

Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) Conference, 3-5 September 2020

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Sessions held on Zoom (register on www.ahri-network.org)

Thursday 3 September, 10:00-11:30

Doctoral studies in human rights: Discussion forum (chair: Susan Mutambasere, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

12:00-13:30

Doctoral students: Paper presentations (chair: Magnus Killander, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

Luciano Bottini, University of Bristol, UK, Fighting scarcity: a new target for the health and human rights advocacy

Shinya Ito, University of Tokyo, Japan, Taking the social rights covenant more seriously in business and human rights: New opportunities and remaining challenges

Adane Mandie, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China, Negative * positive = Negative result in the relationship between human rights and statelessness in Africa

Hanna Wicznanowska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, Does prohibition of abuse of rights constitute threat for equality and non-discrimination? Consideration upon judicial practice of the ECtHR

Muhammad Imran Khan, University of Ferrara, Italy, Relativist Challenge to the Universalist concept of human rights standards: The potential of European Union's External Action for overcoming the challenge



The Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) has over 70 member institutions that carry out research and education in the field of human rights. The objective of AHRI is to promote research, education and discussion in the field of human rights.

AHRI was established in 2000 and has arranged an annual conference where representatives of member institutes and other human rights scholars meet to discuss their research. The first AHRI conference outside Europe was to be hosted by the University of Pretoria, South Africa in September 2020. Given the Covid-19 pandemic the conference is held online via Zoom 3-5 September.

Registered conference participants will be provided with access to the Zoom log in details for the sessions.

<p>Thursday 3 September, 15:00-17:00</p> <p>AHRI Executive Committee meeting</p>					
<p>Friday 4 September, 09:30-10:45, Opening of the AHRI online conference and keynote address</p> <p>Asbjørn Eide, University of Oslo, From imperial warfares to global welfare</p>					
<p>Conference theme: The future of human rights: Socio-economic rights, equality and development</p>					
<p>Stream 1: Vulnerability and discrimination</p>		<p>Stream 2: Future opportunities and challenges</p>		<p>Stream 3: Ensuring implementation of human rights</p>	
<p>Friday 4 September, 11:00-13:00</p>					
<p>Vulnerability in theory and practice (chair: Monika Mayrhofer, University of Vienna, Austria)</p>		<p>Perspectives on the future (chair: Lilian Chenwi, Wits University, South Africa)</p>		<p>Understanding governmental human rights focal points (chair: Stephanie Lagoutte, Danish Intitute for Human Rights)</p>	
<p>Alison Vadachalam, Land Claims Court, South Africa Gustav Muller, University of Pretoria, South Africa</p>	<p>Shelter in the eye of a storm: Evictions in the time of COVID-19 – a global perspective</p>	<p>Steven Jensen, Danish Institute for Human Rights</p>	<p>Future’s past: Rethinking the history of economic and social rights</p>	<p>Jeremy Sarkin, NOVA University of Lisbon</p>	<p>The importance of national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up in light of states’ treaty and other obligations</p>

Michelle Coleman, Middlesex University, UK	Acquittals and socio-economic rights in international criminal law	Tine Destrooper, Ghent University, Belgium	Future-proofing human rights. Towards a thicker understanding of accountability	Karin Buhmann, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark	Soft-law-based national institutions as enforcers of business responsibilities for human rights: OECD National Contact Points and the dynamics of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
Dunia Zongwe, Walter Sisulu University, South Africa	Caster Semenya, androgynism, intersectionality, and anti-discrimination law	Gustavo Arosemena, Maastricht University, Netherlands; Rubin Thomas John, Mahatma Ghandi University, India	Beyond economics: Theorizing the added value of economic, social and cultural rights	Henrietta Ekefre, University of Pretoria	Interrogating the use of taskforces as a human rights governmental focal point in implementing African human rights mechanisms' decisions in Kenya
Onthatile Olerile Moeti, University of Glasgow, UK	International law and the advancement of indigenous peoples' socio-economic rights: A commentary on the San in Botswana	Dejo Olowu, Walter Sisulu University, South Africa	African regional human rights architecture, Agenda 2063 and the promise of human flourishing	Matthieu Niederhauser, University of Lausanne, Switzerland	The implementation of the Istanbul Convention in a federal state: uncovering multi-level governmental coordination mechanisms and focal points

