Call for Speakers

1st International Summer School on Human Rights Protection under the ECHR
September 1st–7th 2019

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Goals
This Summer School’s aim is to impart a profound knowledge on the protection of human rights under the application of the European Convention on Human Rights. Current developments and recent judicial decisions will be analysed and discussed with the participants. Particular focus will be put on procedural and practice-oriented questions.

Areas of interest

Basic knowledge of European human rights protection

- Exterritorial applicability, positive obligations of state parties
- European protection of human rights from the perspective of legal theory and legal sociology
- Preservation of national and cultural identity in the light of human rights obligations
- The Margin of Appreciation (function and justiciability)
- Deviation in the state of emergency, reason and limits of an exemption for terrorism?
- The planned reforms of the European Convention on Human Rights in consideration of the Copenhagen Declaration on the ECHR reform
- Binding force and enforcement of ECHR judgments referring to Article 46 ECHR
- The right to individual petition and compensation
- Democratic legitimacy versus “rule of law” – requirements for the living together, significance of liberalism in the context of populism
- Responsibility for human rights violations, cooperation and cognizance

Asylum law

- Rejections (“push-backs”) at the EU external borders in the light of the ECHR
- Article 3 ECHR and the limits of extradition
- Removing residency status as a potential violation of Article 3 ECHR

Data protection and media

- (Data-related) protective duties of the Member States under Article 8 ECHR
- Article 10 ECHR and the protection of dissidents and whistleblowers
- Influencing elections and the freedom of speech

Criminal law and procedural aspects

- Is there a claim for “adequate” national prosecution and law enforcement arising from Article 3(1) and Article 1 ECHR?
- The application of Article 37 ECHR by the ECHR (cancellation of complaints)
- Article 41 ECHR and the calculation of fair compensation
- Article 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the ECHR and the Courts’ “policy of priorities”
- Articles 61 and 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the ECHR and the pilot judgment proceedings
- Articles 44A ff. of the Rules of Procedure of the ECHR – the dictum of cooperation, the taking and consideration of evidence in legal proceedings before the ECHR

Practical aspects

- Strategic conduct of a case before the ECHR
- Applications under Articles 79 and 80 of the Rules of Procedure of the ECHR
- Article 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the ECHR – Taking a Case to the ECHR, form and content of the written submissions and oral pleadings
- Section 39a RVG – the law of attorney fees in legal proceedings before the ECHR

Applications
Speakers addressing one of the above-mentioned topics shall apply by e-mail to David.Kopp@Uni-Leipzig.de by July 31st 2019 including the following information:

- Speakers name and affiliation
- Short description (400-600-word abstract) of the presentation (multiple presentations are possible)
- The speaker’s CV, including a list of relevant publications
- The speaker’s contact details, including e-mail address and phone number

Venue and dates
The Summer School is scheduled to take place within the non-lecture period between the summer semester 2019 and the winter semester 2019/20 (presumably September 1st–7th, 2019) at the premises of the University of Leipzig in Leipzig, Germany.

Envisaged participant group
Primarily domestic and foreign students as well as young researchers (PhD-candidates, postdocs) from the disciplines of legal studies, international relations, political science and (legal) practitioners focusing on human rights protection.

Structure of the Summer school
The full-time Summer School will take one week (7 days). Every day will be divided into four to five sessions each chaired by a discussant briefly introducing the topic of the session and initiating the discussion. Each session shall consist of one oral presentations not exceeding 60 minutes. An additional time of 30 minutes is planned for a discussion panel afterwards, which means that each speaker has a “time budget” of approx. 90 min. The presentations will be held in English.

Financial support
The speakers receive a professional fee in the amount of EUR 250, as well as a lump-sum expense allowance (speakers from Germany: EUR 250; speakers from other European countries: EUR 300).

Eligibility
All interested academics and practitioners are invited for application.

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