

# Human Rights

## Research Committee 26 IPSA

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### **Message from the Chair**

Dear Colleagues,

This is the third time I have written to you all, the Research Committee 26 on human rights members, in my capacity as Chairman. The purpose of this message 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, an IPSA RC26 International Symposium was held at Carlos III University, in Getafe, Madrid, Spain on 23-24 May 2019. This Symposium was organised into 6 panels, the topics of which were: a) 70<sup>th</sup> 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. It was a

really interesting scientific meeting and was a good example of our RC26 academic activity. I am very proud to have had the privilege of taking part in that symposium and would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of all those who attended, to extend a special thanks to Oscar Pérez de la Fuente for his efforts in organising the event.

Secondly, this summer, the RC26 team was involved in preparing the proposal for open panel titles and abstracts for the IPSA 26<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Lisbon, set to take place July 2020. Eight open panels have been proposed by our RC26 committee, the full list of which we include in this Newsletter. Now the time is upon us to put our best foot forward and prepare the best paper for when we go to Lisbon.

Thirdly, my colleagues and I were heavily involved in preparing the VIII international conference: “the October readings – 2019”, which took place in Saint Petersburg on 17-19 October 2019 with the topic: “Human rights conception in contemporary world: theoretical approaches and application practices”. More than seventy speakers took part in this conference, including academicians and human rights activists from Russia, Kazakhstan, Germany, Great Britain, India, Spain, Poland, Turkey and Portugal. It was organised by IPSA RC 26 members and the Russian Association of Political Science’s RC for human rights members, *inter alia*. A photo of the members of this joint working group is included below.

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

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27 October 2019

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**RC26 OPEN WORKSHOPS AT THE IPSA WORLD CONGRESS , LISBON,  
25-29 JULY 2020**

**Call for papers open until 24 October 2019**

***Open Workshop* “ **Assessing the Right to Property, Eviction and Compensation in Ethiopia vis-à-vis International Human Rights Laws and Standards**”**

***Open Workshop* “**Countering Terrorism or Fuelling Extremism? The Comparative Growth of Global De-Radicalization Programs and Policy**”**

**Chair: Prof. Kenneth Christie**

***Open Workshop* “ **Current Issues and Challenges to Human Rights**”**

**Chair: Dr. Mehmet Kabasakal**

***Open Workshop* “**Human Rights Theory: Challenges of XXI century**”**

**Chair: Dr. Anja Mihr**

***Open Workshop* “ **Minorities, Free Speech and Internet**”**

**Chair: Dr. Oscar Perez de la Fuente**

***Open Workshop* “**Neoliberalism, Business and Human Rights**”**

**Chair: Ms. Ayako Inokuchi**

***Open Workshop* “**Ombudsman and other National Human Rights Institutes In Contemporary World**”**

**Chair: Prof. Alexander Sungurov**

***Open Workshop* “ **Tribal Rights and Environment: Sacred Groves as Tribal livelihood Support System**”**

**Chair: Dr. Amita Agarwal**

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

Organizers of Conference were: Commissioner for Human Rights of Saint-Petersburg, Department of Applied Political Sciences at the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Campus of Saint-Petersburg; Research Committee №26 on Human Rights of International Political Science Association and Interregional Center for political science and humanities STRATEGY with support by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

A distinguish specialists in human rights theory and practice was invited as guest speakers. Between them – professor Anja Mihr, Humboldt Viadrina Governance Platform, Berlin, Germany & OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, chair of RC26 of IPSA (2014-2016), professor Michael Fedotov, chair of presidential commission for civil society and human rights, whose lecture opened conference, Vyacheslav Bahmin, co-chair of Moscow Helsinki Group and Vladimir Lukin, member of Council of Federation – upper chamber of Russian parliament of Commissioner for human rights of Russian Federation (2004-2014).

The discussions within the October Readings - 2019 were 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.

Members of RC26 took part actively in this conference, between them - **Oscar Pérez de la Fuente** (Carlos III University of Madrid) Madrid, Spain and secretary of RC26 of IPSA: ‘FREE SPEECH AND RIGHT TO PROTEST FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS

PERSPECTIVE’; **Prof. Ripu Sudan Singh** (Dean, social sciences, BBAU) Lucknow, India and member of body of RC26: ‘Kurdish Search for Citizenship: Protection of Social Environment and Human Rights’, Prof. **Jędrzej Skrzypczak** (Adam Mickiewicz University) Poznan, Poland, member of body of RC26 (2016-2018): ‘Idea and mechanisms for the protection of freedom of speech in the perspective of three regional (European, American and African) conventions on the protection of human rights’ and Tatyana Barandova, SPb, Russia, Secretary of RC26 in 2016-2018.

During last day of conference joint working meeting of members of RC26 of IPSA and RC for human rights and political science of the law took place. During this meeting participants from Germany, India, Poland, Spain, Russia and Turkey discussed planes of they common activities, including RC26 conference in 2021 in Poznan, Poland.