		Marlies Hesselman, University of Groningen, Netherlands	Is the time right for the right to energy?	Colin Caughey, National University of Ireland, Galway	CRPD Focal Points a new solution to an old problem: making the marginalised a priority
				Patricia Herrera-Kit, Externado de Colombia University	Inter-institutional coordination as a strategy for human rights management. Case study: Project for Attention communities at risk in Colombia
				Sebastien Lorion, Danish Institute for Human Rights	Human Rights Ministries as sites of governmental coordination and expert translation: Professionalisation vs bureaucratic dynamics in Burkina Faso
Friday 4 September, 14:00-15:30					
AHRI Assembly					
Friday 4 September, 16:00-17:30					
Vulnerability as a tool to include and exclude (chair: Maija Mustaniemi-Laakso, Åbo Akademi, Finland)	The right to benefit from science and technology in the digital age (chair: Jay Aronson, Carnegie Mellon University, US)		National approaches (chair: Kasey McCall-Smith, University of Edinburgh, UK)		

Viljam Engström, Åbo Akademi, Finland	Institutional competition for social protection	Klaus Beiter, North West University, South Africa	The university in ruins? The McDonaldisation of higher education, academic freedom violations 2.0, and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and Its applications	Carol Ngang, University of the Free State, South Africa	Human rights and socio-economic transformation in South Africa
Mikaela Heikkilä, Åbo Akademi, Finland	Legal approaches to the vulnerability of undocumented migrants or empowerment?	Lottie Lane, University of Groningen	Decisions, decisions: Artificial intelligence, socio-economic rights and responsibility for non-discrimination	William Kiema, University of Cape Town, South Africa	Conceptualizing structural interdicts in socio-economic rights litigation; the Kenyan and South African Approach.
Meiraf Tesfaye, Åbo Akademi, Finland	Understanding the right to equality and dignity in the context of international commercial surrogacy arrangements	Kene Esom, UNDP, New York, US	Anchoring digital health on a rights-based approach	Claire-Michelle Smyth, University of Brighton, UK	The case for constitutionalisation of SER in Ireland
Stephen Phillips, Åbo Akademi, Finland	Enhanced vulnerability through immigration detention as a border securitisation tool	Jennifer Sellin, Maastricht University, Netherlands	Access to medicines and the right to benefit from science	Karinne Lantz, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada	The effective implementation of socio-economic human rights in Canada

				Alan Miller, University of Strathclyde, UK	Sharing Scotland's progress towards protection of socio-economic rights
Saturday 5 September, 10:00-11:30					
Children's rights (chair: Usang Maria Assim, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)		Environment (chair: Ademola Jegede, University of Venda, South Africa)		Adjudication of economic, social and cultural rights in Africa (chair: Faith Kabata, Kenyatta University, Kenya)	
Thomas Bundschuh, Sheffield Hallam University, UK	Mandela's children: Post-Apartheid South Africa and the child's right to development	Julie Fraser and Lorena Sosa, Utrecht University, Netherlands	Climate change as catalyst: Realising women's ESC rights	Tarisai Mutangi, University of Zimbabwe	The jurisprudential development of economic, social and cultural rights under the African human rights system
Tizina Ramagaga, consultant, South Africa	Finding the balance between human rights and practice in South Africa's public education system	Michael Addaney, Wuhan University, China	Climate change, adaptation governance, and human rights: A deliberative approach	Emily Mukami Njiru, advocate, Kenya	Adjudication of human rights disputes in the sub-regional courts in Africa: A case study of East African Court of Justice
Simon Ngalomba, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Poverty and rural-urban child trafficking: Implications on access to education	Elisa Morgera and Elaine Webster, University of Strathclyde, UK	More law, less legalistic; more science, less scientific: Connecting human dignity and rights to environmental protection through capacity building.	Yvonne Oyieke, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Kenya	Realizing women's rights in Africa. Implementation of the Maputo Protocol within the African human rights system

Bronwyn Batchelor and Ntandokayise Ndlovu, University of Fort Hare, South Africa	On paper or practical? To respect, protect, promote and fulfil children's rights when the state assumes the responsibility in South Africa: a comparative assessment with Kenya and Zimbabwe	Pedro Cisterna Gaete, University of Edinburgh	Human rights and climate change adaptation in protecting urban poor	Elvis Fokala, Stellenbosch University, South Africa	Trailblazing? Human rights adjudication in the practise of the ECOWAS Court
Samuel Igbatayo, Nigeria	Strengthening child-sensitive social protection for human development in Sub-Saharan Africa: a multi-country study of Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa			Alejandro Fuentes, RWI, Sweden	Culturally sensitive human rights integration. Adjudication of indigenous peoples claims in the Americas
Saturday 5 September 12:00-13:30					
Migration (chair: Elena Katselli, Newcastle University, UK)		Human rights and clinical legal education (chair: Morten Kjaerum, RWI, Sweden)		Conflict (chair: Antoine Buyse, Utrecht University, Netherlands)	
Priscilla Tamale, UNHCR, Bangladesh	A feminist approach to delivery of humanitarian	Daven Dass, Wits University, South Africa	Clinical Legal Education in South Africa	Lina Malagon, University of Ulster, UK	Exploring the Poor Record of Socio-Economic Rights

