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Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations in the Age of Reemerging Nationalism – Are They Really Justified?

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Abstract

The academic debate on the extraterritorial application of human rights is intense and sophisticated. In the last few years, it has often been taken for granted that such extraterritorial obligations on the part of states exist and the research focus has turned to their scope and the modes of implementing them. At the same time, some of the duty-bearers at stake still question their legitimacy. With rising nationalist tendencies in all parts of the world, this is unlikely to change soon. Furthermore, philosophical attacks on the idea of human rights in general and their universality in particular have increased, backed prominently by revisionist historical work.

If extraterritorial application of human rights shall be realized and implemented in practice, it seems necessary to return to addressing the foundational question of their justifiability as well as counter arguments that promote a territorial limitation of states' human rights obligations. By combining legal and philosophical perspectives, this is the aim the workshop hopes to achieve.

Program

Thursday, 21 November 2019

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| 13.15 – 13.30 | Welcoming Remarks |
| 13.30 – 14.15 | Prof. Mark Gibney, University of North Carolina-Asheville:
<i>"The 'Duty to Prevent' and Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations"</i>
Comment by: Dr. Lea Raible |
| 14.20 – 15.05 | Prof. Sigrun Skogly, Lancaster University:
<i>"Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations – a Necessity in the Age of Re-emerging Nationalism?"</i>
Comment by: Nicole Nickerson, MLaw |
| 15.05 – 15.40 | <i>Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)</i> |
| 15.40 – 16.25 | Prof. Tilmann Altwicker, University of Zurich: <i>"Justice Beyond Borders – Extraterritorial Obligations from Thucydides to Grotius"</i>
Comment by: Dr. Christoph Good |
| 16.30 – 17.15 | Angela Mueller, M.A., University of Zurich:
<i>"Justifying Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations: A Perspective of Legal Philosophy"</i>
Comment by: Dr. des. Jack Williams |
| 18.00 | <i>Dinner, Restaurant Neumarkt (by invitation only)</i> |

Friday, 22 November 2019

- 09.00 – 09.45 Dr. Roland Burke, La Trobe University (video presentation):
“The Eclipse of the Universal Rights Vision: Cultural Essentialism, Development, and National Particularism”
Comment by: Youlo Wujohktsang, MLaw
- 10.00 – 10.45 Prof. Marko Milanovic, University of Nottingham (video presentation):
“The Murder of Jamal Khashoggi and the Extraterritorial Application of the Right to Life”
- 10.45 – 11.10 *Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)*
- 11.10 – 11.55 Prof. Matthias Mahlmann, University of Zurich:
“Wither Universalism? The Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights and the Shifting Foundations of Its Legitimacy”
Comment by: Luca Mira Wolf-Bauwens, MPhil
- 12.00 - 12.45 Dr. Lea Raible, University of Glasgow: *“Jurisdiction and Justification”*
Comment by: Dr. Johan Rochel
- 12.45 – 14.45 *Lunch, Restaurant UniTurm (by invitation only)*
- 14.45 – 15.30 Dr. Franziska Martinsen, Leibniz University Hannover: *“The Missing Human Right - a Human Right to Political Participation?”*
Comment by: Dr. Odile Ammann
- 15.35 – 16.20 Prof. Véronique Zanetti, University of Bielefeld: *“The jus post Bellum and the Responsibility toward Refugees of War”*
Comment by: Dr. Ralph Wilde
- 16.20 – 16.50 *Coffee Break (RAA Lichthof, ground floor)*
- 16.50 – 17.25 Dr. des. Jack Richard Williams, University of Zurich: *“Respect Across Borders: A Duty to Cooperate”*
Comment by: Alexandra Hansen, MLaw, MSc
- 17.25 – 18.00 Concluding Discussion
- 19.00 *Dinner, Restaurant Italia (by invitation only)*

The conference will be held in English.

Attendance is free and open to the public. In order to receive the papers in advance, register via e-mail to angela.mueller@rwi.uzh.ch.

Further information: <http://tiny.uzh.ch/WT>

Conference Venue

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