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Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations in the Age of Reemerging Nationalism – Are They Really Justified?

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Abstract

The academic debate on the extraterritorial application of human rights is intense and sophisticated. In the last few years, it has often been taken for granted that such extraterritorial obligations on the part of states exist and the research focus has turned to their scope and the modes of implementing them. At the same time, some of the duty-bearers at stake (namely states) still generally deny their legitimacy. With rising nationalist tendencies in all parts of the world, this is unlikely to change soon. Furthermore, philosophical attacks on the idea of human rights in general and their universality in particular have increased, backed prominently by revisionist historical work.

If extraterritorial application of human rights shall be realized and implemented in practice, it seems necessary to return to addressing the foundational question of their justifiability as well as counter arguments that promote a territorial limitation of states' human rights obligations. By combining legal and philosophical perspectives, this is the aim the workshop hopes to achieve.

Confirmed Speakers (in alphabetic order)

Prof. Tilmann Altwicker, University of Zurich

Prof. Samantha Besson, University of Fribourg

Dr. Roland Burke, La Trobe University (video presentation)

Prof. David Cole, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

Prof. Matthias Mahlmann, University of Zurich

Prof. Marko Milanovic, University of Nottingham

M.A. Angela Mueller, University of Zurich

Prof. Christian Neuhäuser, TU Dortmund University

Dr. Lea Raible, Maastricht University:

Prof. Sigrun Skogly, Lancaster University

M.A. Jack Richard Williams, University of Zurich

Prof. Véronique Zanetti, University of Bielefeld

Program

Thursday, 21 November 2019

- 12.45 – 13.00 Welcoming Remarks
- 13.00 – 13.45 Prof. David Cole, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.: *Title TBA*
Comment by: Dr. Odile Ammann
- 13.50 – 14.35 Prof. Sigrun Skogly, Lancaster University: *“Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations – a Necessity in the Age of Reemerging Nationalism”*
Comment by: Alexandra Hansen, MLaw, MSc
- 14.35 – 15.00 *Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)*
- 15.00 – 15.45 Prof. Marko Milanovic, University of Nottingham: *“The Murder of Jamal Khashoggi and the Extraterritorial Application of the Right to Life”* (presentation only)
- 15.50 – 16.35 Prof. Samantha Besson, University of Fribourg: *“Due Diligence and the Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights”*
Comment by: Dr. Anne Kühler
- 16.40 – 17.25 Prof. Tilmann Altwicker, University of Zurich: *“Extraterritorial Obligations in the History of Ideas”*
Comment by: Dr. Christoph Good
- 18.30 *Dinner in Restaurant Neumarkt (by invitation only)*

Friday, 22 November 2019

- 09.00 – 09.45 Dr. Roland Burke, La Trobe University (video presentation): *“The Eclipse of the Universal Rights Vision: Developmental Dictatorship and National Particularism, 1966-1993”*
Comment by: Youlo Wujohktsang, MLaw
- 09.50 – 10.35 M.A. Angela Mueller, University of Zurich: *“Justifying Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations - a Perspective of Legal Philosophy”*
Comment by: Dr. des. Jack Williams
- 10.35 – 11.00 Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)
- 11.00 – 11.45 Prof. Matthias Mahlmann, University of Zurich: *“The Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights and the Critique of Universalism”*
Comment by: Mira Wolf, MPhil
- 11.50 – 12.35 Dr. Lea Raible, Maastricht University: *“Jurisdiction and Justification”*
Comment by: TBA
- 12.45 – 14.30 Lunch (by invitation only)
- 14.40 – 15.25 Prof. Christian Neuhäuser, TU Dortmund University: *“Beyond the State-centred Conception of Human Rights”*
Comment by: Angela Mueller, MA
- 15.30 – 16.15 M.A. Jack Richard Williams, University of Zurich: *“Respect Beyond Borders”*
Comment by: Dr. Lea Raible
- 16.15 – 16.45 Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)
- 16.45 – 17.30 Prof. Véronique Zanetti, University of Bielefeld: *“The jus Bellum and the Responsibility Toward Refugees of War”*
Comment by: Dr. Johan Rochel
- 17.30 – 18.00 Concluding Discussion
- 19.00 Dinner in Restaurant Italia (by invitation only)

The conference will be held in English.

Attendance is free and open to the public. In order to receive the papers in advance, register via e-mail to angela.mueller@rwi.uzh.ch.

Conference Venue

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