and 8 December 2023 take place at the Ghent International Convention Centre ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent.

[In this plan of the venue](#) per floor you will be able to locate the rooms where the sessions are scheduled.

Theater play

The theatre play The Nearest Beach is scheduled as the second plenary session on Thursday 7 December 2023 from 19:45 to 21:30. The performance and interview with the directors, dramaturge and actors takes place at the cultural centre De Centrale, in Turbine room, Kraankinderstraat 2, Ghent.

Separate - free of charge - enrolment is required for this activity through [this link](#). Delegates are welcome to enrol with a companion.

Farewell event

On Friday 8 December 2023 at 20:00 delegates are welcome to attend with a companion the screening of the documentary De Jongens van Vila Cruzeiro (60' – English subtitles) as 'farewell event'. The screening takes place at Sphinx Cinema, Sint-Michielsdelling 3, Ghent.

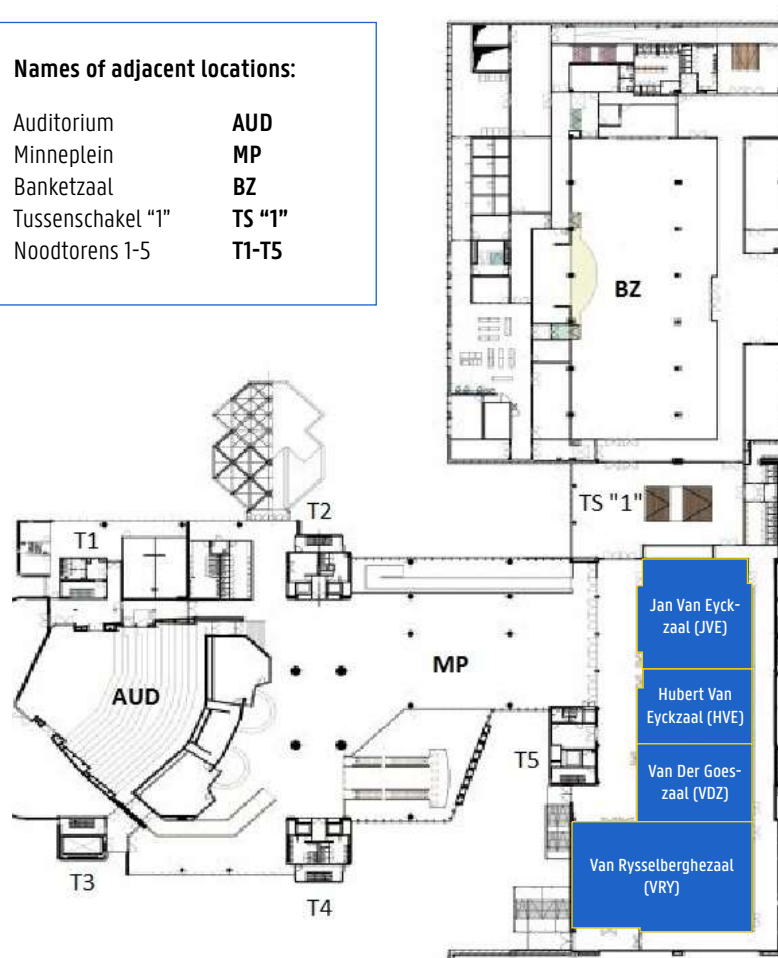
Separate - free of charge - enrolment is required for this activity through [this link](#).

FLOOR PLAN GHENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (ICC)

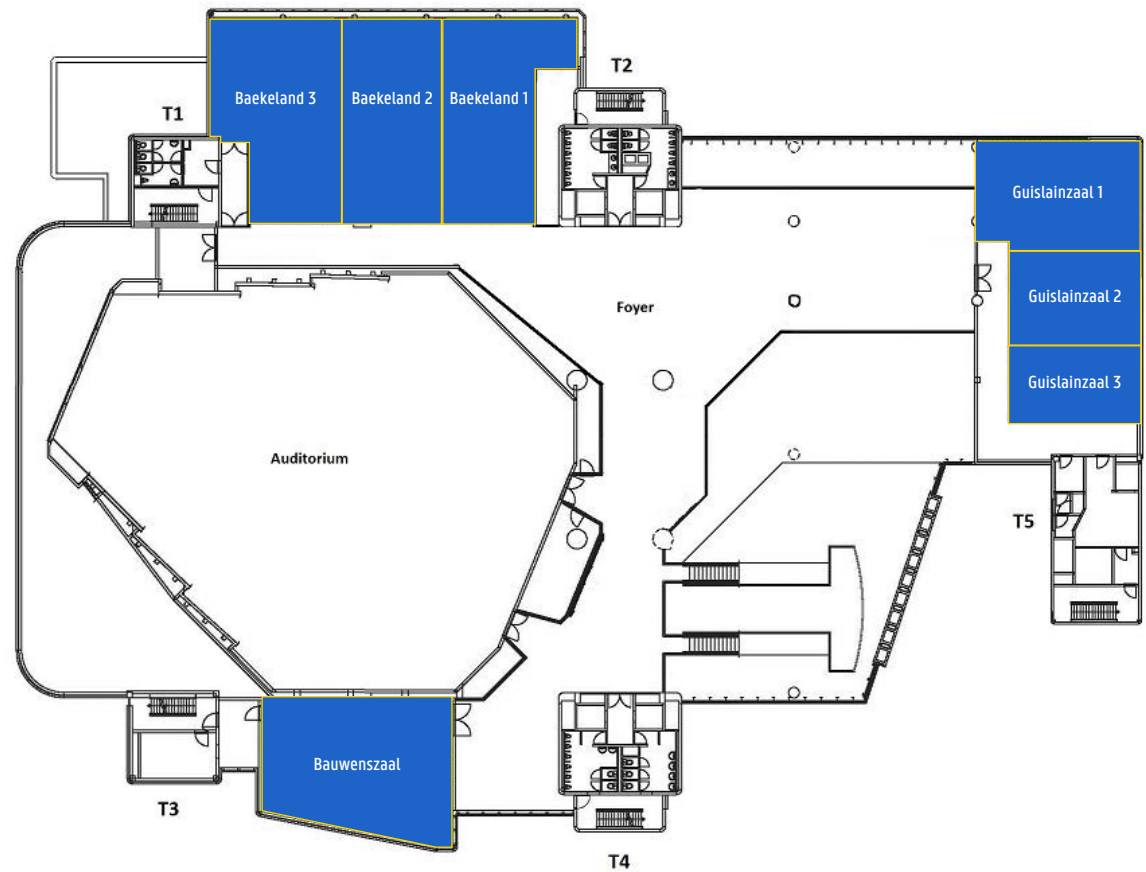
1st floor, next to Minneplein

Names of adjacent locations:

Auditorium	AUD
Minneplein	MP
Banketzaal	BZ
Tussenschakel "1"	TS "1"
Noodtorens 1-5	T1-T5



2nd floor



ICONS PER TYPE OF ACTIVITY

The icons indicate the type of conference activity:



Panel: Session of three to five paper presentations showcasing original research on a particular theme.



Roundtable discussion: Session in which a topic and a few key related questions are presented for an exchange of ideas and experiences among the participants. These discussions involve expert invited speakers.



Walking session: Session to exchange ideas about a certain question with colleagues from several disciplines while taking a walk. The convener gets 5 minutes to present a challenge or idea, ending with a question. The participants then figure out an answer while taking a walk.



Artistic expression: Display of an artistic contribution in relation to human rights. The precise location within the venue where the contribution is displayed is indicated in the programme of the thematic streams.



Student work: Activities organised by and/or with students.



Posters and poster session: Posters are displayed throughout the conference on 7 and 8 December at the Foyer, 2nd Floor, per thematic stream. They provide a clear visual overview of insights into a certain topic. During the lunch break on Friday 8 December, a poster session takes place. Poster presenters stand by their poster and engage in conversations with interested delegates.



Lunch events: Optional activities organised during part of a lunch break. No food is allowed in the break-out rooms.



Event co-organised in collaboration with the Team International Solidarity of the City of Ghent.

Click on the title to find out more about each activity

From-to

Wednesday 6 December 2023

11:00



Roundtable discussion: Crossing the Planetary Boundaries: A View from the Business and Human Rights Framework and Global Environmental Justice

[Register via this link](#)

12:30

14:00



Walk through Ghent: Stories and Social Significance of Human Rights Monuments

[Register via this link](#)

13:30



With
ghent:

A **Walk** along the (De)colonial Heritage of Ghent by Labo VZW

[Register via this link](#)



With
ghent:

Walk: A Ghent Tale of Trade & Rights

[Register via this link](#)

13:15



Panel discussion of the Interuniversity Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV)

[Register via this link](#)

14:45

15:00



Panel discussion: Human Rights, Accountability and International Cooperation

[Register via this link](#)

16:30

17:00

17:00

Registration

17:30-19:00






































Opening ceremony

[Register via this link](#)




























