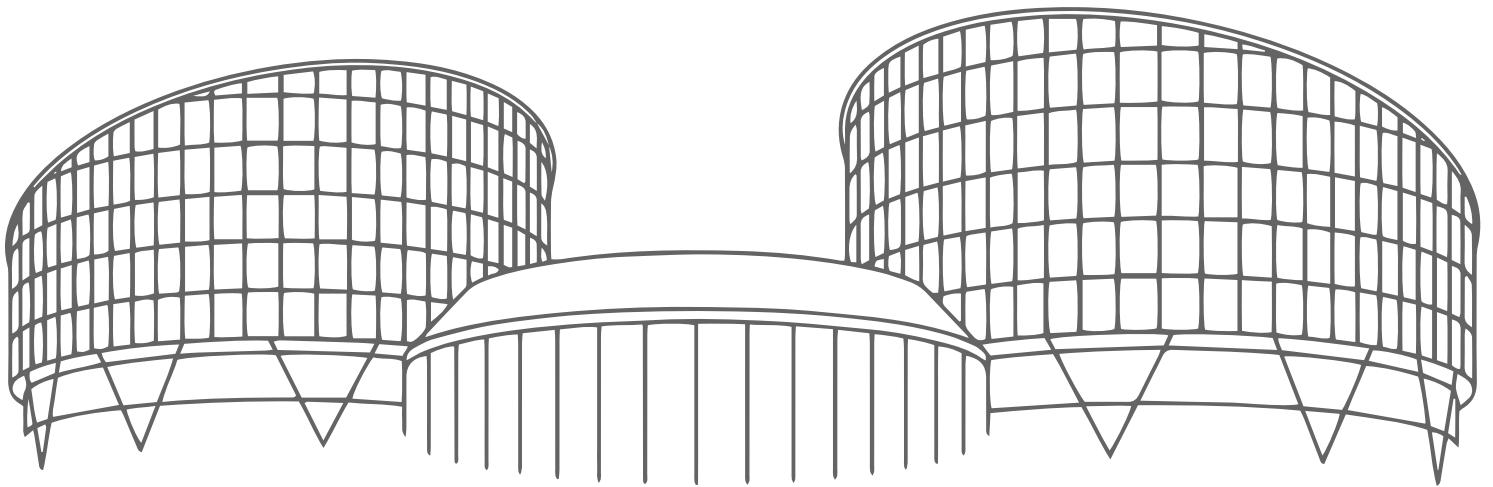


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WELCOME SESSION

Dr. Başak Çalı

Co-Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School of Governance, EIN Chair



Başak Çalı is Professor of International Law at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin and Director of the Center for Global Public Law at Koç University, Istanbul. She has been a Council of Europe expert on the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) since 2002. She has extensive experience in training judges, prosecutors and police forces as well as lawyers and non-governmental organisations on Convention standards in over ten Council of Europe member states since 2002. Başak was an academic expert on the long term reform of the European Convention System for the Committee of Ministers. She received her PhD in International Law from the University of Essex in 2003. She was Secretary General of the European Society of International Law between 2014-2018, is Editor-in-Chief of Oxford University Press United Nations Human Rights Case-Law Reports, a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex.

SESSION 1

Dr. Krassimir Kanev

Director of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, EIN Treasurer



Krassimir Kanev was one of the founders of the BHC in 1992. Between 1992 and 1994 he was a secretary of the organization, and after 1994 – its chairperson. He graduated in philosophy and defended his doctoral dissertation at Sofia University «St. Kliment Ohridski». He majored in human rights at Columbia University in New York. Krassimir Kanev has taught human rights at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” and runs several online human rights courses for the American organization Human Rights Training Partners for professionals and activists from around the world. He is member of the board of numerous organisations, such as the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), the Association for the Prevention of Torture or the International Partnership for Human Rights.

Mgr Petr Konůpka

Deputy Agent of the Government of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights



Petr Konůpka obtained a law degree from Charles University in Prague and a degree in international human rights law from Paris II University – Panthéon-Assas. After starting his career in the field of protection of human rights at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda he joined, in 2006, the Office of the Government Agent of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights. Since 2013 he has been serving as a Deputy Agent. Apart from litigation before the Court, his focuses mainly on the execution of judgments of the Court and implementation of decisions of the European Committee on Social Rights. He initiated and brought into being several projects aiming at dissemination of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and its implementation at the national level and the proper and timely execution of judgments of the Court. Since 2016 he has been also lecturing on the international human rights law at the Charles University in Prague.

Dr. Simona Drenik-Bavdek

Counsellor to the Ombudsman of Slovenia and Assistant Head of the Centre for Human Rights



Simona Drenik-Bavdek is a member of a Legal Working Group at the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions and of the International Law Association’s (ILA) Committee on the Rule of Law and International Investment Law. She also works as an expert with the Council of Europe.

