

Programme

Symposium: Misappropriation and Human Rights Implosion

Thematic Week: Human rights in times of multiple challenges - perspectives from science and society, Hannover, 6-8 November 2023

Monday, 6 November 2023

9.30 – 13.00 **Joint Welcome, Get-To-Know, Presentation of Symposia Topics, Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **Welcome from the Conveners**

I. Setting the Scene: Panel discussion on the construction of narratives in human rights law, the characters that are involved in the process of misappropriation, what are the consequences of misappropriation and how to counter the process.

Preliminary speakers:

Prof. Jack Snyder (Saltzman Institute, Columbia University)

Dr. Sanja Dragić (Nathanson Centre, York University)

Dr. Işıl Aral (Koç University)

Prof. Robert Horvath (La Trobe University Melbourne)

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 – 18.30 **II. a) Talk ‘A Bad Name in the Public Square’: Does it Matter What People Think about Human Rights?’**

Preliminary speaker:

Adam Wagner (founder of EachOther)

b) Focus Group(s) on the “Good Name” of Human Rights (with all participants mixed in heterogenous groups)

Preliminary group moderators:

Rachel Krysz (Equally Ours)

Prof. Theodore P. Gerber (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Prof. Anita K. Soboleva (HSE University)

Prof. Eva Baumann (Department of Journalism and Communication Research, Hannover University of Music, Drama and Media)

Assoc. Prof. Dona-Gener Barton (Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

20.00 – 22.00 **Optional Dinner for the Participants of the Symposium**

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

9.00 – 10.30 **III. Strategies for Constructing and Pushing Forward Alternative Human Rights Narratives with a Special Focus on the Mis(-Use) of Language** (Panel Discussion)

Preliminary speakers:

Prof. Egbert Fortuin (Leiden University)

Ula Aleksandra Kos (ICourts, University of Copenhagen)

Assoc. Prof. Cai Wilkinson (Deakin University Melbourne)

Prof. Mikhail Antonov (HSE University, St. Petersburg)

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45 – 12.00 **IV. Non-Legal Avenues: Harnessing the Power of Diplomacy and Government-Organized NGOs to Challenge Liberal-Based Understanding of Human Rights** (Panel Discussion)

Preliminary speakers:

Dr. Alexandra Kemmerer (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law)

EuroMed Rights (NGO human rights protection and democracy promotion)

Assoc. Prof. Adam Bodnar (SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw)

Prof. Kristina Stoeckl (LUISS Guido Carli University Rome)

Assoc. Prof. David Paternotte (Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Université libre de Bruxelles)

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 16.00 **V. Human Rights and Radicalism: Generational Clashes about the (Mis-)use of Human Rights for Political Purposes** (Multigenerational panel discussion and fishbowl)

Preliminary speakers:

KlimaSeniorinnen

Prof. Kathryn McNeilly (Queen's University Belfast)

Prof. Gabriele Britz (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen)

Letzte Generation

16.00 **Joint activity followed by dinner**

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

9.30 – 11.30 **Keynote Address followed by the Q&A**
Prof. Gráinne de Búrca (New York University)
Prof. Katharine Young (Boston College)
Reflection among Statues / Dare to Ask

12.00 – 13.00 **Joint closing followed by lunch**