



TWENTIETH ANNUAL STUDENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Friday 29 March 2019, University of Nottingham

The European Court of Human Rights: 60 Years of Success?

CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline Extended

At nearly 60 years old, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has had to respond to major political and social changes, military conflicts and financial crises. Whilst there have been many successes during the ECtHR's impressive 60 year history, critics have also pointed to a number of failures. Accordingly, the 20th Annual Student Human Rights Conference aims to critically analyse the role of the ECtHR with a view to understanding how the Court and the European Convention on Human Rights have confronted both substantive and procedural challenges.

The Conference will question whether the ECtHR is still fit for purpose? What lessons have the last 60 years taught us and what more can we do to improve it? It will also address whether the rise of populism within CoE Member states has made the Court more restrained in its jurisprudence. Finally, the conference will explore whether "forgotten minorities", such as Roma, and other vulnerable groups are adequately protected and whether the Court takes such vulnerabilities into account in its decision making.

Papers are welcome addressing any substantive or procedural issues relating to the ECtHR, including those that respond to the following questions:

- **Do states found in breach of the Convention implement Court judgments and what role should the Court play in the enforcement of judgments?**
- **How can the Court overcome its overload of cases? Should it become a constitutional court, just taking on leading cases? What procedural changes could it make? How could states help?**
- **Does the margin of appreciation doctrine allow undue discretion to states or should deference to states be taken even further? Is the Court's dynamic interpretation of the Convention justifiable and what role should state consensus play?**
- **Is the argument that the Court lacks legitimacy persuasive?**
- **What impact has the post-Cold War extension of the Convention to Central and East European states had?**
- **A comparison of the Court's jurisprudence with that of other international courts or UN treaty monitoring bodies. Should there be harmonisation?**

The Conference Committee encourages the submission of papers from postgraduate students in any discipline on any of the above themes. Authors of selected papers will be offered the opportunity to discuss their work in panels which will take place as part of the conference, alongside leading practitioners and academics working in the field. Papers and presentations should be in English.

Submission Details:

Using the application form available attached to this email and provide a short abstract of no more than 1000 words by 1:00pm **Sunday 13 January 2019**, clearly stating the author's postal address, email, telephone number and institution. The abstract should be submitted electronically to the following address: HumanRightsConference@nottingham.ac.uk

Further information: