

A CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR FRANÇOISE HAMPSON

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019 9.30AM TO 6.00PM











PROGRAMME

09:30 - 10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 - 10:15 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Address on behalf of the Human Rights Centre by the Director, Professor Lorna McGregor

10:15-11:30 TRACING THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Chair: Professor Clara Sandoval, Director of the Essex Transitional Justice Network, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Michael O'Boyle, former Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights from 2006-2015

Professor Philip Leach, Director of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, Middlesex University

Aisling Reidy, Senior Legal Advisor, Human Rights Watch, and fellow of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

11:30-11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45-13:15 KEY ENDURING ISSUES IN THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT

Chair: Professor Karen Hulme, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Jelena Pejic, Senior Legal Adviser in the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Professor Marco Sassòli, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Professor Noam Lubell, Director of the Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

13:15-14:15 LUNCH BREAK

14:15-15:45 EXPLORING THE OPERATIONALISATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Chair: Professor Geoff Gilbert, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Distinguished Fellow, International Law, Chatham House

Professor Charles Garraway, Member of the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, and fellow of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Başak Çalı, Professor of International Law at the Hertie School of Governance and Director of the Center for Global Public Law at Koç University, Istanbul, and fellow of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

15:45-16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00-16:45 CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

Emeritus Professor Françoise Hampson, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

16:45 DRINKS RECEPTION

BIOGRAPHY

Emeritus Professor Françoise Hampson is an institutional thinker, revolutionary human rights lawyer, and a kind and influential teacher who has shaped generations of students. Françoise taught at the University of Dundee before joining the Law School at Essex, where she has remained ever since, serving as Dean during the late 1990s. After joining the newly established Human Rights Centre there, Françoise dedicated her career to addressing some of the most pressing and enduring challenges confronting International Law. Françoise was an independent expert member of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights from 1998-2007. She has acted as a consultant on humanitarian law to the International Committee of the Red Cross and taught at staff colleges or equivalents in the UK, USA, Canada and Ghana, and she represented Oxfam and SCF (UK) at the Preparatory Committee and first session of the Review Conference for the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

Françoise litigated cases at the European Court of Human Rights that have set precedents for upholding human rights laws across the continent. In recognition of Françoise's contribution to the development of law in this area, she was awarded Human Rights Lawyer of the Year jointly with Professor Kevin Boyle.

Françoise has taught, researched and published widely in the fields of armed conflict, international humanitarian law and on the European Convention on Human Rights. Françoise is currently serving on the UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi. Françoise continues to challenge problematic issues in international law. Her latest work examines the use of autonomous weapons, investigations into alleged violations in situations of armed conflict and on the use of an individual petition system to address what are widespread or systematic human rights violations.

Essex Human Rights Centre

The Human Rights Centre is a multi and interdisciplinary centre bringing together a vibrant community of students, over 2000 alumni, more than 100 members from 11 disciplines, fellows and partners.

At the heart of our work is the interface between the theory and practice of human rights, conflict and acute crises. Our excellence in research and in education is defined by the application of theory to real human rights problems.

We strategically identify enduring and emerging human rights challenges and play a leadership role in responding to these challenges through education, research and impact activities. In addition to the work of individual members, the Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub, Essex Business and Human Rights Project, the Essex Transitional Justice Network, the Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project, the Human Rights Implementation Project and the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy are based at the Centre.

Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub

Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub operates under the umbrella of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex. It is developing a reputation for ground-breaking research and projects that can be applied in the humanitarian sphere, drawing upon the broad expertise and professional excellence found within the membership, which includes Françoise Hampson.

The Hub, through projects and collaborations, influences the agenda and brings leading research and expertise to the forefront of action.

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