	assistance: Realizing refugee women's rights in the Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh			Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, University of Minnesota, US Rory O'Connell, University of Ulster, UK	inclusion in Peace Agreements
Mohammad Mohiuddin, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh	Social change among host communities after Rohingya influx in Bangladesh: A sociological study in Cox's Bazar camp area	Chengetai Hamadziripi, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe	Assessing the role of law clinics as training methodology in Human Rights Zimbabwe	Lazgin Barany, University of Duhok , Iraq	The role of teaching of the religious education in Iraqi state schools in reducing societal conflict
Valentina Rioseco, University of Edinburgh	Incorporating a human rights-based approach to irregular migration. A Chilean case study	Zhang Wanhong, Wuhan University, China	Community Legal Empowerment Clinic for the Deaf: Observations from legal clinicians in China	Nicoline Nwenushi Tumasang Wazeh, CAWOPEM, Cameroon	Shrinking civic space in Cameroon: Impact on the implementation of women's human rights
Abiy Ashenafi, University of Pretoria	The right of refugees to adequate housing in the African human rights system	Alejandro Fuentes, RWI, Sweden, and Yuliya Khvatsik, Belarus State University	Human Rights Education and Clinical Legal Education. Developing human rights education components through legal clinics in Belarus	Claire Wright, QUB, UK Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, University of Minnesota, US Bill Rolston, University of Ulster, UK	How can transitional justice respond to colonial legacies? Ethnic difference and the Colombian peace process of 2016

Saturday 5 September 14:00-15:30

Sexual and reproductive rights (chair: Rudu Chigudu, University of Pretoria, South Africa)		Economic justice (chair: Bård Anders Andreassen, University of Oslo, Norway)		Actors and tools (chair: Nkatha Murungi, University of Pretoria, South Africa)	
Keabetswe Khutsoane, Wits University, South Africa	Sexual surrogacy in Africa	Oyeniye Abe, Afe Babalola University, Nigeria	Business, human rights and corporate obligations under international law	Meskerem Geset, University of Padova, Italy	The role of NHRIs in deliberative economic and social rights enforcement: the potential of the inquiry power
Severyna Magill, Sheffield Hallam University, UK	India's commitment to fulfilling rights to reproductive-health and pregnant persons' right to life with dignity	Irene Kariuki, Kenya School of Law	The role of multi-national corporations in the protection of socio-economic human rights in the 21st century	Ashwanee Budoo, University of Pretoria	Towards implementation of the SADC guidelines on gender budgeting in Mauritius
Tadiwanashe Burukai, WoMandla Foundation, Zimbabwe	Abortion : prolife and prochoice, a government decision or a woman's personal choice: Case of Zimbabwe	Phallen Kamona, Copperbelt University, Zambia	Secondary poverty, human rights law and socio-economic realities of internally displaced people and extractive industry in Zambia	Wenche Barth Eide, University of Oslo, Norway	Active promotion of ESCR through UN development agencies and funds -- does it have a future?
Olawale Akinrinde, Osun State University, Nigeria	Heteronormative sexualities and the future of human rights in Africa	Nyasha Noreen Katsenga, University of Seychelles	The right to a well-functioning economy: a futuristic outlook for the realisation of socio-economic rights	Serges Kamga, University of South Africa	The role of civil society in shaping and fostering the realization of human rights in Africa: The case of the right to development

				Antoine Buyse, Utrecht University, Netherlands	Creative protesting in times of civic space squeezing - Reshaping the freedom of assembly
Saturday 5 September 16:00-17:30					
<p>20 years of AHRI: History and future (chair: Kasey McCall-Smith, AHRI chairperson)</p> <p>Panellists: Manfred Nowak, Global Campus of Human Rights, Venice, Italy; Yvonne Oyieke, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Nairobi, Kenya; Paloma Cobo, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia</p>					