Between September 2015 and the end of 2019 she worked at the Ministry of Justice, in the Department for Human Rights and Penal Law, where she was also a member of a Project Unit for a coordination of the enforcement of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

Between 2000 and August 2015, she worked in Slovenian diplomacy; four years she was a head of International Law Department, four years a head of Project Unit for the Preparation of the Pleading before the Arbitral Tribunal and an agent of Slovenia before the arbitral tribunal.

Ilie Chirtoacă

Advocate and researcher at the Legal Resources Centre from Moldova (LRCM)



LRCM is a leading legal think tank based in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Ilie’s primary legal expertise includes the justice sector reform and international human rights mechanisms. Together with his colleagues, Ilie brings the European Court of Human Rights standards and practice closer to justice professionals from Moldova, by developing and delivering [research reports](#), trainings, [infographics](#) and [video tutorials](#), among others. Ilie is also a beginner litigation lawyer at the ECtHR. His first case won in 2021 T.A. and others v. Moldova, concerns failure of domestic courts to ensure procedural fairness and child’s best interests in a custody dispute (art. 8).

Ilie did his bachelor and masters studies at the Law Faculty of the State University of Moldova and also holds an LLM degree of Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law from University of Essex, United Kingdom.

Dr. Alice Donald

Associate Professor in the School of Law at Middlesex University, London

Alice Donald is co-author with Philip Leach of *Parliaments and the European Court of Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2016) and co-editor with Joelle Grogan of *The Routledge Handbook of Law and the COVID-19 Pandemic* (Routledge, 2022). She also wrote, with Anne-Katrin Speck, the Council of Europe handbook on [National Parliaments as Guarantors of Human Rights in Europe](#) (2018). Alice's research interests include the relationship between human rights and democratic governance and matters related to human rights implementation. Alice has facilitated several training sessions for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the role of national parliaments in the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.



Other publications:

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- A. Donald, [The Power of Persistence: How NGOs can Ensure that Judgments Lead to Justice](#), OSJI and University of Bristol [series](#) on Implementing Human Rights Decisions, 2021

SESSION 2

Piers Gardner

Barrister, UK delegate to the Permanent Delegation of the CCBE to the European Court of Human Rights and chair of the Delegation

Piers Gardner transferred to the Bar in 2000, after over 20 years' experience as a solicitor, in the City, at the European Commission Human Rights and as Director of the British Institute of International & Comparative Law. He has a detailed knowledge of all aspects of the European Convention on Human Rights, together with other European treaty based law, and their operation in domestic, EU and international law. He has dealt in particular with cases concerning the application of the ECHR to commercial, investigatory and tax matters and the interaction of international and domestic proceedings, often in several jurisdictions at once and particularly involving urgency and interim relief. This unusual transnational practice has involved cases concerning 36 European countries apart from the UK (Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine) plus Australia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Channel Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, the Turks and Caicos and extensively in the USA.



Key features of these cases have been:

- protection of property and confidentiality, particularly in commercial and tax matters,
- data protection, especially with INTERPOL,
- jurisdictional disputes, both as to forum and enforcement, and
- the prevention of unwarranted evidence gathering and extradition.

John Dalhuisen

Senior Fellow at the European Stability Initiative (ESI)

John Dalhuisen is a Senior Fellow at the European Stability Initiative, focusing on European migration policy, the rule of law in the EU and Council of Europe reform. He was Director of Amnesty International's Europe and Central Asia Programme, then Regional Office, from 2012 to 2017. He joined Amnesty International in 2007 as a researcher on discrimination in Europe, becoming Deputy Director in 2010 covering the former Soviet Union. Between 2001 and 2006, he was Special Adviser to the first Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2007 and studied Philosophy at Edinburgh University and the Humboldt University, Berlin.



George Stafford

EIN Director

George Stafford joined EIN on 1 October 2018. He previously worked at the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, and the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association in Tbilisi. He originally qualified as a barrister in London, where he also worked as a judicial advisor in the Court of Appeal.



SESSION 3



Simon Papuashvili

Programme Director, International Partnership for Human Rights

Simon Papuashvili joined IPHR's Brussels team in 2012. He initially worked as a project coordinator, managing projects implemented in cooperation with partner groups. In 2017, he became Programme Director and is now in charge of programme development, management, and oversight, together with IPHR's Director.

Ula Aleksandra Kos

PhD Candidate at the University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law

Ula Aleksandra Kos' thesis is supervised by Dr Veronika Fikfak. As part of the ERC-funded Human Rights Nudge project Ula's research focuses on the issue of backlash against the European Court of Human Rights and analyses practice of non-compliance in Central and Eastern Europe. She is currently part of iCourts, the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence for International Courts.

