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**Programme: 'Interaction between human rights: 50 years of the Covenants'**  
INTRALaw Human Rights Colloquium

Department of Law, Aarhus University, Denmark  
29-30 September 2016

**Thursday 29 September**

**09.00–09.30 Coffee & Registration**

**09.30–11.00 Opening plenary: the Covenants at 50**

Welcome – Tine Sommer, Head of Department of Law

Introduction – Jens Vedsted-Hansen

Speakers:

- Professor Sir Nigel Rodley, Human Rights Committee member & Human Rights Centre, Essex University
- Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Executive Chair of the Sanitation and Water for All Partnership and former Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation (TBC)

**11.15–12.30 Panel sessions (two in parallel)**

1. Relationship between PIL and IHRL

Chair: Gregor Noll

- Phattharaphong Saengkrai, The Impact of Human Rights Treaties on the Law of International Responsibility: The Consolidation of the Concept 'Obligations Erga Omnes Partes'
- Humberto Cantú Rivera, The Idea of a New Jus Gentium in the Case Law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Gudrun Zagel, The Applicability of the UN Covenants to International Organizations: A Proposal to Overcome the Legal Gap

2. Implementation and enforcement of the ICCPR and ICESCR at the domestic and regional levels

Chair: Xavier Groussot

- Antonia Baraggia & Maria Elena Gennusa, The Social Rights Protection Challenge: Issues of Policies v. Issues of Rights. The case of Europe in time of crisis
- Abdi Jibril Ali, Re-writing the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights based on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Jorge Contesse, The International Covenants' influence on inter-American human rights law

**12.30–13.30 Lunch**

**13.30–14.45 Panel sessions**

3. Interaction between UN processes and regional and domestic human rights systems 1

Chair: Sarah Cleveland

- Dr Machiko Kantake, The Interactions between UN Human Rights Treaty-Monitoring Bodies and Domestic Courts
- Matthew Saul, UN Treaty Bodies and National Parliaments
- Sara Bertotti, The role of the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review in fostering compliance with the ICCPR and ICESCR



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4. Interaction between UN processes and regional and domestic human rights systems 2

Chair: Geir Ulfstein

- Elena Abrusci, A tale of convergence? Sexual orientation issues in the case-law of regional human rights bodies and UN HRC
- Zubair Kasem Khan, Conflicts over enforcement of e-surveillance and protection of privacy rights in transnational levels: a critical analysis on EU and international treaties
- Nikolas Kyriakou, Enforced disappearance in the work of three human rights bodies

**14.45–15.15      Afternoon Tea & Coffee**

**15.15–16.30      Panel sessions**

5. Interaction between and within regional human rights systems

Chair: Louise Halleskov Storgaard

- Jasper Krommendijk, The use of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights by the Court of Justice of the European Union after Opinion 2/13
- Helena De Vylder, The right to individual petition in the European and Inter-American human rights system: guaranteeing access to justice on the international level?
- TBC

6. Indivisibility and interrelatedness of rights, in particular within and between the Covenants

Chair: Jens Vedsted-Hansen

- Sophie Pollak, Water for Life: Does the Right to Life Include Access to Water? A Discussion of the Relationship Between the Right to Water and the Right to Life
- Shreya Atrey, Speaking truth about intersectional suffering to human rights
- Jakob Lohmann, The ICCPR as hindrance for the self-execution of ICESCR

**16.45–18.00      Plenary: the Covenants and Crisis**

Speakers:

- Professor Gregor Noll, Faculty of Law, Lund University
- Professor Kjetil Larsen, Director of Research, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
- Mr. Morten Kjærum, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Modalities – Organising Committee representative

**19.00              Dinner**



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**Friday 30 September**

**08.30–09.00 Coffee**

**09.00–10.30 Plenary: interaction between international and domestic systems**

Speakers:

- Professor Xavier Groussot, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Lund University
- Professor Geir Ulfstein, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo
- Dr. Jonas Christoffersen, Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Next steps – Organising Committee representative

**10.30–10.45 Coffee**

**10.45–12.30 Panel sessions (three in parallel)**

7. Business & Finance

Chair: Karin Buhmann

- Başak Bağlayan, Covenants and Corporations
- Ludovica Chiussi, Looking for Corporate Accountability in the ICCPR and ICESCR: Do we Need a Treaty on Business and Human Rights?
- Ángel Aday Jiménez Alemán & Carmen Montesinos Padilla Taming the Globalization: Transnational Corporations and The Horizontal Effect Of The Covenants in The Global Sphere
- Yota Negishi, Shared Responsibility of Public Actors under the ICCPR/ICESCR in Financial Crises
- Chiara Macchi, Protecting the Right to Water from the harmful impacts of business activities: a forward-looking assessment of the contribution of the Covenants through the work of their treaty bodies

8. Times of Crisis

Chair: Fenella Billing

- Nicholas Petrie, The Manifest Destiny of Humanity's Law: Universal Human Rights Jurisdiction and the Supreme Court of Chile in López and Ceballos
- Joshua Joseph Niyo, Non-State Armed Groups and Human Rights Obligations: Can the "Rebel" be humanitarian?
- Yu Suzuki, The Principle of Equality of Arms and National Security: the Impact of International and Regional Human Rights Law in Cases against Alleged Terrorists

9. Protecting the Vulnerable

Chair: Jesper Lindholm

- Vladislava Stoyanova, Slavery: a Neglected Right under the ICCPR?
- Eleni Karageorgiou, Asylum seekers and international human rights law: A harmonious coexistence in times of crisis?
- Giulia Brancoli Busdraghi, ICCPR and refugee protection: objectives reached, open issues
- Vincenzo Lorubio, 'The Best Interests of the Child': a comparative jurisprudential analysis to a conceptual deepening

**12.30–13.30 Lunch**



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**13.30–15.00 Final plenary: reform of the international and regional systems (open to the public)**

Speakers:

- Cathryn Costello, Associate Professor of International Human Rights and Refugee Law, Oxford University
- Professor Sarah Cleveland, Human Rights Committee member & Columbia Law School
- Professor Mikael Rask Madsen, Director of iCourts, University of Copenhagen

**15.15–15.45 Optional walk of the campus**