19:00-20:00

Welcome reception

Click on the title to find out more about each session

From-to	Thursday 7 December 2023 (Ghent ICC)										
8:30-9:00	Registration and coffee										
9:00-10:00	Plenary session 1: Keynote speech by Prof. Olivier De Schutter: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: A New Compass for Well-Being										
10:00-10:30	Coffee break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)										
10:30-12:00	 Film screening: Duty of Care	 Panel: Colonial Legacies in Human Rights	 Panel: Freedom of Expression and Thought	 Panel: Migration Laws and Policies in and beyond Europe	 Panel: Linguistic Human Rights: how Language shapes the Social Realities of Migrants	 Panel: Inclusive SRHR Policies	 Panel: Getting to which Truth?	 Panel: Affirming Difference in inclusive Education	 Panel: Multi-layered Human Rights Protection in Europe	 Panel: Accountability and Cultural Production	 Walking session: Gender-Transformative Remediation to end Corporate Violence against Women
12:00-13:00	Lunch break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)										 Lunch session (12:15-13:00): Special Issue Launch
13:00-14:30	 Panel: Literature, Art and Climate Justice	 Panel: Imagining Conciliation: Pathways to Truth and Accountability in the American Context	 Panel: Artificial Intelligence	 Panel: Vulnerabilities and Technology	 Panel: Migrant Rights at the European Court of Human Rights	 Panel: Health and Psychosocial Well- being of Migrants	 Roundtable discussion: Abortion as a Human Right	 Panel: Empowering (the) Truth	 Panel: Human Rights and Experiential Knowledge in Care and Support	 Roundtable dscussion: Accountability and Human Rights: The Many Definitions and Dimensions	
14:30-15:00	Coffee break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)										
15:00-16:30	 Panel: Climate Litigation	 Panel: Postcolonial Human Rights through Cultural Expressions	 Panel: Deepfake & Cyberviolence	 Panel: Pushing the interpretation of Legal Concepts towards more Inclusive Migrant Rights	 Panel: Identity, Nationality and Statelessness	 Panel: The Politics and the Semantics of Human Rights through the Lens of Abortion Debates	 Roundtable discussion: Ten Years of Clinical Legal Education	 Panel: Victims as Drivers of Truth – as well as of Reparation	 Roundtable discussion: Inclusive Arts-Based Action Research: Imagining Disability Justice	 Panel: Human Rights and Accountability: an Institutional Perspective	 Roundtable discussion: Inclusive Arts-Based Action Research: Imagining Disability Justice
19:45-21:30	 Plenary session 2: Theatre performance: The Nearest Beach Register via this link										

Click on the title to find out more about each session

From-to	Friday 8 December 2023 (Ghent ICC)												
8:30-9:00	Registration												
09:00-10:30	 Panel: Perspectives on Climate Justice from the Global South	 Roundtable discussion: Trauma-Informed Truth Telling and Reflexive Conversations for Decolonisation and Racial Justice to Take Roots	 Panel: Food for All: Bridging Gaps in Inclusive Food Systems	 Panel: Children's Rights	⋮	 Panel: Technology in the Courtroom	 Panel: Categorisation of Migrants and Differential Access to Rights	 Panel: Addressing Global Challenges through Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Peace, Justice and Development	 Panel: Multiperspectivism in Truth-seeking	 Panel: Harm, Human Rights and Accountability	 Panel: Fostering Creative Engagement: Methodological innovation in Research with Vulnerable Groups		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)												
11:00-12:30	 Panel: Climate Change and Security	 Roundtable discussion: Decolonizing our Universities? Pluralizing Knowledge Approaches in Research and Teaching	 Panel: Nourishing Communities: Upholding the Right to Food	 Roundtable discussion: Revisiting the (Artificial) Right to Effective Remedy in a Digitized World	⋮	 Walking session: Children's Rights in the Digital World	 Panel: Empowering Voices: the Struggle of Migrant Women and Undocumented Migrants	 Panel: Addressing Global Challenges to Human Rights	⋮	 Panel: Critical Approaches to Human Rights and their Foundations	 Presentation and discussion of the Exhibition Intangible Proof	 Panel: Human Rights and Accountability in Action	 Roundtable discussion: Decolonizing our Universities? Pluralizing Knowledge Approaches in Research and Teaching
12:30-13:30	<div>Posters sessions (12:45-13u25) @Foyer (2nd floor)</div> <div>Lunch break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)</div>												
13:30-14:30	 Plenary session 3: Keynote speech by Prof. Adania Shibli: Silence through Literature & conversation with Brigitte Herremans												
14:30-15:00	Coffee break  Minnenplein, 1st floor (MP)												
15:00-16:00	Plenary session 4: Keynote speech by Dr. Agnès Callamard: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Reimagining Human Rights Protection for a World in Turmoil												
16:00-16:15	Conference closing on behalf of the HRRN: Closing remarks by Prof. Ellen Desmet, Co-chair HRRN												
20:00-21:00	<div>Farewell event: Film screening: De Jongens van Vila Cruzeiro (60'), English subtitles Register via this link</div>												

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Opening and closing events

WELCOME EVENTS

Wednesday 6 December

Roundtable discussion - Crossing the Planetary Boundaries: A View from the Business and Human Rights Framework and Global Environmental Justice (11:00-12:30)

Speakers:

Lotte Hoex , IPIS, International Peace Information Service

Stefaan Smis, Free University of Brussels

Babs Verhoeve, Stop Ecocide- Nederland

Boris Verbrugge, Hiva, KU Leuven and Universiteit Gent

Karlijn Van den Broeck, Catapa

Sarah Katz-Levigne, IOB UAntwerpen

Wies Willems, Broederlijk Delen

Moderator and organiser: Liliana Lizarazo Rodriguez, PI ERC Curiae Virides research project, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

 *Location: Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Voldersstraat 3 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

Panel discussion of the Interuniversity Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV) (13:15-14:45)

13:15-13:25

Welcome and introduction by Wouter Vandenhoele, University of Antwerp

13:25-13:50

Governing Public Goods through Multistakeholder Partnerships: Human Rights Accountability and beyond, presentation by Gamze Erdem Türkelli, University of Antwerp

13:50-14:00

Reflections by Stefaan Smis, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

14:00-14:45

Q&A and discussion

Moderator: Wouter Vandenhoele

 *Location: Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Voldersstraat 3 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

A Walk along the (De)colonial Heritage of Ghent by Labo VZW (13:30-16:30)

You will discover and think about the forgotten stories hidden behind street names, buildings and monuments

Organiser: HRRN in collaboration with the Team International Solidarity of the City of Ghent

 *Meeting point: Main entrance Library De Krook, Miriam Makeba Square, Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

A Ghent Tale of Trade & Rights (13:30-16:30)

Guide and contact person: Alberto Vázquez Ruiz

Organiser: Team International Solidarity of the City of Ghent

 *Meeting point: Stairs of the AULA Building, Voldersstraat 9, Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

Walk through Ghent - Stories and Social Significance of Human Rights Monuments (14:00-16u30)

Organisers: Amnesty International Gent, Amsab Institute of Social History

Guide and contact person: Gert Verdonck

 *Meeting point: Kouter Square, Giant Mystic Leaf, Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

Panel discussion - Human Rights, Accountability and International Cooperation (15:00-17:00)

15:00-15:10

Welcome and introduction by Vincent Eechaudt, Research Policy Advisor Ghent University and member of the VLIR Working Group on Human Rights

15:10-15:40

Human rights in Times of Geopolitical Turmoil: the Argument for a Principled and Pragmatic Approach, keynote speech by Caroline Gennez, Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy

15:40-16:10

The Human Rights Policy of VLIR-UOS: Background, Challenges and Solutions, presentation by Kristien Verbruggen, Director VLIR-UOS

16:10-16:30

Human Rights Policies at Universities: The Experiences of the VLIR Working Group on Human Rights, presentation by Sarah Claes, University of Antwerp & Nynke Salverda, KU Leuven

16:30-17:00

Q&A and discussion, moderated by Vincent Eechaudt

 *Location: Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Voldersstraat 3 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday 6 December

Start registration (17:00-17:30)

 *Location: Entrance hall, Voldersstraat 9 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

Opening ceremony (17:30-19:00)

17:30-17:50

Conference opening on behalf of the HRRN, introductions by Prof. Tine Destrooper, Cochair HRRN, and Dr. Giselle Corradi, Coordinator HRRN

17:50-18:00

Welcome by Prof. Mieke Van Herreweghe, Vice-rector, Ghent University

18:00-18:15

Human Rights are the Cornerstone of our Democracy, keynote speech by the Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo

18:15-19:00

Taking off our blinders: we really do not all see human rights in the same way!, keynote speech by Prof. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, Ghent University

 *Location: Ceremony room, Voldersstraat 9 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

Welcome reception (19:00-20:00)

 *Location: Peristilium, Voldersstraat 9 (Campus Aula), Ghent*

CLOSING EVENTS

Friday 8 December

Conference closing on behalf of the HRRN (16:00-16:15)

Closing remarks by Prof. Ellen Desmet, Co-chair HRRN

 *Location: Auditorium, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Farewell event (20:00-21:00)

Film screening: De Jongens van Vila Cruzeiro (60'), English subtitles

 *Location: Sphinx Cinema, Sint-Michielsdelling 3, Ghent*

[Register via this link](#)

Plenary sessions

Thursday 7 December

Plenary session 1 (9:00-10:00)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: A New Compass for Well-Being, keynote speech by Prof. Olivier De Schutter, Université Catholique de Louvain

 *Location: Auditorium, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Plenary session 2 (19:45-21:30)

Theater play: The Nearest Beach

A day at a beach. A wooden bench at a bus stop. Several beach visitors return home after a hot day. While waiting for the next bus, they tell each other stories about their day at the beach. Their light and fun conversations seem to revolve around sun, sea, and love. Yet, silent, against the backdrop of the shore, another discussion looms in the room.

This bus stop is the starting point of the performance "The Nearest Beach", the culmination of a participatory theatre project with nine Ukrainian students. For several months in 2023, nine Ukrainian students met weekly in a rehearsal space in Belgium. Supported by a team of theatre makers, one Belgian and one Ukrainian, the students collaborated to create scenes, images and texts - aware of the past, set in the present with a glance at the future.

(In English and Ukrainian language)

A performance created and performed by Dariia Blyznyuk, Karyna Bredun, Tetyana Dytyna, Anton Hebdoyskyi, Svitlana Karmazyn, Anhelina Kovach, Anastasiia Kovalenko, Mariana Myrosh and Marharyta Shamshurina

Direction: Nele Vereecken & Roza Sarkisian, research and dramaturgy: Sofie de Smet, direction-assistance: Yulia Ostrohliad, intern play & direction: Lina Ghys

Programme:

19h45 Doors open

20h00 Performance: The Nearest Beach

21h00 Interview with the director and the actors

21h20 Q&A with the audience

21h30 Closing

There is an optional guided walk to De Centrale. The departure is at 19:00 and you can start from meeting point 1 (Kouter, Giant Mystic Leaf) or meeting point 2 (square Korenmarkt, stairs of the old post building).

 *Location: Turbinezaal, Cultural Centre De Centrale, Kraankinderenstraat 2, Ghent*

Friday 8 December

Plenary session 3 (13:30-14:30)

Silence through Literature, keynote speech by Prof. Adania Shibli, Birzeit University, Palestine

Followed by a conversation with Brigitte Herremans exploring how literature can be shaped by injustices and resistance to them

 *Location: Auditorium, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Plenary session 4 (15:00-16:00)

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Reimagining Human Rights Protection for a World in Turmoil, keynote speech by Dr. Agnès Callamard, Secretary General Amnesty International

 *Location: Auditorium, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Climate Justice (TS1)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: An Cliquet, Stef Craps, Hendrik Schoukens

The concept of climate justice points to the fact that there are major inequalities in the global distribution of responsibility for and vulnerability to climate change. Those communities and individuals least responsible for climate change tend to be hit the hardest by its effects, while those most responsible perpetuate or even exacerbate existing inequities. In recent years, youth activists worldwide have added an intergenerational dimension to calls to address this wrong. They have adopted the vocabulary of climate justice to express their anger over the fact that young people and unborn future generations will be disproportionately negatively impacted by the climate crisis.

Global and intergenerational injustices around climate change are being vigorously exposed in the streets as well as in courts and tribunals around the world. A laboratory for both lawyers and judges, climate litigation frequently involves the invocation of human rights, with both states and non-state actors being sued for violating plaintiffs' human rights (e.g. the right to life, food, health, housing, and an adequate standard of living).

This stream explores climate justice as a concept, a principle, a demand and a practice that are often informed by and intersect with human rights discourses.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- What is the conceptual link between climate justice and human rights?
- What are the causes and consequences of the human rights turn in climate litigation? Does this shift entail any risks, for instance when different rights come into conflict?
- Do we not need to go beyond the 'human' in human rights when considering climate justice? Does the human-centred outlook of the UDHR and other human rights treaties and institutions limit their relevance and effectiveness in meeting the challenges posed by a warming planet? What about the interests of non-human entities that are also threatened by climate change?
- Does pursuing climate justice require attributing intrinsic value to the natural world? How is this intrinsic value to be determined? Is there room for this within a human rights paradigm?
- What are the conceptual and legal bases for the protection of the rights of future generations in the context of the adverse effects of climate change? What moral obligations do current generations have towards future generations in addressing the threat of climate change? (How) are such obligations enshrined in human rights instruments, and how should they be?
- Who or what are to be considered legitimate targets of climate litigation, besides governments and private energy companies?
- What contribution can the arts make to the climate justice conversation?
- Can and should academics promote climate justice? What responsibilities do academics have in the face of the climate crisis and the inequities it intensifies?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1 - Film screening: Duty of Care (10:30-12:00)

Film screening: Duty of Care (60')

Discussion with Nic Balthazar, Director (30')

Chair: Hendrik Schoukens

 *Location: Auditorium, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Literature, Art and Climate Justice (13:00-14:30)

The 'Wind Whispers' Project: The Interface of Law and Art in Representing Children's Voices for Climate Justice, paper presentation by Kata Dozsa & Eszter Sziksz

Environmental Justice Narratives: Writing Human Rights Violations in the Hidden Experiences of Environmentally Dispossessed Communities, paper presentation by Teresa Botelho

Decolonizing the Imagination and Redistributing Justice in Solarpunk Representations of an Equitable Future, paper presentation by Katarzyna Wieckowska

Chair: Stef Craps

 *Location: Bauwens Room 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Climate Litigation (15:00-16:30)

We Are All Victims: Challenges in Human Rights-Based Climate Change Litigation, paper presentation by Ling Ling Li

'Convincing' Scientific Evidence: How Do Judges Distinguish between 'Good' and 'Bad' Climate Science?, paper presentation by Nele Schuldt

Liability and Climate Litigation, paper presentation by Maria Luisa Scognamiglio

The Rights of Future Generations in Climate Litigation: A View from Finland, paper presentation by Anu Mutanen

Chair: Hendrik Schoukens

 *Location: Bauwens Room 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 4: Panel - Perspectives on Climate Justice from the Global South (9:00-10:30)

The Rights of Future Generations from the Perspective of Sustainable Wellbeing, paper presentation by Jhoner Perdomo

'Home-Tree': Rethinking the Right to Housing under an Ecocentric Perspective, paper presentation by Ludovica Bargellini & Giorgia Pane

Boosting Resilience in the Fight against Climate Change? A Post-Development Deconstruction of the EU's Approach to Climate Resilience in the South Caucasus and Central Asia, paper presentation by Fabienne Bossuyt

Climate Change and the Modern Slavery Conundrum in Africa: Reimagining the Relevance of Human Rights Law, paper presentation by Daniel Ogunniyi

Climate Justice and Human Rights in Extractive Industries: Exploring the Initiatives of Non-State Actors in Averting Climate Injustices and Human Rights Violations in the Albertine Graben, Uganda, paper presentation by Estellina Namutebi

Chair: An Cliquet

 *Location: Bauwens Room 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 5: Panel - Climate Change and Security (11:00-12:30)

Advancing Sexual Reproductive Rights in the Context of Climate Change: Mitigating the HIV/AIDS Crisis through Effective Interventions, paper presentation by Christabel Eboso

Framing Women's rights to Water Using the Rights-Based Approach: change presenters to Bonita Sharma, Rachel Fisher Ingraham and Eusebius Small

Repairing Climate Loss and Damage and the Duty to Cooperate in International Law, paper presentation by Gamze Erdem Türkelli & Deborah Casalin

Chair: An Cliquet

 *Location: Bauwens Room 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Decolonial and Racial Justice (TS2)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Jan Orbie, Cira Palli-Aspero

When the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948, many people and communities in the world still lived under colonial rule. While subsequent decades have witnessed the formal decolonisation of many countries in the Global South, it is widely acknowledged that the legacies of colonialism have persisted until today in the form, for example, of social and racial injustice and structural inequalities. The relationship between human rights and decolonisation remains complex, ambiguous and in some cases highly contested. For instance, while human rights have often been instrumentally used to justify (neo)colonial agendas, they have also inspired the oppressed to resist against the abuses of power, for instance the Black Lives Matter movement.

This stream analyses how notions of human rights and (de)colonisation interconnect. It examines how, when and by whom the relationship between human rights and (de)colonisation has taken place and has been conceptualised. Our starting point is a critical and inclusive approach to the universality of human rights. We acknowledge that colonial histories lie at the basis of epistemic and material inequalities that inform hegemonic human rights knowledge and practice. At the same time, we recognise the emancipatory potential and evolving nature of human rights. This raises questions about human rights and decolonisation that need to be addressed from a multiplicity of perspectives and form different dimensions (e.g., institutional, geopolitical, material decolonisation, or decolonisation of the mind, among others).

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- What are the conceptual, practical, empirical, historical and other links between human rights and decolonisation?
- How can the ontologies and epistemologies that underpin human rights become more plural?
- How and when are/can/should human rights (be) invoked in decolonisation processes?
- How are decolonisation processes contributing to the construction of human rights norms, discourse and practice?
- What are the responsibilities of scholars and civil society organisations in decolonisation processes? What is the role of human rights in this?
- What modes of engaged scholarship, policy advocacy and activism are possible and desirable?
- What is the impact (if any) of the digital revolution on decolonisation processes?
- How can/should educational processes contribute to/challenge the reproduction of colonial structures? What is the role of human rights in this?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Colonial Legacies in Human Rights (10:30-12:00)

New Dogs, Old Tricks: The Echoes of Colonialism in State Resistance to Minority Rights Protection, paper presentation by Liliya Alijeva

(Il)legal Peoples: "French" Guiana's Indigenous Peoples in Pursuit of Legal Recognition in Egalitarian France, paper presentation by Pierre Auzeau

Addressing Decolonialism in the European Court of Human Rights, paper presentation by Charlotte Skeet

'Protection' and international refugee law in a postcolonial world paper presentation by Ruben Wissing

Chair: Cira Palli-Aspero / Jan Orbie

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Imagining Conciliation: Pathways to Truth and Accountability in the American Context (13:00-14:30)

Global to Local and Back: Building a Truth Telling, Reparations, and Restorative Justice Movement in the United States, paper presentation by Thalia González

Building a Thriving America for All Through Transitional, Restorative and Transformative Justice, paper presentation by Inga N. Laurent

Disability Justice and Reparations, paper presentation by Jamelia Natasha Morgan

Why Tense Matters – Historicized Injustice in America, paper presentation by Kelsey Kamitomo

Chair: Dr. Linda Steele

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Postcolonial Human Rights through Cultural Expressions (15:00-16:30)

Reading Homegoing, Thinking About Rights, Race, and Kinship, paper presentation by Esra Demir-Gürsel and Kelli Moore

Wearing the gákti Inside Out: Indigenous Protest as a Manifestation of the Right to Culture, paper presentation by Carola Lingaas

'What will set yuh free is money': Sex Work, Debt and Postcolonial Human Rights in Here Comes the Sun, paper presentation by Charlotte Spear

The Connection Between Decolonization and Human Rights Through the Lens of Colonial-Era Heritage, paper presentation by Vanessa Tünsmeier

Concrete Utopia, Human Rights and Postcolonial Literature, paper presentation by Justine Feyereisen

