



HOW DEMANDING SHOULD HUMAN RIGHTS BE?

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP

13-14 OCTOBER 2017
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PROGRAM

13 OCTOBER 2017

9.30–10.00: OPENING REMARKS

CRISTINA LAFONT, SAMANTHA BESSON, & KAREN J. ALTER

10.00–12.00: HUMAN RIGHTS MINIMALISM: NOTIONS & DELINEATIONS

Chair: **ANDREW KOPPELMAN**

ADAM ETINSON, "When Less is More? Minimalism and Determinacy in Human Rights"

Commentator: **JAMES NICKEL**

JAMES NICKEL, "Minimalism versus Maximalism: On the Appropriate Scale and Ambition of the International Human Rights Movement"

Commentator: **GEORGE LETSAS**

GEORGE LETSAS, "Minimalism vs Maximalism about Human Rights: A False Dilemma?"

Commentator: **ADAM ETINSON**

12.00–13.00: LUNCH BREAK

13.00–15.00: MINIMALISM & HUMAN RIGHTS' JUSTIFICATIONS

Chair: **SAMANTHA BESSON**

ELIZABETH ASHFORD, "The Demands Imposed by the Rights to Have Rights"

Commentator: **SHMULIK NILI**

PABLO GILABERT, "Minimalist and Expansive Views of Human Rights: Dignity and the Arc of Humanist Justice"

Commentator: **ELIZABETH ASHFORD**

ANDREAS FOLLESDAL, "Human Rights: Minimum Standards or Directive Ideals? Defending a Political Theory of International Legal Human Rights"

Commentator: **PABLO GILABERT**

15.00–15.30: COFFEE BREAK

15.30–17.30: MINIMALISM & HUMAN RIGHT-HOLDERS AND DUTY-BEARERS

Chair: **KAREN J. ALTER**

CRISTINA LAFONT, "How Plausible is the Sovereignty Argument for Human Rights Minimalism? Rethinking the International Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Neoliberal Globalization"

Commentator: **ANDREAS FOLLESDAL**

JEAN COHEN, "The Uses and Limits of Legalism: Minimalist and Maximalist Approaches"

Commentator: **CRISTINA LAFONT**

TURKULER ISIKSEL, "Corporate Human Rights Claims under the ECHR"

Commentator: **FRANÇOISE TULKENS**

19.00: DINNER

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9.30–11.30: MINIMALIST & HUMAN RIGHTS' TYPES

Chair: **ANDREAS FOLLESDAL**

DIETER GRIMM, "The Functions of Fundamental Rights Beyond the State [in German]"

Commentator/Summary: **SAMANTHA BESSON**

FRANÇOISE TULKENS, "*Maximalists vs. Minimalists and Activism vs. Restraint: A Practical Experience of these (False) Dilemmas at the European Court of Human Rights*"

Commentator: **TURKULER ISIKSEL**

JAMES CAVALLARO, "The Relationship between International Criminal Law and International Human Rights Law"

Commentator: **KAREN J. ALTER**

11.30–13.00: LUNCH BREAK

13.00–15.00: MINIMALISM & HUMAN RIGHTS' SOURCES

Chair: **CRISTINA LAFONT**

CHRISTOPHER MCCRUDDEN, "Towards a Normative Theory of Comparative Human Rights Law"

Commentator: **EVA BREMS**

SAMANTHA BESSON, "How Common should International Human Rights Be? The Authority of Comparative Human Rights Law"

Commentator: **CHRISTOPHER MCCRUDDEN**

EVA BREMS, "Minimum and Maximum Approaches in an Integrated Human Rights Framework"

Commentator: **DIETER GRIMM**

KAREN J. ALTER, "The Contested Authority of International Law and the Future of International Law"

Commentator: **JAMES CAVALLARO**

15.00–15.30: COFFEE BREAK

15.30–16.30: GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair: **KAREN J. ALTER**

16.30–17.00: CONCLUDING REMARKS

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