The Inter-American Human Rights System: The Law and Politics of Institutional Change

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Provisional Programme

Friday 9 October

9:15 – 9:45. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Professor Jonathan Bell, Director, Institute of the Americas, University College London
- Par Engstrom and Peter Low, University College London

9.45-11.15. Session 1: The Politics of Institutional Change

Chair: Natalia Saltalamacchia, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

- "Inter-American Human Rights Commission and non-jurisdictional States: impasse or cooperation?” - Isabela Garbin, Federal University of Uberlândia.
- “A atuação da Comissão Interamericana durante a ditadura militar brasileira” - Bruno Boti Bernardi, University of São Paulo.

11:15 – 11:45. Coffee break
11.45 – 13:15. **Session 2: Patterns of Normative and Legal Change**

*Chair: Clara Burbano Herrera, University of Ghent*

- “Beyond the constitutionality of the Brazilian Amnesty Law: Crimes against humanity as a case study to understand the STF behaviour and struggles of civil society” - **Caroline de Lima e Silva**, University of Copenhagen.
- “Guarantees of non-repetition in the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” - **Diana Guarnizo**, University of Essex.
- “Beyond article 2: real impacts of legislative changes ordered by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” - **Carina Calabria**, University of Manchester.

13:15 – 14:45. **Lunch: North Sea Fish Restaurant, 7-8 Leigh Street, WC1H 9EW**

14:45 – 16:15. **Session 2 (cont’d): Patterns of Normative and Legal Change**

*Chair: Thomas Pegram, University College London*

- “Revisiting the Velásquez Rodríguez ethos: contestation, deference and backlash in the IAHRS” - **Jorge Contesse**, Rutgers School of Law-Newark.
- "The principle of complementarity and Reparations in the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court" - **Clara Sandoval-Villalba**, University of Essex.
- “The Conventionality Control and challenges at the Venezuelan national system” - **Francisco Alfonzo**, University of Essex.

16.15 - 16.45. **Coffee Break**


*Chair: Courtney Hillebrecht, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

**Speakers:**
- James Cavallaro, Stanford Law School.
- Oscar Parra, Former Senior Legal Officer, Inter-American Court of Human Rights / MSc Candidate, University of Oxford.
- Gabriela Kletzel, Director - International Team, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales.
- Flavia Piovesan, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paolo.

19.30. **Workshop dinner: Tas Bloomsbury, 22 Bloomsbury St., WC1B 3QJ**
Saturday 10 October

9:30 – 11:00. Session 3: Institutional Change and Human Rights Impact

Chair: Sandra Borda, Universidad de Los Andes

- “The impact of institutional change at the Commission on the allegations made by the victims of the Chilean and Argentinian dictatorships and its resolutions” - Karinna Fernandez, University of Essex.

11:00 – 11:30. Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00. Session 3 (cont’d): Institutional Change and Human Rights Impact

Chair: Rossana Rocha Reis, University of São Paulo

- "Mobilizing Women’s Human Rights in the IACHR: Impacts of the Belém do Pará Convention on Transnational Legal Mobilization" - Cecília MacDowell Santos, University of San Francisco.
- “Avaliar o impacto do sistema interamericano de direitos humanos nos padrões de proteção (jurídicos e em termos de políticas públicas) existentes no Brasil” - Heloisa Camara, Universidade Federal do Paraná.
- “Institutional Complexity and Compliance in the Inter-American Human Rights System” - Cristiane Carneiro, Universidade de São Paulo (presenting author) and Simone Wegmann, University of Geneva.

13:00 – 14:30. Lunch: UCL, Institute of the Americas

14:30 – 16:30. Network review meeting