

Human Rights

Research Committee 26 IPSA

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Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

This is the second time I have written to you all, the Research Committee 26 on human rights members, in my capacity as Chair. The purpose of this correspondence is to inform current Research Committee members of the developments that have taken place in relation to the Committee over the past six months, and to provide information to all those IPSA members who are interested in conducting human rights research.

Firstly, last month, we undertook a major project: we contacted the approximately 490 IPSA members who had expressed an interest in human rights research when they registered with IPSA. My assistants, students from the High School of Economics in St. Petersburg, emailed an invitation to become Research

Committee members to each of these IPSA members and, as a result of their mass effort, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm the incorporation of almost 70 new members onto the Committee. We will send our Newsletter out to all 490 IPSA members who are interested in human rights shortly, but decisions on topics relating to RC 26 activity will be limited to RC 26 members.

Anyone who has not yet expressed their interest in becoming an RC 26 member but who would like to do so now, please email me directly at asungurov@mail.ru

Secondly, I attended a meeting of the European Ombudsman Institute that was held in Bratislava on 15 March 2019. The Institute is a professional association of Ombudsman (Commissioners for human rights) and scholars who are interested in this institute's activities (<http://www.eoi.at/>). I have been a member of this Institute since 2006. During this meeting I gave a presentation about the activity of our IPSA RC26 and proposed we work together. My proposal was approved.

Thirdly, an IPSA RC26 International Symposium on "Current issues on human rights" will be held at Carlos III University, in Getafe, Madrid, Spain on 23-24 May 2019. This Symposium will be organised into 6 panels, the topics of which will be: a) 70th anniversary Universal Declaration; b) Civil rights; c) Political rights; d) Social Rights; e) Cultural rights; d) UN Sustainable Development Goals and UN Global Compact for Migration. Each panel will have a Chair and a Discussant.

Fourthly, an IPSA RC26 International Conference will be held at St. Petersburg, Russia on 18-19 October 2019. The topics will be: 1.- Main trends in the development of the concept of human rights universality, accumulated problems and possible solutions; 2.- Development of institutions for Human Rights protection and promotion at the international, national and regional levels, including any problems of

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this development; 3.- The universality of human rights versus the sovereignty of States; 4.- The experience of human rights protection: concrete cases in comparative perspective.

I hope the RC26 members find these initiatives interesting and inspiring, both for their future individual and collaborative endeavours.

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history and its Board.

This can be viewed on the following link:

<http://rc26.ipsa.org>

“CURRENT ISSUES ON HUMAN RIGHTS”, IPSA RC26 HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM, CARLOS III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, GETAFE CAMPUS, MADRID, SPAIN

Organisers: Department of International and Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law (Uc3m), IPSA Research Committee 26 on human rights, Human Rights Institute Bartolome de las Casas (Uc3m), Faculty of Social and Legal Sciences (Uc3m)

IPSA RC26 human rights symposium, entitled “Current issues on human rights”, will be held this 23-24 May at Getafe Campus in Carlos III University of Madrid. It will be an excellent opportunity to exchange points of view on human rights topics and to strengthen the RC26 community links.

30 scholars with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise will come from 13 countries, spread across 4 continents. The affiliation of the symposium participants will be from the following academic centres and countries: University of Central Oklahoma, USA; Université de Bamako, Mali; Lazarski University, Poland; Gaston Berger University, Senegal; Washburn University; University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMBC). Unites States; Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal; University Santa Ursula – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow Poland; St Petesburg University, Russia; Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain; Kula Women’s College, Nambol, Manipur, India; Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland; Institute of Migration Studies_IUEM, Comillas Pontifical University, Spain; Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuorlumeni Rivers State, Nigeria; Jaume I University, Spain; University of Valencia, Spain; University of Delhi, India; University of Barcelona, Spain; Amazon University, Brazil, University of Siena, Italy, Osaka University, Japan.

This Symposium will be organised in 6 panels, the topics of which are: a) 70th anniversary Universal Declaration; b) Civil rights; c) Political rights; d) Social Rights; e) Cultural rights; d) UN Sustainable Development Goals and UN Global Compact for Migration. Each panel will have a Chair and a Discussant. Each participant will give a 15-minute presentation. Once the panelists have concluded their presentations, the discussant will take 10-15 minutes of questions followed by 30 minutes of discussion

and debate.

The Symposium papers will be published in a collective book by Dykinson Editorial. According to the Scholarly Publishers Indicator in Humanities and Social Sciences (<http://ilia.cchs.csic.es/SPI/indexEn.html>), Dykinson is the first Spanish academic editorial in Law. You can see this by clicking the following link: <http://ilia.cchs.csic.es/SPI/grafico17.html>.