Chair: Cira Palli-Aspero / Jan Orbie

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 4: Roundtable discussion - Trauma-Informed Truth Telling and Reflexive Conversations for Decolonisation and Racial Justice to Take Roots (9:00-10:30)

Speakers:

Navanita Bhattacharya, Director of the Inclusion, Justice and Transformation Practice at Tetra Tech International Development

Amy Gildea, Managing Director of Tetra Tech International Development

Grant Sarra, Managing Director, Grant Sarra Consultancy Service

Moderator: Navanita Bhattacharya, Director of the Inclusion, Justice and Transformation Practice at Tetra Tech International Development

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 5: Roundtable discussion - Decolonizing our Universities? Pluralizing Knowledge Approaches in Research and Teaching (11:00-12:30)

Speakers:

Arno Van Overberghe, student UMOJA

Enya Scherrens, student UMOJA

Jan Orbie, Professor at the Department of Political Science, member of the Learning Network on Decolonisation

Yasmine Kaied, Teaching Assistant at the Department of Orthopedagogy

Saïla Ouald-Chaib, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University

Moderator: Cira Pallí-Asperó & Elke Evrard, HRRN Ghent University

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Realizing the Right to Food (TS3)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Amber Steyaert, Joost Dessein, Carl Lachat

According to the United Nations, the right to adequate food is realised when everyone 'has physical and economic access at all times to adequate food or means for its procurement'. Simply said, this means food needs to be available, accessible and adequate for everyone. While this first condition has been met, given that globally we currently produce 1.5 times more food than we consume, the other two have proven more difficult to realise. At this moment nearly one in three people worldwide do not have access to adequate food (FAO, 2021). To address these issues, we are in urgent need of more transparency and accountability in decision-making about food.

This thematic stream explores ways of realising the right to food in a trans-disciplinary way and on the basis of both empirical and theoretical knowledge, including topics such as food justice, epistemic justice, food democracy, inclusiveness, citizen engagement, agro-ecology, food sovereignty, food and nutrition security, access to adequate food, healthy and sustainable diets, vulnerable groups in food systems, cultural rights, food agency and sustainability, public health, food safety, accountability, co-creation and design.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How can a human rights approach to food be integrated across different academic and societal disciplines?
- How should participative and co-creative research approaches to realising the right to food be designed?
- How can the right to food be operationalised at different governance scales?
- How can inclusion of voices that are currently being marginalised, such as ethnic minorities, low-income households and indigenous communities, be increased in realising the right to food?
- What role do social movements and activism play in realising the right to food?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Friday 8 December

Session 1: Panel - Food for All: Bridging Gaps in Inclusive Food Systems (9:00-10:30)

Towards Inclusive Food Systems; A Comprehensive Review, paper presentation by Siyane Deressa

Power, Participation, and Inequality: A Study of Inclusive Governance within Arusha's Food Policy Council, paper presentation by Amber Steyaert

Cultural/Consumer Acceptability: An opportunity for the Inclusion of Marginalised Voices in the Realisation of the Right to Food, paper presentation by Katie Morris

Politicization and Depoliticization in the Food Support Macro-sphere in Ghent and Perspectives for Realizing the Right to Food, paper presentation by Joost Dessein

The comeback of food support as an anti-poverty strategy: a perspective from the framework of human rights, paper presentation by Didier Reynaert

Chair: Branwen Peddi

 *Location: Guislain 1 Room , 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Nourishing Communities: Upholding the Right to Food (11:00-12:30)

How do Knowledge Politics influence Inclusive Innovations in Agriculture? A Case Study in Forikrom, a Community in the Transition Zone of Ghana, paper presentation by Branwen Peddi

Cultural Dimensions of the Right to Adequate Food: Indigenous Peoples' Approach to Food Sovereignty in the Time of Climate Change, paper presentation by Karolina Prażmowska-Marcinowska

Food Security and Diet Diversity among the Somali Community in Gent, paper presentation by Najma Shirwa

Chair: Siyane Deressa / Amber Steyaert

 *Location: Guislain 1 Room , 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Digital Technologies and Human Rights (TS4)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Eva Lievens, Ingrida Milkaite, Lien Stolle, Valerie Verdoodt, Argyro Chatzinikolaou

This thematic stream addresses the ways in which digital technologies can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, or endanger them and pose a threat to their realisation. Within this broader theme, the stream focuses specifically on topics related to the roles of, challenges for and impact of different actors in the human rights ecosystem.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- Which threats to the human rights of vulnerable individuals (e.g. children, the elderly, minorities, individuals with disabilities) and human rights defenders (e.g. journalists, environmental defenders, academics) result from the use of digital technologies?
- How can digital technologies be used to empower vulnerable individuals and facilitate the work of human rights defenders?
- To what extent do human rights organisations need to adopt 'new' human rights in light of digital technologies?
- What are the responsibilities of tech providers to prevent and remedy human rights violations?
- How do self- and co-regulatory approaches work in safeguarding human rights in relation to digital technologies?
- What are the challenges for governments regarding the effect of digitisation public services on citizens' human rights?
- How can we address the strained relationship between academia and tech companies regarding human rights topics?
- What is the potential of 'by design' approaches that aim to embed respect for human rights into the design of technologies and require cooperation between individuals with different backgrounds?
- How can co-design approaches that involve tech users in the design of technologies contribute to support human rights?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Freedom of Expression and Thought (11:00-12:30)

Freedom of Thought in the Digital Age: Online Manipulation and Article 9 ECHR, paper presentation by Mark Leiser

Freedom of Expression at the Crossroads between Public and Private Powers in the Digital World, paper presentation by Sabrina Praduroux

Deepfakes and Fake News as a Threat to Free Democratic Election - the Obligation of Political Actors to Counterstatement, paper presentation by Toni Fickentscher

The Right to Construct Yourself and Your Identity: The Current Human Rights Law Framework Falls Short in Practice in the Face of Illegitimate Interference to the Mind, paper presentation by Emine Ozge Yildirim Vranckaert

Chair: Lien Stolle

 *Location: Hubert Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Session 2: Panel - Artificial Intelligence (13:00-14:30)

Ensuring Trustworthiness and Fundamental Rights Compliance of Law Enforcement AI systems: The Methodology of the ALIGNER Fundamental Rights Impact Assessment, paper presentation by Donatella Casaburo

Beyond Identification of Potential Risks: A reflection on Effective Remedy for AI-related Human Rights Harms, paper presentation by Bruna De Castro e Silva

Chatbots for Child Victims: a Careful Balance between Access to Justice and Data Protection, paper presentation by Victoria Hendrickx

Chair: Valerie Verdoodt

 *Location: Hubert Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Vulnerabilities and Technology (13:00-14:30)

Digital Inequalities in the Era of AI: Assessing the Impact of Biased Hate Speech Detection Methods on Minorities' Freedom of Speech in the Light of the EU Legal Context, paper presentation by Giulia Vasino

Hijacking Standardisation? Crafting Space for Tech Users' Meaningful Engagement in the Design of Human Rights-compliant Technology, paper presentation by Mando Rachovitsa

Obligation to Collect Data - A Vulnerability Theory Approach to Data Collection in the Light of the UN CRPD, paper presentation by Eveliina Ignatius

Chair: Argyro Chatzinikolaou

 *Location: Jan Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 4: Panel - Deepfake & Cyberviolence (15:00-16:30)

The EU Proposal on the Regulation and Prevention of the Dissemination of CSAM: An Exercise in Competing and Complementary Rights, paper presentation by Mark Leiser

Gendered Cyberviolence: Global Harms, Global Answers?, paper presentation by Catherine Van de Heyning

Privacy of Women in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, paper presentation by Sinem Özyiğit

Polluting the Pornosphere": Regulating Deepnude Ads on Adult Content Sites, paper presentation by Lien Stolle, Valerie Verdoodt and Argyro Chatzinikolaou

Chair: Eva Lievens

 *Location: Hubert Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Friday 8 December

Session 5: Panel - Children's Rights (9:00-10:30)

Digital Empowerment as a Human Rights Imperative: A Case Study of Using Technology to Empower Afghan Girls' Education under Taliban Rule, paper presentation by Murtaza Mohiqi and Mohammad Anvar Moheghy

Putting Children First: A Critical Analysis of the European Data Strategy for Educational Data, paper presentation by Elora Fernandes & Martin SAS

Digital Lives of the Youth Along the Silk Road, Photography Exhibition and Presentation Session, paper presentation by Amadej Petan, Tara Sergeja Kadunc and Tadej Uršič

The Duty of Live Streaming Platforms to Protect the Personal Information of children: A Gatekeeper Responsibility Approach from a Chinese Perspective, paper presentation by Zhang Huiyun

Chair: Ingrida Milkaite

 *Location: Hubert Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 6: Panel - Technology in the Courtroom (9:00-10:30)

Judicial Biases and The Right to a Fair Trial: A Possible Role for Artificial Intelligence?, paper presentation by Giovana Lopes

"Code is Law" and Net-HaMishapt - Case Management System of the Israeli courts, paper presentation by Joseph Zernik

AI in Courts: Challenges or Opportunities for Justice?, paper presentation by Vilte Kristina Dessers

Chair: Lien Stolle

 *Location: Jan Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 7: Roundtable discussion - Revisiting the (Artificial) Right to Effective Remedy in a Digitized World (11:00-12:00)

Speakers:

Pierre Dewitte, KUL, IAB Europe CJEU, companion chatbot case BE

Simona De Heer, Assistant MEP Kim Van Sparrentak

Francesca Fanucci, Senior Legal Advisor at European Centre for not for profit Law,, ECNL

Christiaan Duijst, College Rechten van de Mens, toelagenaffaire

Moderator: Nele Roekens (UNIA)

 *Location: Hubert Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 8: Walking session - Children's Rights in the Digital World (11:00-12:30)

