



14th Annual Student Human Rights Conference 2013

Human Rights and Democracy: Two Sides of the Same Coin?

Saturday 9 March 2013
Law and Social Sciences Building, University of Nottingham

Programme

09.00	Welcome Refreshments and Registration	Atrium/Room B62
09.15	Conference Opening with Video Message from High Commissioner Navi Pillay	Room B62
09.30	Morning Session	Room B62

Chaired by **Professor Dominic McGoldrick**, Professor of International Human Rights Law and HRLC Co-Director

Obstacles to the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable Order

Mr Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order

Human Rights and Democracy: The Precarious Triumph of Ideals

Professor Todd Landman, Professor of Government and Director of the Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution, University of Essex

11.00 Refreshments Atrium

11.15 Delegates choose between two student-led discussion groups, which will run simultaneously:

Panel 1: Human Rights and Democracy: Common allies or coincidental friends?

Room A1, Chaired by Ben Warwick

Is There No Alternative to Democracy for Protecting Human Rights? Lessons from the Arab Spring.

Lydia Davies-Bright, University of Nottingham

Iraq's Constitutional Struggles and the Threats to the Freedom of Expression.

Hanin Nabeel, Goldsmiths University

The protection of human rights in ex-communist societies: the case of Armenia.

Aristi Voulou, University of Leicester

Pakistan: A democracy coming into its own.

Karen Mersiovsky, University of Nottingham

Panel 2: Questioning the implementation of human rights and democratic norms.

Room B1, Chaired by Bettina Keimel

Democracy at the UN Human Rights Council? Yeah Right!

Ruth Houghton, University College, London

Individuals in a Democratic State Context: The 2010 French ban on the Burqa, the Principle of Laïcité and a Restricted Right to Religion in Europe.

Christopher Beaven, University College, London

Democracy and the Right to Vote in ethnically divided societies: Theory and Practice in Cyprus.

Nasia Hadjigerogiou, King's College, London

12.45	Lunch	Atrium
13.30	Afternoon Session	Room B62
	Chaired by Professor David Harris, Emeritus Professor and HRLC Co-Director	
	<i>Human Rights and Democracy and the Arab Spring</i> Mervat Rishmawi , Human Rights Consultant specializing in MENA region and HRLC Fellow	
	<i>Women and Democracy</i> Ms Louise de Sousa , Head of Human Rights and Democracy Department, United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office	
14.45	Refreshments	Atrium
15.00	Delegates choose between two student-led discussion groups, which will run simultaneously:	
	<p>Panel 3: Human rights and democracy: contemporary issues in the modern world. Room A1, Chaired by Janet Ng</p> <p><i>Protecting whistle-blowers: A critical appraisal of the Official Secrets Act 1989 and the recent jurisprudence of the Strasbourg Court.</i> Dimitrios Kagiarios, University of Hull</p> <p><i>Tahrir or Tottenham: Two Tales of the Social Media and the Myth of Freedom.</i> Ignas Kalpokas, University of Nottingham</p> <p><i>The Co-option of Human Rights and feminist rhetoric to justify the War on Terror.</i> Lydney Mitchell, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow</p>	
	<p>Panel 4: The Forgotten subjects of democracies. Room B1, Chaired by Joel Simpson</p> <p><i>Prison(er) Democratization: User Voice and the Prison Council Model - An ethnographic exploration of participatory governance in three English prisons</i> Bethany Schmidt, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge</p> <p><i>Citizens, Foreigners or Humans? Jus Meritum and Problems with Human Rights in the United Kingdom.</i> Maria Werdine, London School of Economics and Political Sciences</p> <p><i>Absolute rights and unpopular minorities: exploring the interplay between democracy and Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.</i> Natasha Mavronicola, University of Cambridge</p>	
16.45	Closing Remarks from Professor David Harris , Professor Emeritus and HRLC Co-Director	Room B62

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