For up-to-date information on the human rights symposium, please click the following link: <http://rc26.ipsa.org/post/2019/02/24/Madrid-IPSA-RC26-human-rights-symposium-Current-issues-on-human-rights>

VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “THE OCTOBER READINGS – 2019” TO BE HELD IN SAINT-PETERSBURG AT OCTOBER 17-19, 2019 WITH THE TOPIC: “HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPTION IN CONTEMPORARY WORLD: THEORETICAL APPROACHES AND APPLICATION PRACTICES”

Organizers: Department of Applied Political Sciences at the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Campus of Saint-Petersburg; IPSA Research Committee №26 on Human Rights; Research Committee on Human Rights of Russian Association of Political Science (RAPS)

The concept of human rights universality plays an important role in the contemporary world, but it has both ardent supporters and equally sincere opponents. On the basis of this concept, the whole system of international law was beginning to be developed, at the same time disagreement and opposition toward this concept is growing in the form of bringing to absolute the sovereignty of individual states. The development of institutions for Human Rights promotion and protection at the interstate, state and non-state levels is also experiencing problems at nowadays in a number of countries, including Russia. In this situation, there is also a trend to dogmatization of the very

concept of Human Rights, unwillingness to discuss the accumulated problems and controversial aspects within the emerging Human Rights theory.

Based on this issues, forthcoming discussions within the October Readings - 2019 will be focused on the following problematic sectors: (1) main trends in the development of the concept of Human Rights universality, accumulated problems and possible solutions; (2) development of institutions for Human Rights protection and promotion at the international, national and regional levels, including any problems of this development; (3) the universality of Human Rights versus the sovereignty of states; (4) the experience of human rights protection: concrete cases in comparative perspective.

A distinguish specialists in human rights field are invited as guest speakers. Between them – professor Michael Fedotov, chair of presidential commission for civil society and human rights, who will guest speaker at the first day of conference, and Vyacheslav Bahmin, co-chair of Moscow Helsinki Group.

Applications with the annotation of future report (150-200 words), please, provide not later May 15, 2019 to the secretary of the Conference Anna Zakharova **by the following email:** aesemikova@edu.hse.ru

Professor Alexander Sungurov, Chair of Programmers Committee

2020 IPSA WORLD CONGRESS WEBSITE IS NOW ONLINE

IPSA has launched the website for the 26th World Congress of Political Science (Lisbon, Portugal, 25-29 July 2020)!

The Congress website, wc2020.ipsa.org, features details on the Congress theme and program, the call for proposals, and the venue, as well as the procedure to apply for a Schengen visa, and useful information about Lisbon and Portugal.

The World Congress will deliver a rich program on the theme “*New Nationalisms in an Open World*” which will be coordinated by Program Co-chairs, Professor Bertrand

Badie (France) and Professor Hasret Dikici Bilgin (Turkey). Additionally, the Portuguese Political Science Association conference will be held in conjunction with the World Congress.

Key dates:

Call for Panels Opens: 20 May 2019

Open Panel Proposal Submission Deadline: 10 July 2019

Call for Papers Opens: 7 August 2019

Proposal Submission Deadline (Papers and Closed Panels): 10 October 2019

For further information, visit wc2020.ipsa.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

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The Age of Human Rights Journal

<http://revistaselectronicas.ujaen.es/index.php/TAHRJ>

The Human Rights Age Journal is a scientific journal of international relevance, published in English, peer-reviewed and open-access, containing papers concerning Human Rights from different approaches. This Journal is edited in the framework of the Research Group “The Age of Rights”, composed by about one hundred researchers belonging to some of the most important human rights research groups in Spain.

Among the members of the Scientific Board are such relevant scholars as Robert Alexy, Joana Abrisketa, Kai Ambos, Reiner Arnold, Fareda Banda, Martha N. Bello Albarracín, Emmanuel Décaux, Elías Díaz, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Todd Landman, Massimo La Torre, Mario Losano, Javier de Lucas, Susan Millns, Ramon Paniagua, Antonio E. Pérez Luño, Philip Pettit, or Richard Wilson.

The Journal has been included in the catalogues of *Emerging Source Citation Index* of the *Web of Science*, LATINDEX, ISOC (CSIC), DIALNET and REDIB.

Call for Papers

Submission instructions:

<http://revistaselectronicas.ujaen.es/index.php/TAHRJ/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Manuscripts should be sent to

tahrj@ujaen.es

PUBLICATIONS

Susan Brison and Katharine Gelber 2019 *Free Speech in the Digital Age*. Oxford University Press, New York. Information is here:
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/free-speech-in-the-digital-age-9780190883607?cc=au&lang=en&>

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