Organizer: Rozelien Van Erdeghem

 *Meeting point for departure: Registration desk, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Migration and Human Rights (TS5)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Ellen Desmet, Jinske Verhellen, Geertrui Daem, Ilse Ruyssen, Katrijn Maryns, Justine Feyereisen

Migrants' human rights are among the most difficult ones to be realised. This stream critically explores the interaction between migration and human rights.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- What do human rights mean for migrants?
- What challenges do migrants face in accessing human rights? How are different 'categories' of migrants affected by these challenges?
- How do human rights function as law, discourse and practice in the context of migration?
- What is the relevance of the migration-related articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (art 13, the right to leave any country; art 14, the right to seek and enjoy asylum; and art 15, the right to nationality)?
- How do migrants contribute to the development of human rights?
- How can migrants' perspectives be voiced?
- How can the heterogeneity of migrants' experiences be captured in research, policies and practices?
- What is the role of academics in debates on migrants' human rights?
- How can non-hegemonic perspectives on the migration-human rights nexus be more visible and have more impact?
- What innovative methods and data might assist in researching migrants' human rights and challenges?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Migration Laws and Policies in and beyond Europe (10:30-12:00)

Judicial Protection of Human Rights in EU Migration and Asylum Law, paper presentation by Martin Westlund

Populism, Migration and (Il)legitimate Restrictions on Human Rights, paper presentation by Joseph Finnerty

Border Struggles, Human Rights, and the Politics of showing and seeing in the European Border Regime, paper presentation by Laura Holderied

Beyond the 'Hybrid Threat' Paradigm: EU-Belarus Border Crisis and the Erosion of Asylum-Seeker Rights in a Comparative Perspective, paper presentation by Aleksandra Jolkina

The Consequences of EU Migration Policies on Freedom of Movement in the ECOWAS Region: what is left of the Right to leave any Country?, paper presentation by Francesca Rondine

Chair: Ellen Desmet

 *Location: Van Rysselberghe Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Linguistic Human Rights: how Language shapes the Social Realities of Migrants (10:30-12:00)

Uncovering Injustice and ensuring Rights: how Linguistic Scholarship can improve Asylum Procedures, paper presentation by Laura Smith Khan

Poor Public Communication Strategy creates Ineffective Service Delivery to Refugees in Uganda: The Case of Kyrandongo Refugee Settlement, paper presentation by James Onono Ojok

'Beyond Invisibility': Literature's Role in Reclaiming the Rights of Queer Children of Color, paper presentation by Corpus Navalón

Language Testing, Migration and Human Rights. Updating the Code of Ethics for Language Test Developers to meet Current Challenges, paper presentation by Bart Deygers

Linguistic barriers in Belgian criminal justice: An analysis of the implementation of the EU Directives on the right to translation, paper presentation by Sara Delva

Chair: Katrijn Maryns

 *Location: Van Der Goes Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Migrant Rights at the European Court of Human Rights (13:00-14:30)

Reverse Strategic Litigation by Governments? Legitimising Migration Control Policies by countering Human Rights from within in Migration-related Cases, paper presentation by Janna Wessels

Carving out a Right to expel under Article 1 of Protocol 7: the Litigation of Governments at the European Court of Human Rights, paper presentation by Jessica Klüger

Who supports whom? Third-party Interventions from European States before the ECtHR in Migration Cases, paper presentation by Mónica Ávila Currás

Migrants' Political Participation and Human Rights Theory: Current Challenges through the Lens of the European Court of Human Rights' Jurisprudence, paper presentation by Giulia Santomauro

Chair: Geertrui Daem

 *Location: Van Der Goes Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 4: Panel - Health and Psychosocial Well-being of Migrants (13:00-14:30)

Medicolegal Reports (Istanbul Protocol): using Medical Evidence in the Asylum Procedure for tortured or Mistreated Asylum Seekers, paper presentation by Fabian Colle

Assessing the Right to Health of Migrants at Borders: a Proposal for an Analytical Framework, paper presentation by Andrea Jaramillo Contreras

The Right to Health for Voluntary and Forced Migrants in the Arab region, paper presentation by Sawsan Abdulrahim

A Community-based Psychosocial Intervention for Refugees and Immigrants: Support Groups for Ukrainian and Iranian Refugees and Migrants in Belgium, paper presentation by Sofie de Smet and Lies Missotten

Support Services for Victims of Intersectional Hate Incidents: the Case of LGBTQI International Protection Applicants and Refugees in Ireland, paper presentation by Milos Burzan

Chair: Ilse Ruyssen

 *Location: Van Rysselberghe Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 5: Panel - Pushing the Interpretation of Legal Concepts towards more Inclusive Migrant Rights (15:00-16:30)

Rape Myths in the European Court of Human Rights' Non-refoulement Case Law on Sexual and Gender-based Violence, paper presentation by Lore Roels

Refuge from Poverty. The Evolution of Humanitarian Protection through Domestic and International Courts, paper presentation by Valentin Feneberg and Paul Petterson

Solution hidden in a Glass of Water. Providing International Protection to forced Climate Migrants via an Emerging Human Right to Water and Non-refoulement Principle, paper presentation by Szymon Kucharski

Can Migrant Deaths' and Disappearances be considered enforced Disappearances?, paper presentation by Grażyna Baranowska

Chair: Ruben Wissing

 *Location: Van Der Goes Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 6: Panel - Identity, Nationality and Statelessness (15:00-16:30)

Refugees' Right to be recognised as Persons before the Law: an Analysis of the Travaux Préparatoires of Art. 6 of the UDHR, paper presentation by Sara Arapiles

Refugees in Identity Crisis: the Voice of Practitioners in the Migration-family-law Field, paper presentation by Geertrui Daem

The Forgotten Human Right? Article 15 UDHR and the Limits of State Sovereignty in Nationality Matters, paper presentation by Barbara von Rütte

Debating Institutions of Identity, Human Rights and Fractured Identities: Reading the Liberal Paradox through the Works of Hannah Arendt, paper presentation by Sana Shah

Chair: Jinske Verhellen

 *Location: Van Rysselberghe Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

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Session 7: Panel - Categorisation of Migrants and Differential access to Rights (9:00-10:30)

About Time: Comparing the Access of Beneficiaries of Temporary and International Protection to Education, Employment and Housing in Belgium, paper presentation by Roos-Marie van den Bogaard

Restrictions on the Exercise of Certain Occupations by Foreign Workers: An Overview of OECD Countries, paper presentation by Aichell Alvarado

Prohibiting Caste Discrimination under International Law, paper presentation by Ashok Kumar Pindiga

Age-based Discrimination of Children in the Context of International Migration, paper presentation by Rebecca Stern

Children and Young People in Appellate Asylum Procedures, paper presentation by Sara Lembrechts

Chair: Jinske Verhellen

 *Location: Van Rysselberghe Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 8: Panel - Empowering voices: the Struggle of Migrant Women and Undocumented Migrants (11:00-12:30)

Building our Own Space: Women's Struggle in the Refugee Movement, paper presentation by Jennifer Kamau

Building Bridges to break Borders. Women in Exile, paper presentation by Elizabeth Ngari

Human-rights-ization between Negation and Experience, paper presentation by Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez

No Home, no Rights: The Tragic Plight of Undocumented Migrants fighting for Basic Human Dignity, paper presentation by Gayathry Jayadevan

The Political Rights of Migrants: Respecting Undocumented Migrant Politics as Human Rights-making Practice, paper presentation by Jordan Dez

Chair: Ilse Ruysen

 *Location: Van Rysselberghe Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

The Politics of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (TS6)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Ines Keygnaert, Emilie Peeters, Pieter Cannoot

This thematic stream focuses on reproduction policy and the way in which scientific evidence may ensure human rights-based approaches to sexual and reproductive health. It also explores the role academics are still allowed to play in a world where scientific evidence on sexual and reproductive health and rights can be misused or misinterpreted to support a higher political purpose.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How are human rights affected when reproductive rights policies become a means to a higher political purpose?

The use of reproductive rights policy as a population control mechanism is not new. In Nazi Germany, racially 'pure' women were forced into pregnancies in order to have a majority of blonde and blue-eyed children. Up until 2015, many Chinese families were allowed to have only one child. Still today, stratified reproduction is influencing the debates around climate change, migration and LGBTQIA+ rights in Europe.

Is overpopulation actually the motor of climate disruption or is it a way to blame large families in low-income countries for the effects of overconsumption in high-income countries? Does the use of wording such as 'refugee streams' impact on the way we look at the reproductive choices of newcomers? Do laws define who is more eligible to have children than others?

- How are human rights affected when policy makers, predominantly cis male, define sexual health policy for minority groups?

Policy makers and doctors, still today predominantly male professions, have dominated the making of abortion laws and decisions on who could or could not have an abortion, also who can or should be sterilised. It is only recently that feminist organisations stood up and showcased the importance of women's autonomy in this debate. This led on the one hand to cases like Ireland, where abortion was legalised up to the 12th week of pregnancy in 2018, but on the other to the United States Supreme Court overruling *Roe v Wade* in 2022, stating that abortion is not a constitutional right and that individual states have the authority to regulate abortion. How would we envision a different type of policy-making that includes the opinions of target populations? Are abortion laws a way to restrict women's sexuality? And to what extent is a woman's right to decide on the number and spacing of children an issue that can be overruled by third parties such as medical professionals and policy makers?

Where sexuality education is included in school curricula, it often solely focuses on heterosexual relationships between cisgender people, omitting any attention to LGBTQIA+ relationships and experiences. More recently, in several countries policies have been issued forbidding altogether non-heterosexual relationships being addressed in sexuality education. In others, parents are allowed to exclude their children from attending sexuality education classes. How can we ensure that sexuality education includes family structures and types of relations that reflect the myriad possibilities that we see lived in reality today? Can we make comprehensive sexuality education compulsory or should different forms of sexual education be developed for different groups in order to ensure some form of sexual education?