Ula and Veronika Fikfak's report on Slovenia, "Slovenia - An Exemplary Complier With Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights?" is freely available here: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3801105. Another country report on Hungary, "Hungary's 75% ECHR Compliance Rate Re-examined" is currently forthcoming. Human Rights Nudge team's publications available here: <https://www.humanrightsnudge.com/publications>

Aysel Küçüksu

Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher on the [Human Rights Nudge Project](#) at iCourts, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.

Aysel Küçüksu is currently studying the role of NGOs in improving compliance with ECtHR judgments and what "exemplary compliers" can tell us about the same process.

Aysel's paper, "Enforcing Rights Beyond Litigation: Mapping NGO Strategies in Monitoring ECtHR Judgment Implementation", is freely available here: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3945564.

Aysel's blogpost, "In the Aftermath of a Judgment: Why Human Rights Organisations Should Harness the Potential of Rule 9", is freely accessible here: <https://strasbourgobservers.com/2021/03/03/in-the-aftermath-of-a-judgment-why-human-rights-organisations-should-harness-the-potential-of-rule-9/>.

Aysel holds a PhD in Law from the University of Geneva and a PhD in Political Philosophy from LUISS-Guido Carli di Roma.

Daniel Holder

Deputy director of the [Committee of the Administration of Justice](#) (CAJ)

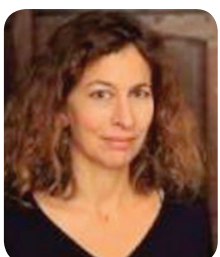
Daniel Holder has been the Deputy Director of the Northern Ireland human rights NGO the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) since 2011, who have regularly made submissions to the Council of Europe, in relation to cases concerning the actions of the security forces in Northern Ireland (McKerr Group of cases, see <https://caj.org.uk/about/our-work/combating-impunity/>). Through this role he is also a member of an expert working group consisting of CAJ and academics in the school of law of Queens University Belfast who have a body of work on dealing with the legacy of the NI conflict (see <https://www.dealingwiththepastni.com/>). Prior to his time in CAJ he worked for the NHRI – the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission in Belfast, and previously ran a migrant worker equality project in county Tyrone and worked as a linguist in Havana, Cuba. He has a primary degree in Spanish and Sociology and an LLM in Human Rights Law, both from Queens University Belfast.

SESSION 4

Jessica Gavron

Legal Director, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre

Jessica Gavron leads EHRAC's litigation team. She is a UK barrister with more than 20yrs experience advising on, litigating and teaching international human rights law and criminal law. She has litigated cases on behalf of hundreds of victims of gross human rights violations against Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Armenia, including the right to life, torture, conflict and post conflict, terrorism, repression of civil society, persecution of human rights defenders, politically motivated proceedings and discrimination before the European Court of Human Rights and UN mechanisms. She has a particular focus on gender-based violence, having litigated and intervened in numerous cases before the ECtHR and CEDAW on issues including domestic and sexual violence, femicide, honour crime and trafficking. Jessica is an expert trainer on international human rights standards and gender-based violence for legal professionals across Europe and has authored litigation resources, guides, blogs and articles.



Kerem Altiparmak

Legal consultant to the International Commission of Jurists, Lawyer



Kerem Altiparmak is a lawyer, a human rights defender, a professor, and was, until October 2017 director of the Human Rights Centre at the Faculty of Political Science of Ankara University. He taught human rights law both at graduate and post-graduate level at the Ankara University until he resigned in October 2018. He has also worked in a number of human rights projects with human rights NGOs in Turkey. He is currently a member of the Ankara Bar Association.

Mr. Altiparmak established the Freedom of Expression Association with Prof. Yaman Akdeniz (İstanbul Bilgi University) in 2017. The Association deals with issues from Internet censorship to academic freedom and from press freedom to artistic expression. Research interests of Altiparmak include ECHR, freedom of expression, prohibition of torture, theories of rights, impunity. Mr. Altiparmak has widely published in Turkish and English.

He has won Turkish Publishers Association Award (2014), Halit Çelenk Legal Prize (2015), Columbia Global Freedom of Expression Award (2016) and Press Association of Turkey Press Freedom Prize (2016). He was also the recipient of Franco-German Prize for Human Rights & the Rule of Law in 2017.

Mr. Altiparmak and Akdeniz also made successful appeals to the Turkish Constitutional Court to get Youtube and Twitter bans lifted in 2014 and they won another case in 2015 before the ECtHR after Turkey banned access to Youtube.

