



Inter-American Human Rights Network

Leverhulme Inter-American Human Rights Network
Workshop II

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

9-10 October 2015
Institute of the Americas
University College London

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.

- “Luis Reque vs. Augusto Pinochet: The Changing Fate of the Inter-American Human Rights System in the 1970s” - **Patrick William Kelly**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- “South American Interpretations of Human Rights – The UNASUR in the context of the Inter-American Human Rights System” - **Anne Hoffman**, German Institute of Global and Area Studies.
- “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

16.45 – 18.45. **Roundtable discussion: Best Practices for the IAHRs in a Changing Human Rights Environment**

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 Paulo.

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

- “One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? Domestic Courts under Scrutiny: The Crucial Impact of National Courts in Latin America on the Inter-American Human Rights System” - **Stefanie Lemke**, Utrecht University.
- “The impact of institutional change at the Commission on the allegations made by the victims of the Chilean and Argentinian dictatorships and its resolutions” - **Karina Fernandez**, University of Essex.
- “The Inter-American Human Rights Court’s Approach to Reparations: a Colombian Case-Inspired Reflection on the Nature, Origins and Implications of Recent Tendencies” - **Geneviève Lessard**, University of Ottawa.

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