In most countries, people only have the option to be identifiable as either male or female in the national registration and on their official identity documents, which leaves no room for other genders. Is gender registration as such not in conformity with human rights and should it be abandoned altogether? Or are alternatives, such as adding a third category 'X' or several categories, a viable option?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Inclusive SRHR Policies (10:30-12:00)

Advancing Sexual Reproductive Rights in the Context of Climate Change: Mitigating the HIV/AIDS Crisis through Effective Interventions, paper presentation by Christabel Eboso

'Stories Without an Ending': Participatory Tools for overcoming Resistance to Human Rights-Based Approaches (HRBAs) in Global Health and Development, paper presentation by Anneke Newman

Obstetric Violence (Non) Recognition in Italy - the Struggle of speaking Truth to Power, paper presentation by Francesca Basso

Relocating the Dominant Lens of Intersex Rights: Narratives from Greece and Serbia, paper presentation by Nikoletta Pikramenou and Jelena Simić

Chair: Ines Keygnaert

 *Location: Guislain 1 Room, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Roundtable discussion - Abortion as a Human Right (13:00-14:30)

Questioning Narratives of Progress: Abortion Rights as Human Rights in Constant Contestation, introduction by Sibel Savas

Belgian Abortion Policy: Evolutions and Human Rights Perspective, introduction by Stéphanie Wattier

Moderator: Pieter Cannoot

 *Location: Guislain 1 Room, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - The Politics and the Semantics of Human Rights through the Lens of Abortion Debates (15:00-16:30)

Mold and Malleability of Human Rights and Reproductive Equality: Scapegoating Universalism in the Name of (De)colonization Practices in Ireland and Poland, paper presentation by Karina S. de Vries

The Global Conservative Backlash: a New Grand Narrative in Socio-legal Studies of Reproductive Rights, paper presentation by Marta Bucholc

From Legal to Embodied Struggle: the Evolution of Feminist Mobilization for Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Colombia, paper presentation by Carolina Mosquera Vera

Chair: Emilie Peeters



Location: Guislain 1 Room, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC

Current Themes in the Analysis of Human Rights (TS7)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Alina Cherviatsova, Giselle Corradi and Gustavo Prieto Munoz

This thematic stream includes panels and roundtable discussions on multiple topics that were proposed by conference presenters in response to the call for papers.

Topics addressed within this general thematic stream include 'citizenship, human rights and terror trial ethnography', 'clinical legal education in human rights and migration law', 'global challenges to human rights', 'the role of economic, social and cultural rights' in addressing global challenges to human rights', and 'critical approaches to human rights and their foundations'.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Roundtable discussion - Ten Years of Clinical Legal Education in Human Rights and Migration Law: Reflecting on the Experiences of the Ghent University Legal Clinic (15:00-16:30)

Background to the Legal Clinic, introduction by Saïla Ouald Chaib

Speakers:

Yasmina El Kaddouri, former student and current partner of the Clinic
Imane El Morabet, clinic coach, Human Rights Law Clinic
Piet Heyvaert, former student, Legal Clinic
Roel Van Landuyt, partner of the Migration Law Clinic, Minor-Ndako vzw
Hanne Van Walle, clinic coach, Migration Law clinic
Raoul Rombouts, Ghent University

Moderators: Saïla Ouald Chaib and Ellen Desmet, HRRN Ghent University

 *Location: Jan Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Friday 8 December

Session 2: Panel - Addressing Global Challenges through Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Peace, Justice and Development (9:00-10:30)

Addressing Poverty and Realising Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to Build Resilience to Global Challenges, paper presentation by Luke Graham

Can the Application of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights be a Tool for Sustainable Development to ensure the Human Rights of Future Generations?, paper presentation by Sigrun Skogly

Economic and Social Rights in Post-conflict Settings: Re-envisioning the Role of Regional Human Rights Bodies, paper presentation by Felix Torres Penagos

The Elephant in The Room' - Human Rights and The Triple Nexus Policy Triangle, paper presentation by Amanda Cahill-Ripley

Chair: Amanda Cahill-Ripley

 *Location: Van Der Goes Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Addressing Global Challenges to Human Rights (11:00-12:30)

On "Povertyism" without Socialism: Discrimination, Human Rights and Distributive Justice, paper presentation by Frédéric Mégret

The Duty to Eradicate Poverty (and its Prospects) as a Peremptory Norm of General International Law (Jus Cogens): a Human Rights Perspective, paper presentation by Simon Mateus

National Human Rights Institutions and Human Rights Defenders in a Shrinking Democratic Space, paper presentation by Roxani Fragkou

Crisis Politics of Militarism: Human Rights Consequences of the Global War on Drugs, paper presentation by Salvador Santino Regilme

Decoding The Social Imaginaries Of State-Sponsored Killings In India, paper presentation by Badrinath Rao

Chair: Gustavo Prieto Munoz

 *Location: Van Der Goes Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 4: Panel - Critical Approaches to Human Rights and their Foundations (11:00-12:30)

The Future of Human Rights: Examining the Foundations of International Normative Change, paper presentation by Eduard Jordaan

The Concept of Human Dignity within the UDHR after 75 years: Is it Time to Define the Universally Ambiguous?, paper presentation by Kate Karklina

Minority Rights and the Legacy Problem, paper presentation by Elizabeth Craig

Responsibilities: A Critical Defense of Rights, paper presentation by Ian Turner

The Human Right to Time: A Temporal Analysis of the Right to Human Dignity, paper presentation by Martijn Stronks

Chair: Alina Cherviatsova

 *Location: Jan Van Eyck Room, 1st floor, Ghent ICC*

Human Rights, Truth and Power (TS8)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Emiliano Acosta, Berber Bevernage, Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, Gertrudis Van de Vijver

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights neither mentions a right to truth nor alludes to the difficulties of establishing 'the truth' of human rights violations. Since the Declaration was proclaimed, however, it has become clear that the interactions between human rights, truth and power require both conceptual and practical attention. This stream explores these issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How is the truth of human rights violations established?
- To what extent do legal rules and procedures facilitate or hinder this process?
- Who is considered to be able to speak (to) the truth? Whose voice is included? Whose excluded?
- Is it possible to avoid narrative or epistemic inequality in this context?
- What is truth? Can it be achieved or is it best conceived as perpetually sought?
- Does it make sense to distinguish between different kinds of truth, such as historical truth, judicial truth, experiential truth, etc?
- Does truth lead to justice? Is truth a precondition of justice?
- Do the truth and justice the UDHR promises remain relevant in our era?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Getting to which Truth? (10:30-12:00)

'The idea... is not to get to the objective truth': Views on Evidence, Truth and Justice from inside the European Court of Human Rights, paper presentation by Anne-Katrin Speck

The Historical Recitals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, paper presentation by Antoon de Baets

Truth and Reconciliation in the Age of New Social Media: The Tunisian Truth Commission's Facebook-Mediated Public Hearings, paper presentation by Douaa Sheet

Chair: Marie-Benedicte Dembour

 *Location: Baekeland Room 1, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Empowering (the) Truth (13:00-14:30)

Dis-appearing Narrativity: Basma Abdel Aziz's Subversion of the Documentary Practices of Authoritarian Repression, paper presentation by Rita Sakr

Applications for International Protection and the Notion of "truth": a Sociolinguistic Perspective, paper presentation by Marie Jacobs and Lotte Remue

Academic Freedom as the Human Right to the Pursuit of Truth, paper presentation by Tamara Levitz

Poetry and Human Rights: The Practice of Critical Hope, paper presentation by Cornelia Grabner

Chair: Emiliano Acosta

 *Location: Baekeland Room 1, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Panel - Victims as Drivers of truth – as well as of Reparation (15:00-16:30)

Visions of Justice and Change from Below: Victim Mobilisation around Transitional Justice in Morocco, paper presentation by Pia Falschebner

Presencing the Disappeared: Truth-seeking in the Syrian Context, paper presentation by Brigitte Herremans

Juxtaposing Reparations Initiatives from below: Survivors' Understandings of Reparative Measures after Mass Atrocities in Guatemala, paper presentation by Kim Baudewijns

Transitional Justice Narratives and Practices mobilized by Indigenous Peoples in Peru to unearth a Legacy of Extractivism, paper presentation by Sarah Kerremans

Discussant: Mijke de Waardt

Chair: Eva Willems

 *Location: Baekeland Room 1, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Friday 8 December

Session 4: Panel - Multiperspectivism in Truth-seeking (9:00-10:30)

Seeking Truth and Justice for the Bereaved: the Inquest Process in England and Wales and Article 2 ECHR, paper presentation by Kate Stone

Truth, a Multidimensional Concept: Reflections on the Use of Digital Open Source Evidence in Justice and Accountability Processes, paper presentation by Ruwadzano Makumbe

Remedy under Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Regimes: A pathway through Truth, Reconciliation and Sports, paper presentation by Shubbam Jain

Chair: Gertrudis Van de Vijver

 *Location: Baekeland Room 1, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 5: Presentation and discussion of the exhibition Intangible Proof: Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (11:00-12:30)

Presentation of the multimedia exhibition Intangible Proof: Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights by Nina Valerie Kolowratnik

Q&A and discussion



Location: Baekeland Room 1, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC

Human Rights Knowledge through Experience (TS9)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Didier Reynaert, Geert Van Hove, Marijke D'Haese

In recent decades, human rights have become established in many research institutions around the world. This has given scientific knowledge of human rights a significant boost. A similar development took place in policy and practice, in which a human-rights-based approach was adopted in many areas, ranging from increasing the accessibility of services for people with disabilities, through guaranteeing access to drinking water or sanitation services, to ensuring a fair price for farmers who market their products. The practical knowledge that has been developed over the years has made a significant contribution to the realisation of human rights. In addition to the development of scientific knowledge and practical knowledge, the third source of knowledge in relation to human rights, knowledge through experience, has remained rather limited. This concerns knowledge about human rights from the perspective and experiences of those who are confronted with human rights violations: people with disabilities, people with a migrant background, people with a lack of drinking water, people in poverty, etc.