Elba Bendo

Lawyer, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre



Elba Bendo is a human rights lawyer specialising in equality and non-discrimination law. She is a Lawyer (International Advocacy) at the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre where she works alongside EHRAC's partners in the region to bring cases of grave human rights violations by security forces before the European Court of Human Rights and United Nations human rights bodies. Prior to joining EHRAC, Elba acted as Director of Law Reform for a leading legal advocacy organisation in Canada, where she undertook advocacy aimed at addressing inequities experienced by women and gender-diverse people. Elba has also worked alongside Indigenous land defenders in Myanmar to bring forward a successful public nuisance litigation against a coal mining polluter and to challenge unlawful land grabs by the military.

Dmitry Gurin

Legal Advisor, European Prison Litigation Network



Dmitry Gurin is a former lawyer of the ECtHR Registry (2016-2020), executive legal assistant to the Russian Federation Government Agent to the ECtHR (2011-2015) and an associate professor at the criminal law department of the Russian State University Justice (2012-2015). Since 2021 Dmitry has been working as an independent expert with the Council of Europe, being involved in training courses and programmes for legal professionals, and as a senior lawyer at Memorial Human Rights Centre.

Anar Mammadli

Chair of the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre (Azerbaijan)



Anar Mammadli is a human rights activist and policy analyst with more than 15 years of professional experience in election monitoring, good governance and protection of political liberties in Azerbaijan and Post-Soviet countries. Anar spent more than two years in jail on trumped up charges and has been awarded a prestigious Václav Havel Award for Human Rights of the Council of Europe in 2014 for his work in human rights and elections.

He was arrested in December 2013 and sentenced to five and a half years on politically motivated charges. Following the international outrage, he was released on 17 March 2016.

He began social activism in the late 1990s and in 2001, founded the Election Monitoring Centre, which succeeded to mobilize more than 1000 domestic election observers across the country for all elections since then. Later he has established the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center (EMDS) in December 2008.

Dr. Ramute Remezaite

Implementation Lead, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, EIN Vice-Secretary



Ramute Remezaite has a PhD from the School of Law, Middlesex University. Her PhD thesis focused on the impact of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in fragile democracies, such as former Soviet Union states. Prior to this, Ramute was based in Azerbaijan, where she litigated civil rights cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the UN bodies together with local human rights lawyers. She also ran a project on the implementation of judgments of the European Court for Human Rights in the South Caucasus region and has done research and consultancy work for Article 19 and the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute. Ramute has published a number of articles on human rights issues in Azerbaijan. Before that, she worked as a Program Officer at the Bertha Justice Initiative in London, and at the Human Rights House Foundation in Oslo, Norway where she worked with a network of NGOs in former Soviet Union states.

SESSION 5



Gesine Schmidt-Schmiedbauer

One Step Beyond Communications

Gesine Schmidt-Schmiedbauer is a communications strategist with more than 10 years of experience in communications of human rights. Most recently, she was responsible for developing the communications strategy, strategic campaign communications and media relations at Amnesty International Austria. She trained human rights experts and activists in strategic communication techniques and was part of the international team for the further development of the global Amnesty International brand.



Philip Doyle

One Step Beyond Communications

Philip Doyle is an innovative senior strategist with more than 15 years of international experience in campaigning and strategic communications. As Communications & Campaigns Director of Amnesty International Austria, he was instrumental in the organization's successful growth strategy and communications realignment to a value-based, human-centred approach. Working for global human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and SOS Kinderdorf International, he supported international experts with campaigning and communications training. In London, he hosted exchange forums at Windsor Castle for London Mayors and civil society leaders.

FINAL SESSION



Philip Leach

Professor of Human Rights Law, Middlesex University, EIN Vice-Chair

Philip Leach is Professor of Human Rights Law at Middlesex University, and a solicitor. He has extensive experience of representing applicants before the European Court of Human Rights, in particular against Russia and other former Soviet states, as well as the UK and Turkey. He researches and publishes widely in the field of international human rights law. He was a member of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody from 2009-2015 and a member of the Harris Review (2014-2015). He was appointed Specialist Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights for its inquiry into mental health and deaths in prison in 2016-2017. He is Vice-Chair of the European Implementation Network EIN), a member of the Advisory Board of the Open Society Justice Initiative, and a former trustee of the Media Legal Defence Initiative and the Human Dignity Trust.



Nóra Novoszádek

Senior Legal Officer at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Nóra Novoszádek graduated as a lawyer at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, and has an LLM in International Human Rights from the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago. As a senior legal officer at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC), a member organisation of the European Implementation Network, she is covering various criminal justice and rule of law issues, carrying out research and advocacy activities. She is coordinating the HHC's work related to the implementation of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, and has contributed to numerous Rule 9 communications concerning for example police ill-treatment, whole life sentence or the freedom of expression of judges. In 2021, she co-authored the HHC's comprehensive research report titled '[Non-Execution of Domestic and International Court Judgments in Hungary](#)'.

