

16:00-18:00 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Cedric Ryngaert (KULeuven)

- Mutoy Mubiala (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)
- Rafendi Djamin (ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission)
- Isabelle Durant (European Parliament) (invited)
- Felipe Gomez (University of Deusto, Bilbao)

Registration fee: 150 Euro

Students: 25 Euro

Deadline for registration:

September 5th, 2010

In order to register, please pay the registration fee to bank account 001-0686455-62 and mention 'INCO2010+ name of the participant'.

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Conference secretariat:

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Accommodation:

The conference team has reserved a number of hotel rooms in Brussels for conference participants.

If you wish to book one of these rooms, please contact the secretariat before September 5th.

Setting:

The conference will take place at the Fondation Universitaire Stichting, Rue d'Egmontstraat 11, B-1000 Brussels.

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- Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Raad - University Development Cooperation (VLIR/UOS);
- Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium;
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Human Rights & International Legal Discourse

International Conference: The Contribution of Non-Western Legal Systems to International Human Rights Law

Brussels 13-14 September 2010



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Conference program

The Contribution of non-Western Legal Systems to International Human Rights Law

The topic of this international conference is the impact of legal developments at local, domestic and regional levels on international human rights law. The conference will focus particularly on the impact of non-Western legal systems on the international human rights regime.

Three angles are explored:

1. the impact of constitutional and other domestic courts on the development and interpretation of international human rights law;
2. the degree to which the acceptance of pluralism within international human rights law can serve as a response to dealing with diversity within and among societies;
3. the extent to which human rights claims formulated by social movements and other local groups contributes to the interpretation and further development of international human rights law;

The conference team consists of human rights lawyers of all law faculties in Flanders:

Prof. Eva Brems (University of Ghent), Prof. Koen de Feyter (University of Antwerp), Prof. Franck Maes (University of Ghent), Prof. Cedric Ryngaert (Catholic University of Leuven), Prof. Stefaan Smis (Vrije Universiteit Brussels), Prof. Stefan Sottiaux (Catholic University of Leuven), Prof. Wouter Vandenhole (University of Antwerp), Prof. Kim van der Borght (Vrije Universiteit Brussels), Prof. Jan Wouters (Catholic University of Leuven).

Prof. Stefaan Smis and Prof. Koen de Feyter serve as the principal conference conveners.

Monday, Sep 13th

Afternoon:

14:30-15:00 OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Chair and Welcome by Stefaan Smis (VUB)

Introductory Remarks on the Conference
Theme by Koen de Feyter (UA)

15:00-17:00 Keynote Speeches on the theme of the Conference: African, Latin American and Asian perspectives.

- Michael Addo (Ghana, University of Exeter)
- José Aylwin (Chile, University Austral de Chile)
- Tina Ebro (The Philippines, Institute of Popular Democracy)

Tuesday, Sep 14th

Morning:

9:30-11:00 PLENARY

Chair: Eva Brems (UGent)

- Upendra Baxi (India, Emeritus Professor, University of Warwick)
- Mashood Baderin (SOAS - School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
- Peter Beahr (The Netherlands, Emeritus Professor, University of Utrecht)
- Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Indonesia, Oxfam)

11:00-11:30 BREAK

Parallel sessions with paper presentations:

11:00-12:30 and 14:00-15:30

Panel I:

- *Jingrong Chen (Chongqing University, University of Antwerp):* Coerced Confession in China;
- *Mohammed Abdo (University of Ghent):* Legal pluralism vs. Human Rights Norms (Ethiopia, Sharia)
- *Matthias Vanhullenbusch (School of Oriental and African Studies):* Islamic Law and the Responsibility to Protect
- *Hajar Azari (University of Antwerp):* Human rights and criminal protection of women victims of rape in Iranian Criminal Law;
- *Irene Hadiprayitno (University of Wageningen):* The Indonesian National Human Rights commission and the negotiation of ESC rights;

Panel II:

- *Daniel Mekonnen/ Simon Weldehaimnot (University of Tilburg/Notre Dame):* Principles of procedural fairness under Eritrean customary law;
- *Lourdes Peroni (University of Ghent):* The European and Inter-American Courts of Human Rights: protecting human rights or upholding Western dominant conceptions?
- *Kryss Macleod (University of the West of Scotland):* Imperialism, Relativism and Indigenous Peoples;
- *Elisa Fornale (University of Palermo and University Neuchatel,):* Human Rights and the role of customary law in Mozambique: need of an integrated model?
- *Silvana Hugue (University of Antwerp):* The Brazilian legal system and international human rights law;
- *Saila Ould Chaib (University of Ghent):* Non-Western law in the West (ECHR);