

HRLC (Civil and Political Rights Unit) Seminar

The European Convention on Human Rights: Environmental Claims; Contemporary Issues

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 14.00-17.00

Session I:

Chair:

Dominic McGoldrick is Professor of International Human Rights Law and former Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC), University of Nottingham. He is currently the Head of the HRLC's Civil and Political Rights Unit. Recent publications include 'Sharia Law in Europe? Legacies of the Ottoman Empire and the European Convention on Human Rights' (2019) *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*; 'Religious Symbols and State Regulation: Assessing the Strategic Role of the European Court of Human Rights' in J. Temperman et al (eds), *The European Court of Human Rights and the Freedom of Religion or Belief* (Brill, 2019); 'A defence of the margin of appreciation and an argument for its application by the human rights committee' (2016) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*.

Speakers:

Lucy Maxwell is a human rights lawyer and Senior Legal Associate at the [Climate Litigation Network](#), a project of the [Urgenda Foundation](#). Urgenda is a Dutch sustainability organisation and won a landmark [climate case](#) against the Dutch Government. At the Network, we work with communities and lawyers around the world to bring similar landmark cases, sharing our legal and scientific expertise. We have a forthcoming paper on 'Standards for Adjudicating the Next Generation of Urgenda-Style Climate Cases' available on SSRN [here](#).

Corina Heri is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Zurich. Her research interests are in the areas of public international law, human rights law and legal theory. She is the author of *Responsive Human Rights: Vulnerability, Ill-treatment and the ECtHR* (Hart 2021).

Réka Piskóty is a PhD candidate at the University of Zurich and a research assistant for Prof. Dr. Helen Keller. Her fields of interest include public international law, human rights law and international criminal law.

Aoife Nolan is Professor of International Human Rights Law and Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham. Professor Nolan's professional experience in human rights and constitutional law straddles the legal, policy, practitioner and academic fields. She is Vice-President of the Council of Europe's European Committee of Social Rights, which she joined in 2017. She has published extensively in the areas of human rights and constitutional law, particularly in relation to children's rights and economic and social rights. She currently leads a major three-year international research project on '[Advancing Child Rights Strategic Litigation](#)'. Professor Nolan has acted as an expert advisor to a wide range of international and national organisations and bodies working on human rights issues, including numerous UN Special Procedures, UN treaty bodies, the Council of Europe, multiple NHRIs and NGOs. She has held visiting positions at academic institutions in Europe, Africa, the US and Australia. She is an Academic Expert member at Doughty Street Chambers where she co-leads the Children's Rights Group. Her recent work has focused on climate justice and the rights of children and future generations. In January 2021, she was invited to join the advisory board to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on its forthcoming [General Comment No.26 on children's rights and the environment](#) with a special focus on climate change.

Session II:

Chair:

Professor David Harris co-founded the Human Rights Law Centre in 1993 and has served as Co-Director since that time. He taught Public International Law at the University of Nottingham for 40 years before becoming Professor Emeritus in 2003. David was a Senior Expert for the FRANET project of the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency, for which he led a team of HRLC legal and social experts in producing reports on fundamental rights issues in the UK. He has served as a member of the Committee of Independent Experts of the European Social Charter. He has also acted as a consultant for a number of Council of Europe projects advising accession states on implementing the European Convention on Human Rights. He has published a number of key works on the ECHR and international law. He is a co-author of Harris, O'Boyle and Warbrick, *The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights* (Fourth edition, Oxford University Press, 2018 – fifth edition, forthcoming 2023).

Dr **Ed Bates** is an Associate Professor in Law at the University of Leicester. He is a co-author of Harris, O'Boyle and Warbrick, *The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights* (Fourth edition, Oxford University Press, 2018 – fifth edition, forthcoming 2023) and the author

of E Bates, *The Evolution of the European Convention on Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2010). He is currently writing a monograph entitled, 'The European Court of Human Rights' transformative era (the 2010s): decline, further evolution, realistic future?' to be published by Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2023). His recent work includes, 'Principled resistance to the European Court of Human Rights in the UK?', in M Breuer, '*Principled Resistance to the ECHR – a new paradigm?*' (Springer 2019); 'Activism and self-restraint: the margin of appreciation's Strasbourg career... its 'coming of age'?', in Symposium in Honour of Judge Paul Mahoney 36 (2016) No. 7-12 *Human Rights Law Journal* 261; 'Democratic override (or rejection) and the authority of the Strasbourg Court: the UK Parliament and prisoner voting', in Saul, M., Follesdal, A. and Ulfstein, G., *The International Human Rights Judiciary and National Parliaments: Europe and Beyond* (Cambridge University Press 2017); and 'Analysing the Prisoner Voting Saga and the British Challenge to Strasbourg' (2014) 14 *Human Rights Law Review* 503.

Ed runs the blog UKStrasbourgspotlight

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Judith Skillen is an Assistant Professor in Law at University of Nottingham, having joined the School in September 2019. Prior to this, Judith was a Teaching Fellow at King's College London (2016-2019). Judith read Law at Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge (MA (Hons)) and Queen's University Belfast (LLM). She is currently completing a PhD entitled 'Remedies for Misuse of Private Information' at the University of Bristol.

Paul Roberts is Professor of Criminal Jurisprudence, University of Nottingham School of Law, UK, and Adjunct Professor of Law, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing. He is a graduate of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and a Fellow of the British Academy. Roberts researches and teaches in the areas of criminal procedure and evidence, forensic science, criminal justice and legal theory, with a particular emphasis on comparative, international and philosophical perspectives. He has served as an advisor to the Law Commissions of England and Scotland, to the Crown Prosecution Service, and to the UK Forensic Science Regulator. Current publications include Roberts and Zuckerman, *Criminal Evidence* (OUP, 3/e 2022); Roberts and Stockdale (eds), *Forensic Science Evidence and Expert Witness Testimony* (EE, 2018); and Hunter, Roberts, Young and Dixon (ed), *The Integrity of Criminal Process* (Hart, 2016). In addition to a dozen books and major research reports, Roberts has published over 100 other articles, essays, notes and reviews in law, criminology, philosophy and forensic science books and journals.