# HOW DEMANDING SHOULD HUMAN RIGHTS BE? AN INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP

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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

### 14 OCTOBER 2017

#### 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

CRISTINA LAFONT, SAMANTHA BESSON, & KAREN J. ALTER