*Professor Alexander Sungurov, Chair of Programmers Committee*

**“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 Sciencies (Uc3m)**

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

To view videos and photos of the event, please click the following link:

<http://rc26.ipsa.org/post/2019/02/24/Madrid-IPSA-RC26-human-rights-symposium-Current-issues-on-human-rights>

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**CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON THE  
“STRUGGLES FOR RECOGNITION: CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND  
RIGHTS OF MINORITIES”**

In May 2020, a Webinar on the ***“Struggles for recognition: Cultural diversity and rights of minorities”*** will be held online and at Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain. The Webinar boasts panels of international experts divided into the key topics. Each panel will discuss papers, which will be distributed in advance to the participants.

Participants will be connected through Carlos III’s online platform. The topics will be the following:

- a) National minorities. Immigration.
- b) Ethnic minorities. Racial minorities. Indigenous people.
- c) Gender minorities. Women. LGBT.
- d) Marginalised people (or marginalised groups).
- e) Theoretical and methodological approaches.

If you are interested, please send an abstract (up to 300 words) to [oscar.perez@uc3m.es](mailto:oscar.perez@uc3m.es) and [mqfalcao@gmail.com](mailto:mqfalcao@gmail.com) by 15 January 2020.

Final acceptance of papers will take place on 30 January 2020.

The deadline for papers (up to 15 pages, 1.5 spacing, Harvard Quotation Style) is 15 April 2020. Papers will be released to the participants before the Webinar.



The Webinar will be held in May 2020.

Webinar papers will be published in an *ebook* by Dykinson Editorial, Spain, which is one of the best Spanish editorials for Law and in an *ebook* in the Brazilian Editorial Ed USU.

Do not hesitate to contact the Coordinators if you have any queries or would like further information.

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**CALL FOR INFORMATION: HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTES**

We are interested in establishing links with Human Rights Institutes around the world. We would like to obtain the name of contact person, their email and Institute website. This information will be used to foster networking and will be distributed to the persons whose contact information has been provided.

If you are a member of a Human Rights Institute, please send an email with the contact details to Alexander Sungurov [asungurov@mail.ru](mailto:asungurov@mail.ru) and Oscar Pérez de la Fuente [Oscar.perez@uc3m.es](mailto:Oscar.perez@uc3m.es)



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## 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](mailto:tahrj@ujaen.es)

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

Kenyon, Kristi Heather. 2019. "Health Advocacy on the Margins: Human Rights as a Tool for HIV prevention among LGBTI communities in Botswana." *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02589001.2019.1659503>

Kenyon, Kristi Heather. 2019. "Viewing International Concepts through Local Eyes: Activist Understandings of Human Rights in Botswana and South Africa." *International Journal of Human Rights*. Online first 3 June: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2019.1607276>

Cataffi, Carmelo, *La ciudadanía perfecta. Aproximación hermenéutica desde el Derecho internacional*, Porrúa, Ciudad de México, 2018.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **New Master Program in Human Rights Studies at Fulda University/Germany**

The Department of Social and Cultural Sciences of Fulda University of Applied Sciences introduced a new Master's program in winter semester 2018/2019:

## Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society.

This new study program addresses graduates in the social sciences, cultural sciences, communication, law or philosophy with a special interest in human rights. The Master's degree in "Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society" qualifies graduates for a professional career as an expert in human rights issues and is a bilingual postgraduate degree program for degree holders (B.A.) in social sciences, economics, cultural studies, philosophy, social work, humanities or legal studies

Students acquire skills in the fields of social science methods, legal argumentation, as well as regional and cultural variants of the concretization of human rights and the meaning of human rights.

The master's program Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society aims to prepare graduates with a strong interest in human rights and a first degree in social, cultural and/or political sciences as well as communication, law, philosophy and/or social work for a career as an expert for human rights issues.

In this interdisciplinary and social science based program, students critically study and analyze the historical and current institutionalization and implementation of human rights in the fields of law, politics and civil society. Students get to know approaches from the social and political sciences as well as from the laws, methods of the social sciences and also learn to consider aspects of interculturality and gender. In addition, students analyze the national, regional and global development of human rights from a legal, political and sociological perspective. Furthermore, students learn to identify and critically examine the developmental dynamics of society, politics and law which are influenced by the implementation and codifications of human rights. The political levels and social institutions are also relevant topics for the students. Additionally, students learn to conduct human rights focused research independently using methods from the social sciences, to present developments in human rights with undergirding facts and figures and to negotiate in intercultural settings.

The master's program comprises ten modules that are spread over four semesters. During the first two semesters, historical and theoretical foundations in the study of human rights and human rights codifications are taught, as well as social science methods, and legal argumentation skills. Communication and common understanding on human rights are further topics of the first study year before the students undertake an internship of 10 weeks in an organization that is relevant for questions on human rights. In the third semester, students can choose two out of three specializing modules, e.g. with a focus on work, business, diversity, migration or communication. Students write their master's thesis during the fourth semester on a research topic that is to be discussed with two supervisors. The faculty provides intensive German language training courses.

First-hand experiences with the program from a student can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUt8a9M3idE&feature=youtu.be>

For further inquiries concerning application please contact Prof. Matthias Klemm:  
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A full list of our professors can be accessed here: <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/studies/departments/social-and-cultural-sciences/about-us/professors/>

## **PROMOTION**

## **MEMBER AWARDS/ GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS**

## **JOB OPENINGS**

## **LINKS**

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