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**BOOK LAUNCH: 'SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS,  
ON THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW SPECIAL REGIME'**

CASSESE ROOM, VILLA MOYNIER, 120B RUE DE LAUSANNE | **12 OCTOBER 2022** | **18:00 - 20:00**

# SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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This event marks the launch of our LLM alumna Ilia Siatitsa's book 'Serious violations of human rights, On the emergence of a new special regime' published by Oxford University Press. This book proposes a systematic and structured analysis of the international practice around serious violations of human rights. It analyses the use of the expression 'serious violations of human rights', and similar ones, such as 'gross' or 'grave', in international practice. It highlights some of the recurring responses and consequences to such violations and suggests that a new special regime - eponymous to the above-mentioned expression - was formed.

The book clarifies the meaning and role of serious violations of human rights in international practice, in relation to other legal notions, such as jus cogens norms, erga omnes obligations, and international crimes. It analyses the international community's responses to serious violations of human rights and integrates a comprehensive understanding of gravity based on the equality and indivisibility of human rights.

This monograph constitutes a first long overdue comprehensive analysis of serious violations of human rights in recent practice allowing far more constructive and coherent elaboration in the future. Based on her book's findings, the author will discuss with leading international law and policy experts key issues related to serious violations of human rights in practice and their insights from their own experiences.

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## MODERATION

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- **Gloria Gaggioli**, Director, Geneva Academy and Adjunct Professor, University of Geneva Law Faculty

## PANELISTS

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- **Ilia Siatitsa**, Programme Director and Senior Legal Officer, Privacy International
- **Andrew Clapham**, Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and member of the Geneva Academy Faculty
- **Paola Gaeta**, Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and member of the Geneva Academy Faculty
- **Ian Seiderman**, Legal and Policy Director, International Commission of Jurists
- **Eric Tistounet**, Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and member of the Geneva Academy Faculty

## REGISTRATION

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This event will take place in Geneva (Villa Moynier, 120B Rue de Lausanne). Register through the online form available on our website.