

**Project Title:** Human Rights Evaluation of Anti-Terrorism laws

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### **Project Summary**

The project conducted research with the goal of developing specific criteria and procedures for the human rights evaluation of anti-terrorism laws, as part of a wider research project led by the German Institute of Human Rights.

### **Objectives**

Anti-terrorism laws often include a clause requiring a regular review of that law's operation. In some cases, these evaluation requirements are linked to a 'sunset clause'. However, there is a dearth of research on how human rights considerations can be included in such review procedures. This project was designed to fill this gap by elaborating specific criteria and procedures for the human rights evaluation of anti-terrorism laws.

### **Activities**

Attendance of workshop at the German Institute for Human Rights

Attendance at conference "After the Human Rights Act" at Leeds University in June 2009.

### **Outcomes**

Daniel Moeckli, 'Diskriminierende Tendenzen moderner Sicherheitspolitik: Ansätze für eine Methodik der Evaluierung', in Marion Albers, Ruth Weinzierl and Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte (eds), *Menschenrechtliche Standards in der Sicherheitspolitik: Beiträge zur rechtsstaatsorientierten Evaluierung von Sicherheitsgesetzen* (Baden-Baden: Nomos) (forthcoming, 2009)

The project contributed to the development of a wider research project led by the German Institute of Human Rights.