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Online seminar Human Rights in Times of Emergency

Focus on COVID-19

28-29 January 2021 (mornings)

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Speakers

Antoine Buyse, Professor, Utrecht University School of Law; Director, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM)

Joachim Herrmann, Member of Cabinet of European Commissioner Didier Reynders, Brussels

Maroš Matiaško, Chair of Forum for Human Rights, Prague

Pamela McCormick, Registry Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

Dory Reiling, Honorary Senior Judge; Independent Expert on Information Technology and Judicial Reform, Haarlem

Christian Schierholt, Chief Senior Public Prosecutor, Central Unit Organised Crime and Corruption, Prosecutor General's Office, Celle

Grégory Thuan dit Dieudonné, Lawyer; President of the Human Rights Commission of the European Lawyers' Union (UAE), Strasbourg

Emanuele Ventrella, Data Protection Advisor, Trilateral Research, Waterford

Key topics

- Rule of law
- Access to justice and the right to a fair trial
- Persons with disabilities and other groups
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of assembly and association
- Privacy and data protection

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English

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Sanja Jovičić (ERA)



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Human Rights in Times of Emergency – Focus on COVID-19

Thursday, 28 January 2021

09:00 Connecting to the videoconference platform and getting familiar with it
Welcome and introduction
Sanja Jovičić

I. RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY

09:30 **The European Commission's ongoing monitoring of the COVID-19 rule of law situation in the EU – findings and recommendations**
Joachim Herrmann

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **Recent case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on emergency situations**

- Derogations from the Convention under Art. 15 ECHR
- Emergency situations without a derogation

Pamela McCormick

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

11:15 **Enforcement of lockdown measures under ECHR scrutiny**

- Legal certainty, proportionality and necessity of fines
- Discriminatory profiling and targeted policing

Grégory Thuan dit Dieudonné

11:45 Discussion

II. ACCESS TO COURTS AND FAIR TRIAL GUARANTEES DURING COVID-19

12:00 **Overcoming barriers in access to justice for persons with disabilities and other groups during the pandemic**
Maroš Matiaško

12:30 Discussion

13:00 End of first day

Friday, 29 January 2021

II. ACCESS TO COURTS AND FAIR TRIAL GUARANTEES DURING COVID-19 – continued

09:00 Connecting to the videoconference platform

09:30 **Roundtable discussion: Practical challenges to the right of access to a court and to a fair trial during the health crisis**

- Balancing health and safety at courts with the parties' procedural rights
- Digital access to court proceedings: effective participation and representation, taking of evidence, safety and security of online participation, public access to online hearings
- Best practice

Dory Reiling, Christian Schierholt, Grégory Thuan dit Dieudonné

10:30 Q&A

Objective

This online seminar will examine the current challenges posed by COVID-19 to individual human rights with a critical overview of the restrictions of human rights possible under the European Convention on Human Rights in times of emergency. It will also provide an opportunity to exchange best practices.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and other judicial staff, lawyers in private practice and other legal professionals working on human rights.

You will learn...

- What is the European Commission doing to promote the rule of law in times of the pandemic?
- How does the ECtHR case law apply to the current sanitary situation?
- How to enforce lockdown measures in line with the ECHR?
- How to overcome barriers in access to justice for special groups?
- How to ensure equality of arms in court proceedings during the crisis?
- What are the permissible restrictions on freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and privacy during the emergency?

Interactive online seminar

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11:00 Break

III. OTHER SELECTED HUMAN RIGHTS AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

11:15 **The exercise of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association during the fight against COVID-19**

- Restrictions on access to information
- Online hate crime and information disorder
- Permissible control measures for public gatherings
- Administrative fines

Antoine Buyse

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **Privacy and data protection during COVID-19**

- Processing of health and location data
- Business Continuity
- Recommendations and best practice

Emanuele Ventrella

12:30 Discussion

13:00 End of online seminar

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