

Preliminary conference program: Human rights and democracy - the role of supranational courts

University of Münster, Germany - Law Faculty, Karl-Bender-Saal (J 322)

Day 1: September 11, 2025

09:00 – Arrival and welcome

09:30 – *Michaela Hailbronner*: Introduction

09:45 – *Rehan Abeyratne*: Editorial Comments

10:00 – *Gavin Phillipson*: The 'Procedural Turn' at Strasbourg: a Mixed Blessing? – Commentator: Raphael Schäfer (Kings College)

11:00 – Coffee break

11:30 – *Alain Zysset*: It's Proportionality, Stupid! Authoritarian Norm-Repurposing and Human Rights Adjudication in Europe and the Americas – Commentator: Max Steuer

12:30 – Lunch

13:30 – *Janneke Gerards et al.* – Remarks on the ECtHR and Discussion

14:30 – Coffee break

15:00 – *Delfina Beguerie*: A democratic model of adjudication for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights – Commentator: Mateo Merchan Duque

16:00 – *Adem Abebe*: The African Court's conception of democracy and its role in defending the ideal (online) – Commentator: Rehan Abeyratne

Day 2: September 12, 2025

09:30 – *Tracy Robinson*: The Fledgling Caribbean Court, a Divided Guyana and a Discordant Region – Commentator: James Fowkes

10:30 – Coffee Break

11:00 – *Peter Danchin*: The Human Rights Committee and Human Rights Council – Commentator: Lara Geldsetzer

12:00 – Light Lunch

13:00 – *Tom Daly*: Re-thinking International Human Rights Courts as Democracy Protectors: A Cross-Regional Comparative View (online) – Commentator: Michaela Hailbronner

14:00 – *Janneke Gerard & Michaela Hailbronner*: Conclusion and general discussion: Comparison between the different courts and approaches, lessons learned

15:00 – End

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