People whose rights are violated on a daily and structural basis not only experience the non-realisation of their basic rights, but are also confronted with the experience that their voice and perspective on their own situation are not acknowledged. As a result, these people experience a lack of representation of their interests in society and consequently a lack of recognitions as full citizens. The experience of what it means to live in poverty, of not having access to society because of a disability, of not being able to use essential sanitation facilities, etc. is a source of knowledge that has not yet received sufficient attention in the field of human rights.

Under the slogan 'nothing about us without us if for us', this seems to have changed in recent years. This thematic stream focuses on the relationship between human rights and the voice of the very people whose rights are being violated. The point of departure is the recognition that knowledge by experience is a third source of knowledge in addition to scientific knowledge and practical knowledge.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How does experiential knowledge contribute to our understanding of how human rights are realised or not?
- How can experiential knowledge as a third source of knowledge be fully embedded in human rights practice and policy?
- How is experiential knowledge related to scientific knowledge and practical knowledge in the study of human rights?
- How can experiential knowledge be given a place in the scientific study of human rights and what research approaches and methods are supportive?

Session 1: Panel - Affirming Difference in Inclusive Education (10:30-12:00)

Creative Behaviour in Inclusive Education, paper presentation by Hanne Hellin & Elisabeth De Schauwer

Giving Voice to Parents of Disabled Children who chose for an Inclusive Life, paper presentation by Inge Van de Putte & Silke Daelman

Decolonizing in Curriculum and Pedagogy in Higher Education, paper presentation by Yasmine Kaied

The Transition at the End of Secondary School for Young Adults with a Disability, paper presentation by Hanne Vandenbussche

Chair: Didier Reynaert

 *Location: Guislain Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Human Rights and Experiential Knowledge in Care and Support (13:00-14:30)

Human Rights Knowledge through Experience: Opportunities, Risks and Limitations, paper presentation by Didier Reynaert & Jessica De Maeyer

Strengthening Experiential Knowledge through the Individualized Care and Concern of Cura Personalis, paper presentation by Jarrod Stadnyk

From Human Rights to Transformative Change: Social Work in Médecins du Monde, paper presentation by Didier Boost and Ellen Verryt

De-institutionalization and Human Rights: a Participatory Research Commitment, paper presentation by Dries Cautreels & Tim Claerhout

Chair: Didier Reynaert

 *Location: Guislain Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Roundtable discussion - Inclusive Arts-Based Action Research: Imagining Disability Justice (15:00-16:30)

Inclusive Arts-Based Action Research: Reflections on the My Home, My Rights Project, introduction by Sheila Wildeman

Speakers: Conar Clory, Alice Evans, Justin McGarragh, David Simmonds, Simon Snyder and Sheila Wildeman, members of the 'My Home, My Rights' research collective

Moderator: Elke Evrard, HRRN Ghent University

 *Location: Guislain Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Multilayered Human Rights Protection in Europe (TS10)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Inge Govaere, Peter Van Elsuwege, Joyce De Coninck

Through the Treaty of Lisbon, the European Union, as well as its Member States, became legally bound to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. This Charter is an EU-specific and comprehensive document, covering both civil and political rights and socio-economic rights and freedoms, as well as 'third generation' fundamental rights such as data protection, guarantees on bioethics and transparent administration. It is applicable to and in the EU Member States in conjunction with international human rights law, including UN treaties and the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR), as well as in parallel with domestic constitutional law, which traditionally is considered the primary national guardian of human rights protection.

This multi-layered approach to human rights protection is reflected in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union. The latter states that 'the EU shall accede to the ECHR', but it does not spell out how this should be done, nor with which implications. The applicability of the Charter, together with the potential accession of the EU to the ECHR and the traditional layer of human rights protection at the constitutional level of EU Member States, generates an endless string of unsolved issues.

Key questions that are addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How are (and/or should be) these different domestic, regional and international regimes of human rights protection related to one another, when applicable in parallel?
- What potential legal norm conflict arises out of the dynamic between the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, and their mutual interactions with domestic adjudicatory regimes?
- What opportunities can be seized for human rights harmonisation in this multi-layered system of human rights protection?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Panel - Multi-layered Human Rights Protection in Europe (10:30-12:00)

Slipping Through the Cracks? The Diverging Stances of the CJEU and ECtHR in Relation to Intersectional Discrimination and the Implications Thereof in Light of EU Accession to the ECHR, paper presentation by Nozizwe Dube

The CJEU, the ECtHR and the EFTA Court: Multidirectional Fundamental Rights Exchanges or a One Way Street?, paper presentation by Jarne De Geyter

Fundamental Rights as Limits to Mutual Trust between EU Member States in the Framework of the Execution of European Arrest Warrants: Offering a Perspective from National Judicial Authorities, paper presentation by Febe Inghelbrecht

Cities' International Law-shaping or Making in the Field of Human Rights, paper presentation by Agnieszka Szpak

Chair: Inge Govaere



Location: Jan Van Eyck Room 1, 1st floor, Ghent ICC

Human Rights and Accountability (TS11)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Tine Destrooper and Marie-Bénédicte Dembour

Human rights have long been described as being in crisis. At one end of the spectrum are those who criticise human rights for quick political gain, with an argumentation that seeks to delegitimise and undermine a system intended to offer protection to those at risk of having their rights violated. At the other end are scholars and practitioners who genuinely worry that the human rights system remains unable to offer adequate protection to all rights-holders. One of their central concerns is that the system does not capture the everyday realities of all rights-holders. At the heart of this type of critique lies the realisation that formal human rights systems are finding it difficult to provide solutions to multi-layered human rights challenges, which are occurring in rapidly changing and vastly complex societal contexts. Indeed, if human rights are to continue to offer a widely accepted framework for thinking about (social) justice, we urgently need to revisit some of their core assumptions and characteristics. Because human rights are not spontaneously respected, this endeavour is particularly urgent in respect to human rights accountability, given that a significant accountability gap emerges when accountability mechanisms are not tailored to the real challenges faced by rights-holders.

The question driving this thematic stream is thus how accountability for human rights violations can be achieved so as to ensure better human rights protection in line with the everyday experience of rights-holders.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- What persons should be considered human rights duty-bearers and thus held accountable for human rights violations, but now slip through the net?
- What conceptual advantage is there in speaking in terms of accountability rather than, say, responsibility or compliance?
- What should accountability, comprising various layers beyond the legal, look like?
- What is the role in this of social movements and social mobilisation for human rights?

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Panel - Accountability and Cultural Production (10:30-12:00)

Eliciting Accountability Through Perpetrator Fictions, paper presentation by Ivana Ancic

Witnessing Poetry and Prose in Participatory Theatre with Refugees, paper presentation by Sofie Desmet

Behrouz Boochani's Literary Activism, paper presentation by Tom Toremans

Chair: Tine Destrooper

Presenter: Brigitte Herremans

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Walking session - Gender-Transformative Remediation to End Corporate Violence against Women (10:30-12:00)

Gender-Transformative Remediation to End Corporate Violence against Women

Chair: Aleydis Nissen

 *Meeting point for departure: Main entrance, ground floor, Ghent ICC, Familie van Rysselberghedreef 2, Citadel Park, Ghent*

Session 3: Lunch session - Special Issue Launch (12:15-13:00)

Postcolonial Justice in the Intertemporal Space, paper presentation by Sarah Imani

Emerging Understandings of Accountability for Past Assimilation Policies in Sweden, paper presentation by Malin Arvidsson

Post-colonial historical commissions and the pursuit of structural justice, paper presentation by Cira Pallí Asperó

Chair: Tine Destrooper

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Note that there is no food allowed in the break-out rooms.

Session 4: Roundtable discussion - Accountability and Human Rights: The Many Definitions and Dimensions (13:00-14:30)

Speakers: Tine Destrooper (HRRN Ghent University), Wouter Vandenhoele (University of Antwerp), Sarah Kerremans (HRRN Ghent University) and Paul De Hert (Free University of Brussels)

Moderator: Elif Durmuş, University of Antwerp

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 5: Panel - Human Rights and Accountability: an Institutional Perspective (15:00-16:30)

Independent Experts Within a Political System: How Can the UN Special Procedures Advance and Protect Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?, paper presentation by Inga Winkler

Process-based Review by the ECtHR in Racist Police Violence Cases: A just Approach?, paper presentation by Emma Várnagy and Harriet Ní Chinnéide

Accountability for Gender Persecution as a Crime against Humanity: The Case of Afghanistan, paper presentation by Huma Saeed

Magnitsky Sanctions: a New Mechanism of providing Accountability to Human Rights Violations, paper presentation by Yifan Jia

Chair: Paul De Hert

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Friday 8 December

Session 6: Panel - Harm, Human Rights and Accountability (9:00-10:30)

The Concept of Human Rights Harm in the Context of Technology's Implications: Problems and Limitations, paper presentation by Christina Cocito

From Social Harms to Rhizomatic Harms: Exploring the Impact of Algorithmic Policing in the Pre-crime Society, paper presentation by Lander Govaerts

Harm as a Conceptual Justification of Human Rights Duties and the Identification of Duty-Bearers, paper presentation by Elif Durmus

Social Media Companies as Duty Bearers: Accountable to Whom and for What: Human Rights as a Framework for Accountability of Social Media Companies, paper presentation by Anne Oloo

Chair: Wouter Vandenhoele

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 7: Panel - Human Rights and Accountability in Action (11:00-12:30)

Accountability, Emotion and Ukraine, paper presentation by Heidi Gilchrist

From Legal Mobilization to Accountability, paper presentation by Alina Ripplinger

Legal consciousness and the implementation of human rights, paper presentation by David Barrett

Human rights at/on the cliff edge: reflexive positionalities, paper presentation by Agathe Mora

Chair: Rosamunde Van Brakel

 *Location: Baekeland Room 3, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Data, Methods and Methodology in Human Rights Research (TS12)

INTRODUCTION

Conveners: Tine Destrooper, Gustavo Prieto, Elke Evrard, Sofie Verclyte

This thematic stream focuses on research methods in human rights scholarship. Contributions to this stream highlight the opportunities and perils of the methods currently used in human rights research in various disciplines – through papers, posters, roundtable discussions and creative formats. Presentations reflect on how research is actually being conducted, meaning the specific steps and choices made to engage with new knowledge.

