AGENDA

2021 Human Rights Week

Academic Colloquium: Discrimination 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
- **Ambassador Jürg Lauber**, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations and to the other international organizations in Geneva


- **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. Diorcie 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 (TBC)

Chair’s response
Discussion

**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)
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
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

CLOSING

12:25 – 12:45

• Nicolas Levrat, President of the Human Rights Week, Director of the Global Studies Institute (GSI), University of Geneva

• 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

- **Dorothée Baumann-Pauly**, Director of the Geneva Center for Business and Human Rights, University of Geneva

- **Frédéric Bernard**, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva


- **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.