

Temporalities of Rights: European Human Rights Law and the Passage of Time

Please join us as we welcome three outstanding researchers from the Academy for a research showcase on the subject of temporal dimensions of European human rights law at KU Leuven.

Date and time: 12 November, 14:00 – 16:00.

Location: Grote Vergaderzaal, College De Valk, KU Leuven.

Frozen in Time: Immutability, Fluid Lives, and the Limits of Legal Recognition before the ECtHR

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Cathérine Van de Graaf is a postdoctoral researcher at the Human Rights Centre (Ghent University) and the Academy for European Human Rights Protection (University of Cologne). Cathérine is an editor at the Strasbourg Observers blog and a principal investigator on the joined project “Who is the Court for? Bringing the Human back into Human Rights Research” funded by the Volkswagen Foundation in which she focuses on the examination of the discrimination complaint before the European Court of Human Rights. She obtained her PhD from Ghent University with a thesis focusing on procedural justice theory, perceived discrimination and Islamophobia under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Eva Brems.



Protecting time resources under human rights law

Paula Rhein-Fischer

Paula Rhein-Fischer is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Academy for European Human Rights Protection of University of Cologne (Germany). She is Principal Investigator of the German, Lithuanian and Portuguese research consortium ‘Mnemonic Reality’ and was a Postdoctoral researcher of the Danish, Dutch, German and Polish research consortium ‘Memocracy’, both funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. Paula holds both German state exams in law as well as a Maîtrise en Droit from Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. She completed her PhD at the Institute for International Peace and Security Law at the University of Cologne with a dissertation on the prohibition to use force and factual mistakes (Nomos 2020). Her current research focusses on law and time, memory laws, human rights and constitutional law.



Pandemic Cases before the ECtHR: The Forgotten Concept of Temporal Rights Derogation

Reza Khabook

Reza Khabook is a doctoral researcher and research assistant at the Academy for European Human Rights Protection at the University of Cologne. He is currently also a visiting researcher at Universiteit Antwerpen. His research focuses on the protection of the rule of law and human rights in times of crisis. In addition to his publications and presentations on these topics, he has participated in several projects concerning transitional justice, constitutionalism in Islamic countries, and the rule of law in the MENA region. Reza holds a master's degree in International Security Studies, jointly offered by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa and the University of Trento. He also obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in law from Shahid Beheshti University in Iran.



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