



Human Rights Colloquium
a HSP Symposium
23 July 2022 (Saturday)
Academic Affairs Hall, Administration Building 3F,
Komaba Campus, the University of Tokyo

Human rights protection is facing unprecedented and perennial obstacles because of contemporary and prevailing challenges to human security. As the world recuperates from the brunt of the pandemic, particularly on global public health and economy, armed conflict and systemic violence continue to threaten the lives of innocent women, men, and children. Despite significant strides made in terms of upholding democracy, guaranteeing pluralistic and open civic spaces, and strengthening international and domestic institutions and processes to ensure respect for the rule of law and principles of accountability, many States continue to struggle in carrying out their obligation to protect freedoms, to remove obstacles to economic, social, and cultural participation, and to protect people in accordance with human rights principles.

In this human rights climate, it is crucial to hold discussions and together search for ways forward. In celebration of the memoranda of understanding on research cooperation and on student exchange between the University of Essex and the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo, the two leading institutions in humanities are jointly organizing a symposium on human rights to highlight the intersections between human rights and specified topics on conflict, international law, bodily autonomy, and gender.

Are we witnessing a global ‘backsliding’ in human rights protection? How might this long-established norm continue to play a prominent role in modern global society? What challenges do the duty bearers of human rights face amidst various environments and circumstances? These general questions serve as the backdrop for the panel discussions in this symposium. Its objective is to reaffirm the importance of a human rights perspective in evaluating responses to global and local challenges, while also serving as a platform to advance discussions on how to move forward with upholding the rights of individuals and communities.

Schedule

9:00 – 9:30

Opening

Opening Remarks **Prof. Takumi Moriyama**
Dean of the College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo

Welcome Remarks **Prof. Moriyuki Hoshino**
Chairperson, Graduate Program on Human Security, the University of Tokyo

Remarks **Dr. Anney Lax**
Dean of Partnerships (Education), University of Essex

Group Photo

9:30 – 11:00

Panel 1: Conflict, Security and Human Rights

Moderator **Raymond Andaya**
PhD researcher, Human Security Program, the University of Tokyo

Presenters **Prof. Han Dorussen**
The Local Perception of Peacekeepers

Prof. Hiroyuki Ogawa
'The UK-South Africa security relationship in the era of Apartheid'

Prof. Tomoko Ako
'Human Rights and Security in Hong Kong'

Commentator **Dr. Ma. Ledda Brina 'Dada' Docot**
Tokyo College, the University of Tokyo

11:15 -12:45

Panel 2: International Law and Human Rights

Moderator/
Commentator **TBC**

Presenters **Dr. Marina Lostal**
'Who are the victims of the crime of aggression in the context of Ukraine?'

Prof. Koji Teraya
'COVID-19 and the ICCPR'

Prof. Ai Kihara-Hunt

‘The UN’s individual accountability framework in light of Human Rights Law’

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 3: Gender and Migration

Moderator/
Commentator

TBC

Presenters

Prof. Harumi Goto-Shibata

‘The League of Nations and Russian Women Refugees in China’

Dr. Jacqueline Andall

‘Migration and Gender: immigration policy, settlement, and ability for migrants to settle in Italy’ (TBC)

Dr. Annecy Lax

Ariadne: Women Theatre Makers Using Creative Participatory Approaches for Human Rights in Conflict Zones

15:45 – 17:15

Panel 4: Bodily Autonomy and Human Rights

Moderator/
Commentator

TBC

Presenters

Prof. Wayne Martin

Human Rights and Legal Capacity in a Super-Aging Society: Recent Developments

Dr. Matt Lodder

‘Consent and Sexual Autonomy in the Area of Sadoomasochism and Body Modification: The *R v Brown* case’

Prof. Isabelle Giraudou

‘Critical Environmental legal Thought and Ecofeminism’ (TBC)

17:15 – 17:30

Closing

Closing Remarks

Prof. Hiroyuki Ukeda

Director, Center for International Exchange, the University of Tokyo

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