

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

LGBT+ Rights in the 21st Century: Free and Equal?

Saturday 25 March 2017, University of Nottingham

**Highfield House, University of Nottingham
Programme**

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| 10.00 | Welcome refreshments and registration | <i>The Cloisters, Highfield House</i> |
| 10.30 | Conference opening Professor Dominic McGoldrick | Room A01/A02, Highfield House |

Morning Session

Chaired by **Professor Dominic McGoldrick**, Professor of International Human Rights Law and HRLC Co-Director

LGBT+ rights: A European Union perspective
Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

The First UN SOGI Expert: A step in the right direction?
Mr Arvind Narrain, Geneva Director, ARC International

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| 11.45 | Refreshments | <i>The Cloisters, Highfield House</i> |
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| 12.00 | Delegates choose between two student-led discussion groups, which will run simultaneously: | |
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Panel 1: Regional perspectives on LGBT+ rights: Finding common ground

A09 Highfield House, Chaired by Huma Ansari

Conservatism and equality: Finding a traditionalist model for decriminalising homosexuality in South Asia
Ibtisam Ahmed, University of Nottingham

Protection of the rights of LGBT refugees after the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016
Ömer F Yalcin, KU Leuven, Belgium

The right to be different or the duty to be equal?
Peter Sioen, School of Advanced Study, University of London

"European values" as an obstacle for the acceptance of LGBT individuals outside of the EU
Naira Meliksetyan, Legal Research and Development Center, Republic of Armenia

Panel 2: Moving forward: Remaining barriers to equality

A11 Highfield House, Chaired by Holly Garner

Lifetime deferral from blood donation on the ground of sexual orientation: prejudice or prudence?
Matthew Jordan, University of Cambridge

The non-heterosexual wage gap: an analysis across the wage distribution
Samuel Mann, Swansea University

Freedom and privacy in pornography: a normative privilege?
Tara Beattie, Durham University

The Invisibility of non-binary gender identities in law: The dichotomous sex registration in international and domestic law
Lena Holzer, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>The Cloisters, Highfield House</i>
14.00	Afternoon Session Chaired by Professor David Harris , Professor Emeritus and HRLC Co-Director <i>Unravelling the Sharia: Islam, 'Islamic Law' and the issue of homosexuality in the Muslim world</i> Professor Javaid Rehman , Professor of Law, Brunel University <i>LGBT rights and The Russian Courts</i> Ms Joanna Whiteman , Co-Director, Equal Rights Trust <i>Gender-Binary Legal Institutions: the Challenge from Trans and Gender Variant People</i> Professor Stephen Whittle , Professor of Law, Manchester Metropolitan University	Room A01/A02, Highfield House
15.30	<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>The Cloisters, Highfield House</i>
16.00	Delegates choose between two workshops, which will run simultaneously: <div> <div> Workshop 1: What works? Effective awareness raising strategies of LGBT+ issues <i>A09 Highfield House, Led by Out in Education</i> Exploration and discussion of communication skills surrounding LGBT+ rights, especially with regard to children and students. </div> <div> Workshop 2: LGBT+ rights: International and regional advocacy strategies <i>A11 Highfield House, Led by Paul Dillane, Executive Director of Kaleidoscope Trust</i> Discussion of advocacy strategies for promoting the protection of LGBT+ rights. </div> </div>	
17.30	Closing Remarks from Professor David Harris	Room A01/A02, Highfield House

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