

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Saturday 25 March 2017, University of Nottingham

LGBT+ rights in the 21st Century: Free and equal?

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual Student Human Rights Conference is an opportunity for postgraduate students to present their research to a diverse and global audience alongside eminent scholars, experts and practitioners.

The recent decision by the Human Rights Council to create a mandate for an Independent Expert on the protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, which markedly divided the Council, reveals a worrying lack of recognition and respect for LGBT+ rights when compared with other categories of rights. This conference aims to critically examine where both national and international law stands today in relation to LGBT+ people. How far have we come, and more importantly, what further steps need to be taken to build a truly equal society?

The conference is a chance to discuss the most pressing LGBT+ rights challenges today and the possible avenues to tackling inequality. What legal obligations do states and international institutions, like the UN, have, and should they be doing more? What are the root causes of LGBT+ discrimination? Does the future lie in the law or in changing social attitudes, or both? What role does civil society play?

Papers are welcome on subjects related to the following themes:

- **State practice and social attitudes towards LGBT+ people**
- **The international legal framework and LGBT+ rights**
- **Challenging the dichotomy of gender**
- **Economic and social rights in particular, LGBT+ rights in the workplace, healthcare and family life**
- **Yogyakarta Principles - 10 years on, have they achieved their aims?**

Papers should critically address the questions above, analysing the position of LGBT+ people in modern societies with regard to legal, political, economic and social equality. Recommendations for future improvement in these areas are also highly welcomed.

The Conference Committee encourages the submission of papers from post-graduate students in any discipline on any of the above themes. Authors of selected papers will be offered the opportunity to discuss their work in panels which will take place as part of the conference, alongside leading practitioners and academics working in the field. Applications are open to university students in any discipline who are enrolled at a recognised university. Papers and presentations should be in English.

Submission Details:

Using the application form available on the website, please provide a short abstract of no more than 1000 words by **Friday 6 January 2017**, clearly stating the author's postal address, email, telephone number and institution. The abstract should be submitted electronically to the following address: HumanRightsConference@nottingham.ac.uk

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