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AGENDA

2021 Human Rights Week

Academic Colloquium: Discriminations and Inequalities

Villa Moynier, 25–26 November 2021

DAY 1: THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021

9:00 – 9:35

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- **Professor Nicolas Levrat**, President of the Human Rights Week, Director of the Global Studies Institute (GSI), University of Geneva
- **Professor Gloria Gaggioli**, President of the Scientific Committee of the Human Rights Week, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Barbara Fontana**, Human Rights Counselor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations and to the other international organizations in Geneva

9:35 – 10:20

KEYNOTE SPEECH – RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: WHERE ARE WE 20 YEARS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION?

- **Bakari Sidiki Diaby**, Member of CERD

Q & A

10:20 – 10:35

BREAK

10:35 – 11:35

SESSION 1 – DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Chair

- **Patricia Schulz**, Senior Research Associate at UNRISD

Discrimination against women

- **Hilary Gbedemah**, CEDAW Committee

**Discrimination and Gender-Based Violence ‘Beyond Home’:
Reviewing Tërshana v. Albania**

- **Hannah Ji-Jia Liu**, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica, Taipei

Systemic Discrimination against Indigenous Women in Canada

- **Eloise Decoste**, Université du Québec, Montréal

Chair’s response

Discussion

11:35 – 12:35

SESSION 2 – DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBTIQ COMMUNITIES

Chair

- **Andreas Ziegler**, Professor, University of Lausanne

Abuses against LGBT people in the Middle East and North Africa region: the need for a change

- **Rasha Younes**, Researcher at Human Rights Watch

A disproportionate impact requires a differentiated approach: An assessment of the Inter-American Human Rights System's effort to promote equality and non-discrimination of LGBTI persons in the prisons of the Americas

- **Anderson J. Dirocie D**, Leiden University

Gays' Anatomy: Dissecting Discrimination against LGBTIQ in the European Convention of Human Rights

- **Giulio Fedele**, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Chair's response

Discussion

12:35 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 15:10

SESSION 3 – DISCRIMINATIONS IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC RIGHTS

Chair

- **Frédéric Bernard**, Professor, University of Geneva

Right to Work, Equality and Non-Discrimination: Implications for the Business Sector

- **Chidi King**, International Labor Organization

Inequalities and the Right to Food

- **Christophe Golay**, Researcher, Geneva Academy

Rethinking Equality Protection and Non-Discrimination Clauses Anew in the Context of Housing and Information Rights

- **Marisa Beier and Elif Askin**, University of Zurich

Right to health and racial discrimination: obligations under the ICERD

- **Tina Stavrinaki**, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Chair's response

Discussion

15:10 – 16:20

SESSION 4 – DISCRIMINATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Chair

- **Nicolas Levrat**, Professor, University of Geneva

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the human rights of LGBT

- **Helena Nygren-Krug**, UNAIDS

The orphans of the pandemic: an analysis of how the high maternal mortality rate shows how Brazil's necropolitics regarding COVID-19 exposed an already vulnerable group to tragedy

- **Marina Garcez and Valeria Emilia De Aquino**, Federal University of Goiás, Brasil

Fighting the Shadow Pandemic and Protecting our Children: An Empirical analysis of Multilayer Intersectional Dimensions

- **Shilpa Jain and Sunandini**, Dharmashastra National Law University Jabalpur, M.P., India

COVID-19 and the Political Rights of Persons with Disabilities – The Case of Zambia

- **Riina Pilke**, Independent Researcher, and **Wamundila Waliuya**, President of Disability Rights Watch

Chair's response

Discussion

16:20 – 17:05

KEYNOTE SPEECH – INEQUALITIES IN ACCESSING THE COVID-19 VACCINE: A MORAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FAILURE

- **German Velasquez**, South Centre Special Advisor on Policy and Health

Q & A

17.30 pm

BOOK LAUNCH

**Human Rights Responsibilities in the Digital Age
States, Companies and Individuals**

- **Frédéric Bernard & Jonathan Andrew** (Anthology Editors)

19.30 pm

DINNER

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DAY 2: FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021

9:00 – 10:20

SESSION 5 – DISCRIMINATION IN ARMED CONFLICTS, COUNTER-TERRORISM AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

Chair

- **Gloria Gaggioli**, Professor, University of Geneva & Director, Geneva Academy

Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Armed Conflicts

- **Alexander Breitegger**, Legal Adviser, ICRC

Discrimination in Counter-Terrorism

- **Michael Moncrieff and Ilya Sobol**, Post-Doc researcher and PhD candidate respectively, Counter-Terror Pro LegEm, University of Geneva

Unveiling claims of discrimination bases on nationality in the context of occupation under international humanitarian and human rights law

- **George Dvaladze**, PhD student at the University of Geneva

Non-Islamized Indigenous Peoples' Right to Non-Discrimination in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

- **Lena Muhs**, forumZFD, Mindanao, Philippines

The Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred and Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- **Wibke K. Timmermann**, Legal Aid Western Australia, Perth

Chair's response

Discussion

10:20 – 10:40

BREAK

10:40 – 11:25

KEYNOTE SPEECH – DISCRIMINATION IN THE NAME OF RELIGION OR BELIEF

- **Rose Richter**, Senior Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and Executive Director of the CUNY project

Q & A

11.25 – 12.25

SESSION 6 – ALGORITHMIC DISCRIMINATION

Chair

- **Yaniv Benhamou**, Professor, University of Geneva

Algorithmic discrimination – a perspective from the private sector

- **Jean-Yves Art**, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, Microsoft

Data protection in the digital age: the need to prevent discrimination

- **Ana Beduschi**, Geneva Academy

Non-discrimination - enabling human rights in algorithmic decision-making

- **Dominika Iwan**, University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland

Chair's response

Discussion

12:25 – 12:45

CLOSING

- **Felix Kirchmeier**, Manager of Policy Studies & Executive Director of the GHRP, Geneva Academy

END OF THE SCIENTIFIC COLLOQUIUM

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The Scientific Colloquium has been organized by the Scientific Committee of the Human Rights Week, whose members are:

- **Gloria Gaggioli**, President of the Scientific Committee, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Nicolas Levrat**, President of the Human Rights Week, Director of the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva
- **Dorothee Baumann-Pauly**, Director of the Geneva Center for Business and Human Rights, University of Geneva
- **Frédéric Bernard**, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
- **Victor Fernandez**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Philip Jaffé**, Professor at the Centre for Children's Rights Studies
- **Felix Kirchmeier**, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Christophe Spenlé**, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of International Law
- **Mara Tignino**, Geneva Water Hub, University of Geneva.