



Call for Engaged Listeners (in person and online)

Conference: Contested Equality International and Comparative Legal Perspectives

20-21 October 2022

The University Research Priority Program (URPP) Equality of Opportunity at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich is pleased to announce the international conference “Contested Equality: International and Comparative Legal Perspectives”.

The conference will take place at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, from 20 October 2022 (9 a.m.) to 21 October 2022 (5 p.m.). On Wednesday evening, 19 October 2022, there will be a *public keynote speech* on the overall topic of the conference.

Equality and non-discrimination are central features of the contemporary national and international architecture of legal systems and a core element in various areas of law. Constitutional orders and international law require equal treatment of human beings as a standard that must apply throughout the legal system, both in legislation and in the application of the law by public authorities and—at least to some extent—to actions by private actors. At the same time, the concept of legal equality faces profound challenges in theory and practice and is deeply contested in legal scholarship. While inequalities in wealth and opportunity are steadily increasing, exacerbating the gap between rich and poor within and across countries, the question of “equality of what – wealth, opportunity, resources, capabilities, or something else?” is still debated.

Against this backdrop, the aim of the conference is to bring together academics and practitioners aimed at jointly identifying and discussing possible questions and solutions to the current issues on equality and non-discrimination. The conference will host more than 35 experts from all over the world speaking in 9 panels on various current topics. For the conference programme see the *conference homepage*: <https://www.urpp-equality.uzh.ch/en/research/Public-Policy/Research-Project-Equality-as-a-Normative-Concept.html>

If you wish to participate in the audience or online and contribute to the discussion of the presented papers, please register with the links below. Additionally, online participants can join the platform “wonder.me” to discuss the topics of the conference. Access to the platform “wonder.me” will be available on the conference homepage.

Participation is free of charge. Please note that travel and accommodation expenses cannot be covered by the organizers. Participants attending the conference in person must secure their own accommodation and are advised to do this early.

Registration

Participation in person

Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/HqGeKjVaVbwCw16Q6>

The deadline for registration is **30 September 2022**.

The number of places for participation in person is limited to 60, we therefore ask you to register early.

There is no registration needed for the participation in person at the public keynote speech on 19 October 2022.

Online participation

Please register for the keynote speech as well as the conference using the following link (Zoom-Webinar):

https://uzh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P9KF678TPiWHi_akoyQjA

The deadline for online registration is **18 October 2022**.

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