



## *International Conference*

### **Contested Equality: International and Comparative Legal Perspectives (19-21 October 2022)**

### **Programme**

<b>Wednesday, 19 October 2022</b>	
Room <a href="#">KOL-G-201</a>   University of Zurich   Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich   Online via Zoom	
18.15 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Conference</b> Welcoming speech by Prof Dr Thomas Gächter, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland <b>Introduction to the Conference:</b> <i>Equality in law and legal scholarship: fair, open, universal, and responsible</i> Dr Elif Askin, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Dr Nula Frei, Faculty of Law, University of Fribourg, Switzerland Prof Dr Silvia Suteu, Faculty of Laws, UCL, Great Britain Prof Dr Matthias Mahlmann, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland Prof Dr Daniel Moeckli, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
20.00	Apéro

<b>Thursday, 20 October 2022</b>	
Room: <a href="#">RAA-G-01</a>   University of Zurich   Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zürich   Online via Zoom	
8.30	Registration
9.00	Welcome
9.00-10.30	<b>PANEL 1</b>

<sup>1</sup> All time indications refer to Central European Time (CET).

	<b>IDEAS AND CONCEPTIONS OF EQUALITY</b>
Chair	Prof Dr Francis Cheneval, Department of Philosophy, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Prof András László Pap (Eötvös Loránd Research Network, Hungary) <b><i>New agents for ethno-racial equality: identity politics, vulnerabilities, and beyond</i></b>
Speaker 2	Dr Felix Würkert (European University Viadrina, Germany) <b><i>Equality and comparison: the legal use and construction of notions of performance, merit and (dis-)ability</i></b>
Speaker 3	Dr Jahid Hossain (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Germany) <b><i>Law, religion, and equality in India: Muslim personal law perspective</i></b>
Speaker 4	Taís Penteado (FGV Law School of São Paulo, Brazil) <b><i>Articulating (and complicating) the antisubordination principle</i></b>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break – RAA-Lichthof
11.00-12.30	<b>PANEL 2</b> <b>EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION</b>
Chair	Prof Dr Daniel Moeckli, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Vandita Khanna (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom) <b><i>From the margins to the centre of equality law: addressing poverty in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination</i></b>
Speaker 2	Justin Jaftha (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) <b><i>The redistribution potential of poverty as an independent ground of discrimination in South African equality law: from a comparative perspective</i></b>
Speaker 3	Asst Prof Abhinav Mehrotra (Jindal Global Law School, India) <b><i>Caste and race linkages: finding the common ground to address discrimination and oppression at international stage</i></b>
Speaker 4	Dr Cathérine Van de Graaf (University of Cologne, Germany & University of Ghent, Belgium) <b><i>Conflicting interests? European national equality bodies acting as (informal) mediators in discrimination complaints</i></b>
12.30-13.45	Lunch Break – RAA-Lichthof
13.45	Group Picture

14:00-15.30	<b>PANEL 3</b> <b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES</b>
Chair	Prof Dr Tilmann Altwicker, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Prof Adam Ploszka (European University Institute, Italy & University of Warsaw, Poland) <i>Prohibition of discrimination based on an individual's socio-economic status and its hidden potential in protecting the liberal state against populism. Notes based on the case of Poland</i>
Speaker 2	Dr Janine Hicks (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) <i>Advancing access to social security: maternity protection and social justice for women in the informal economy</i>
Speaker 3	Merel Vrancken (Hasselt University, Belgium) <i>Structural discrimination and segregation in education: disadvantaging the already disadvantaged</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break – RAA-Lichthof
Room: <a href="#">RAA-G-15</a>   University of Zurich   Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zürich   Online via Zoom	
16.00-17.15	<b>PANEL 4</b> <b>GENDER AND EQUALITY: A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE</b>
Chair	Prof Dr Sandra Hotz, Faculty of Law, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Dr Agnes Meroka (University of Nairobi, Kenya) <i>The place of women's rights in community land in Kenya: limits and opportunities of human rights norms in promoting equality</i>
Speaker 2	Prof Mélanie Levy (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland) <i>"The walk of shame": access to emergency contraception in Switzerland. Practical obstacles as a way to discipline the female body and choice</i>
Speaker 3	Ariël Decoster (University of Antwerp & Ghent University, Belgium) <i>Turning positive action for women into a wolf in sheep's clothing: a critical deconstruction of the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU</i>
17.15-17.20	Break – RAA-Lichthof
17.20-18.30	<b>PANEL 5</b> <b>INEQUALITIES RELATED TO ARMED CONFLICTS</b>
Chair	Nicole Nickerson, MLaw, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Speaker 1	Andreas Piperides (University of Glasgow, Scotland) <b><i>Not all civilians are created equal: international humanitarian law and class</i></b>
Speaker 2	Asst Prof Ka Lok Yip (Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar) <b><i>Equality and its social ontological discontent</i></b>
Speaker 3	Sai S. Venkatesh (Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law, Germany) <b><i>Examining the legality of autonomous weapons systems (AWS) and their implication on existing rules of international humanitarian law (IHL): Through a critical legal studies perspective and a feminist approach to international law</i></b>

