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Recent political, economic and social crises seem to increasingly challenge the normative value and practical relevance of human rights. Such crises include the rise of (neo-)nationalist populist politics, a growing number of authoritarian states and challenges to international law and multilateralism. While some have started to fundamentally question the value of human rights, others maintain that current crises call for more and better human rights implementation not less. Both perspectives are perspectives of contestation: Human rights are contested, but they may also be used to contest illiberal and authoritarian politics.

Leading international human rights scholars, activists, and representatives of the UN and other international institutions will discuss, analyse and propose reactions to human rights in times of contestation. They will convene in Nuremberg – a city that has seen both: Human rights being contested through their complete annihilation by the Nazi regime and human rights as source of contestation of the most barbarous acts during the trials bringing the leading figures of the Nazi regime to justice.



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Practical information

To attend the conference please register at humanrights-centre@fau.de.

The conference fee (which includes refreshments and lunches) is 50 €. A reduced rate of 25 € is available for persons with a low income. Students of the FAU may attend free of charge.

The conference is hosted jointly by the Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (CHREN) of Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), the City of Nuremberg and the Nuremberg Human Rights Centre (NMRZ).

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Programme

Thursday, 27 June 2019

9:00 Welcoming Addresses

- *Ulrich Maly, Lord Mayor of Nuremberg*
- *Günther Leugering, Vice-President of FAU*
- *Markus Krajewski, CHREN*

9:30 Opening Lecture: Human Rights in Crisis – New Developments, Old Challenges?

- *Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Introduction and Moderation: *Martina Mittenhuber, City of Nuremberg*

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Round Table Discussion: Lessons from and for Europe

- *Morten Kjaerum, Raoul Wallenberg Institute*
- *Ivana Jelić, European Court of Human Rights*
- *Douglas Johnson, Harvard University*
- *Beate Rudolf, German Institute for Human Rights*

Moderator: *Rainer Huhle, NMRZ and Committee on Enforced Disappearances*

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Panel 1: Religious Freedom and Gender Equality – Conflicts, Controversies, Potential Synergies

Speakers

- *Elisabeth Holzleithner, University of Vienna*
 - *Anna Katharina Mangold, University of Flensburg*
- Moderator: *Heiner Bielefeldt, CHREN*

16:00 Coffee

16:30 Panel 2: Universal Human Rights for Migrants and Refugees: Challenge or Chance?

Speakers

- *Cathryn Costello, University of Oxford*
- *Felipe González Morales, Diego Portales University, Santiago de Chile and UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants*

Moderators: *Petra Bendel and Anuscheh Farahat, CHREN*

18:00 Reception

19:00 Debate: Do We Live in a Post-Human Rights Era?

- *Ingrid Wuerth, Vanderbilt Law School*
- *Barbara Lochbihler, Former Member of the European Parliament*

Moderator: *Christoph Safferling, CHREN*

Friday, 28 June 2019

9:00 Panel 3: Political Contestation of Human Rights and Liberal Democracy

Speakers

- *Kathryn Sikkink, Harvard University*
- *Tanja Börzel, Free University of Berlin*

Moderator: *Michael Krennerich, CHREN and NMRZ*

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Panel 4: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Business and Human Rights

Speakers

- *Michael Addo, University of Notre Dame*
- *Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington and UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights*

Comment: *Claire Methven O'Brien, Danish Institute for Human Rights*

Moderator: *Eduardo Toledo, International Nuremberg Principles Academy*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Panel 5: Challenges for Human Rights Courts and Institutions

Speakers

- *Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen, University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne*
- *Yuval Shany, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and UN Human Rights Committee*

Moderators: *Laura Clérico and Patricia Wiater, CHREN*

15:30 Coffee

16:00 Closing Lecture: Re-thinking Human Rights

- *César Rodríguez Garavito, Dejusticia, Bogotá*
- Introduction and Moderation: *Katrin Kinzelbach, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi), Berlin*

17:00 End of the Conference

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