

**Within the Realm of Possible:
Reforming the UN Treaty Bodies' Individual Communications Mechanisms**

15 November 2019 | Hertie School | Forum, 1st Floor

Workshop Programme

9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee

9:30-9:45 Welcome

Başak Çalı, Hertie School, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Berlin

9:45-11:15 Panel I: Interpretation of Treaties: Procedural and Substantive Dimensions

Chair: Andreas Føllesdal, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

- » Anne-Katrin Wolf (practicing lawyer, Berlin), "Standing Before the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies – A Call to Rethink *Ius Standi* in View of the Substantive Law of the Treaties"
- » Alain Zysset (University of Glasgow) and Antoinette Scherz (PluriCourts, University of Oslo), "Reforming Through Reasons: Treaty Interpretation, Proportionality and the Legitimate Authority of the CESCR"
- » Geir Ulfstein (PluriCourts, University of Oslo), "The Margin of Appreciation in Treaty Body Jurisprudence"

Discussant: Andreas Zimmermann, University of Potsdam, member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel II: Remedies, Follow-up, and Implementation

Chair: Geir Ulfstein, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

- » Helena Rodríguez-Bronchú Carceller (human rights law consultant, Geneva), "Enhancing Compliance of the Monitoring Process to Foster Implementation"
- » Irina Criveț (Koç University, Istanbul), "Remedies and Follow-up Procedures of Individual Communications of the CEDAW and CRPD Committees: The Missing Link?"
- » Andreas von Staden (Universität Hamburg), "(Sometimes) As Good as a Court: Compliance with the Legally Non-Binding Views of the Committee against Torture"

Discussant: Gentian Zyberi, University of Oslo, member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Panel III: Country Perspectives

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- » Aleksandra Koneva (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow), "Towards Better Compliance with the Human Rights Treaty Bodies' Views through Improving National Enforcement Mechanisms: The Perspective of the Russian Federation"
- » Khadidja Nema (MENA Rights Group, Geneva), "Individual Communications against North-African States before the UN Committee against Torture and the UN Human Rights Committee"
- » Andreas von Staden and Andreas Ullmann (Universität Hamburg), "Normative Commitments and Costly Signals: Explaining the Acceptance of Individual Communications and Inquiry Procedures across the Core UN Human Rights Treaties"

Discussant: Hélène Tigroudja, Aix-Marseille University, member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45- 17:15 Panel IV: Ways for Internal Cohesiveness and External Effectiveness

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- » Martin Scheinin (European University Institute, Florence) "Treaty Bodies and Their Evolving Practices: Building a Foundation for a World Court of Human Rights"
- » Vincent Ploton and Madeleine Sinclair (International Service for Human Rights, Geneva), "Effective Dissemination of Views"
- » Alexandre Skander Galand and Başak Çalı (Hertie School, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Berlin), "Speaking with a single voice? Common trends in the case law of the UN treaty bodies"

Discussant: Mehrdad Payandeh, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

17:15- 17:45 Wrap Up and Next Steps