<b>Friday, 21 October 2022</b>	
Room: <a href="#">RAA-G-01</a>   Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zürich   University of Zurich   Online via Zoom	
9.00-10.30	<b>PANEL 6</b> <b>EQUALITY AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY</b>
CHAIR	Prof Dr Stefanie Walter, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Prof Paul Weismann (University of Salzburg, Germany) <b><i>Equality of third countries? The EU's human rights approach in matters of trade and investment protection</i></b>
Speaker 2	Ass Prof Francesca Mussi (University of Trento, Italy) <b><i>The EU draft directive on corporate due diligence: a legal instrument to effectively encourage a gender-responsive sustainability?</i></b>
Speaker 3	Aliénor Nina Burghartz (University of Zurich, Switzerland) <b><i>Unequal access to global liquidity: the international legal infrastructure of swap(-like) arrangements among central banks</i></b>
Speaker 4	Marta Piazza (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) <b><i>Increasing the legitimacy of economic rights in today's international economic order through the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)</i></b>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break – RAA-Lichthof
11.00-12.30	<b>PANEL 7</b> <b>EQUALITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT</b>
Chair	Prof Dr Johannes Reich, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speakers 1	Dr Corina Heri and Ganesan Pranav (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

	<b><i>Arguing climate-related discrimination before the European Court of Human Rights: the example of age</i></b>
Speakers 2	Lisa-Marie Ross and Kathrin Asschenfeldt (National University of Singapore & Baumann Resolving Disputes, Germany) <b><i>Climate change litigation: a global success story? Developments in Southeast Asia in the context of recent global trends</i></b>
Speakers 3	Aamir Shafiq Chodhary and Sumera Saleem (University of Sargodha, Pakistan) <b><i>Controlled compliance of environmental laws in Pakistan: the critique of socioeconomic inequality</i></b>
Speakers 4	Asst Prof Kavuri Sudha and Asst Prof Anjana Ramanathan (Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University & Jindal Global Law School, both India) <b><i>The expendables of the sea: marginalization of the traditional fishing community in India</i></b>
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break – RAA-Lichthof
14.00-15.30	<b>PANEL 8</b> <b>GENDER AND EQUALITY: AN INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVE</b>
Chair	Marisa Beier, MLaw, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Speaker 1	Dr Cristiano d’Orsi (University of Johannesburg, South Africa) <b><i>LGBTIQ communities in Africa and their rights: when pandemic makes existing inequality even bigger</i></b>
Speaker 2	Dr Manuela Hugentobler (University of Bern, Switzerland) <b><i>The "so-called intersectionality": the Swiss judiciary's reluctant approach to inequality against the mirror of international human rights law</i></b>
Speakers 3	Prof Amit Upadhyay and Asst Prof Arvind Tayenjam (Jindal Global Law School & Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, India) <b><i>Interrelationship of legal gender identity and right to health of transgender persons in India</i></b>
Speaker 4	Dr Alice Margaria (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany) <b><i>Another side of gender equality: reconstructing fatherhood around care</i></b>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break – RAA-Lichthof
16.00-17.15	<b>PANEL 9</b> <b>EQUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY: MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP</b>
Chair	Hanna Stoll, MLaw, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Speaker 1	Dr Keren Weitzberg (Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom) <b><i>The other climate technology: biometrics, climate change, and the politics of austerity</i></b>
Speaker 2	Dr Niovi Vavoula (Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom) <b><i>Non-discrimination and equality in the operationalisation of EU large-scale systems for third-country nationals</i></b>
Speaker 3	Prof Beata Paragi (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary) <b><i>The irresponsible promise of equality? The limits of explainability and transparency vs. data subjects' reasonable expectations in the context of migration (management)</i></b>
17.15-17.30	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>