Key questions addressed within this thematic stream include:

- How and where is data being collected?
- What techniques are used?
- How is information processed and what tools are used to analyse it?

This thematic stream also explores the embedded conceptual and epistemological assumptions, such as the definition of the 'field of enquiry', that lead to practical decisions while developing research on human rights.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 7 December

Session 1: Roundtable discussion - Inclusive Arts-Based Action Research: Imagining Disability Justice (15:00-16:30)

Speakers: Conar Clory, Alice Evans, Justin McGarragh, David Simmonds, Simon Snyder and Sheila Wildeman, members of the 'My Home, My Rights' research collective

Moderator: Elke Evrard, HRRN Ghent University

 *Location: Guislain Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 2: Panel - Fostering Creative Engagement: Methodological Innovation in Research with Vulnerable Groups (9:00-10:30)

Head in the Game. Arts-Based Games Promoting the Right to Play for Psychologically and Socially Vulnerable Children in Argentina, paper presentation by Marileen La Haije

On the Concept of Vulnerability of Climate Migrants: Measuring the Variations and the Implications of the being "at Risk" in Times of Transit, paper presentation by Sarah Lajeunesse

The Child Protagonist: reading Child Subjecthood and Adult Power through Children's Rights Law and Fiction, paper presentation by Kate Mackenzie

Chair: Elke Evrard & Sofie Vercllyte

 *Location: Guislain 2 Room, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Session 3: Roundtable discussion - Decolonizing our Universities? Pluralizing Knowledge Approaches in Research and Teaching (11:00-12:30)

Speakers: Jan Orbie (HRRN Ghent University), Yasmine Kaied (HRRN Ghent University), Arno Van Overberghe (student Ghent University) and Enya Scherrens (student Ghent University)

Moderator: Cira Pallí-Asperó and Elke Evrard, HRRN Ghent University

 *Location: Baekeland Room 2, 2nd floor, Ghent ICC*

Contributions throughout the conference

POSTERS AT FOYER, 2ND FLOOR (GHENT ICC)

During the lunch break on Friday 8 December, different poster sessions takes place. Poster presenters stand by their poster and engage in conversations with interested delegates.

Posters by Shilpi Pandey & Irene Sacchetti

Shilpi Pandey: The Burden of Being a Muslim Woman in India – The Instrumentalisation of Muslim Women at the Intersection of Gender, Religion, Colonialism, And Secularism

Irene Sacchetti: Thinking Beyond Borders in the Kinocene: Reconceptualising the Climate 'Refugee' using a Decolonial Approach

Poster by Sato Naito

AI Usage and Legal Issues in Japanese Municipalities Related to the Welfare of Children

Posters by Havva Yesil & Seda Mohul

Havva Yesil: Compatibility of the Eu-Turkey Statement to Eu Law and International Human Rights Law

Seda Mohul: The Media Representations of Immigrant Criminality on Turkish Print Media

Poster by Roxan Degeyter

Less is More: A Philosophical Evaluation of the ECtHR's (increased) Protection of Commercial Speech

Poster by Zhongsheng Shu

An Empirical Interpretation of the Combination from Human Rights Theory of Human Rights Practice through the Lens of Gender Governance: A Case Study on UN Women's Multi-dimensional Assistance Project (EVA Project) for Women in Moldova

Decolonial and Racial Justice
(TS2)

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Digital Technologies and
Human Rights (TS4)

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Migration and Human Rights
(TS5)

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Current Themes in the
Analysis of Human Rights
(TS7)

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Human Rights Knowledge
through Experience (TS9)

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Poster by Hanna Kuzmenko

Problems of Protecting Rights of Violent Crimes Victims: Aspects of the Harmonization Process of Ukrainian Law with Eu Law

Posters by Iuliia Anosova & Natalia Zakharchenko

Iuliia Anosova: Multidimensional Nature of Reparations for Conflict-related Sexual Violence and their Relevance in Ukrainian Context

Natalia Zakharchenko: Lost in Translation: Exploring Accountability as a Non-Translatable Concept

Posters by Marco Lombardi, Sofie Vercllyte & Elke Evrard

Marco Lombardi: An International Approach to Align UNCPRD Articles with Quality of Life Indicators and Support Strategies

Sofie Vercllyte: Migrating Heritage

Elke Evrard: An interdisciplinary and Multi-method Exploration of Transitional Justice as 'Expressive Project'

Posters by the Quetelet Colleges' students

Exploring human rights and interdisciplinarity with the Quetelet Colleges' students

Summary:

The Quetelet Colleges are an honours program at Ghent University that brings together motivated and creative students from all faculties. During weekly lectures, the students delve into a wide range of themes regarding science, society and challenges for the future. In light of the conference, several Quetelet students have interviewed conference conveners – exploring three central themes: (1) the connection between the stream's topic and human rights; (2) opportunities and barriers for realising these rights; (3) and the unique contributions of an interdisciplinary lens. Follow the QR code to discover the results. You can find out more about these interviews and part of the interview transcripts by clicking in the QR codes in this poster.

Interviews by Sien Deroo, August Vermeire, Ruben Defoort, Wout Serras, Elisa Rommens, Ella De Backer & Robin Mattheeuws

Multi-layered Human Rights Protection in Europe (TS10)

Human Rights and Accountability (TS11)

Data, Methods and Methodology in Human Rights Research (TS12)

Climate Justice (TS1)

Digital Technologies and Human Rights (TS4)

The Politics of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (TS6)

Data, Methods and Methodology in Human Rights Research (TS12)

EXHIBITIONS AT GHENT ICC (DIFFERENT ROOMS)

Visual creative contribution by Emma Collijs, Tina Kasse B'nicco, Eva Cornelus, Lela Van Osselaer and Amirsalar Kavoosi, students of the Think & Talk Honours Programme, Ghent University



Biodilemma: Small Talks, Big Questions

Summary:

This visually-creative contribution aims to stimulate the conversation about access to/the right to food, using an adapted version of the poster on biodiversity made for the Think & Talk honours programme. Placed close to the conference's catering area, the aim is for passers-by to critically reflect and form an opinion about the relationship between the importance of biodiversity, the right to food and the right to a safe, healthy and sustainable environment. How can we restore biodiversity while ensuring the right to food and a good environment for living?

 *Location: Minneplein (MP), catering area*

Photo exhibition by Amadej Petan

Digital Lives of the Youth Along the Silk Road

 *Location: Hallway next to Hubert Van Eyck room, 1st floor*

Visual exhibition / poster series by Lore Roels

Talking to a Brick Wall, On Sexual and Gender based Violence in the Asylum Procedure

 *Location: Minneplein, first floor (MP)*

Visual creative contribution by Zahra El Morabit Sghire, Evelien Lootens-Stael, Anouk Vanden Broucke and Fleur Soete, students of the Think & Talk Honours Programme, Ghent University



Truth Unveiled: Debating the Need for a Truth Commission on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Belgium

Summary:

This project, conducted as a part of the Honours Programme "Think & Talk", delves into the pressing issue of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). A poster and interactive website were used to stimulate debate on the necessity and feasibility of establishing a Truth Commission on SGBV in Belgium.

Realizing the Right to Food
(TS3)

Digital Technologies and
Human Rights (TS4)

Migration and Human
Rights (TS5)

The Politics of Sexual and
Reproductive Health Rights
(TS6)

By showcasing the poster near the restroom facilities, conference participants are now also invited to use the website's voting feature, to indicate their ideas and interest for such a commission. The project aims to amplify the third action point of the #bloomforchance initiative, focusing on enhanced legal support for people having experienced SGBV.

 *Location: Entrance restroom facilities on the first floor, next to Auditorium*

Exhibition of illustrations by Sofía Moreno Aliste & Marit de Haan

I choose to be... a defender of historical memory

Summary:

These hand painted illustrations were created by Chilean illustrator Sofía Moreno Aliste in the context of a booklet with testimonies of human rights defenders and survivors of the Chilean military dictatorship. The message they wish to convey to future generations reflects in these illustrations. Each illustration highlights a different "element" of the struggle for human rights and historical memory.

The booklet "Yo elijo ser... un defensor de la memoria histórica" was published by Editorial Cuarto Propio in September 2023 and edited by Marit de Haan. It is based on interviews carried out in Chile in 2021 as part of her doctoral research project. The creation of the booklet and the illustration has been made possible by the Societal Value Creation Fund of Ghent University.

 *Location: Minneplein, first floor (MP)*

Multimedia exhibition by Nina Valerie Kolowratnik

Intangible Proof: Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

 *Location: Entrance Hall Bauwens Room, 2nd floor*

Photo and multimedia exhibition by Conar Clory, Isai Estey, Chantel Meister, Melissa Thompson, Simon Snyder, David Simmonds, Sheila Wildeman, Sarah Cooper and Paula Hutchinson, Justin McGarragh, Patricia Neves and Alice Evans

My Home, My Rights: Exploring Disability Rights, Imagining Disability Justice

 *Location: Foyer, 2nd floor*

Current Themes in the
Analysis of Human Rights
(TS7)

Human Rights, Truth and
Power (TS8)

Human Rights Knowledge
through Experience (TS9)

Data, Methods and
Methodology in Human
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