



Summer School on Protecting Human Rights through United Nations Mechanisms

11 June – 15 June 2012, University of Nottingham

Programme

Day 1: Monday 11 June 2012		
09:30 – 10.30	Welcome and introduction	Professor Michael O’Flaherty , Co-Chair of the Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham and Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Overview of the Treaty Body System	Professor Michael O’Flaherty
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	The Strengthening Process of the Treaty Body System	Professor Michael O’Flaherty
14:30 – 15:45	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: The Reporting Procedure	Professor Michael O’Flaherty
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 16:45	<i>The Treaty Bodies: Bringing Human Rights Home</i> A DVD produced by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Professor Michael O’Flaherty
16.45-18.00	<i>Welcome reception – drinks</i>	The Hemsley

Day 2: Tuesday 12 June 2012

09:00 – 10:45	Procedural Innovations in CEDAW and Other Human Rights Treaty Bodies	Professor Cees Flinterman , Former member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and member of the UN Human Rights Committee.
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: NGO perspectives, case study of Ireland at the Human Rights Committee	Tanya Ward , Chief Executive, The Children's Rights Alliance, Dublin
13:00 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45 – 15:30	The Special Procedures System of the UN Human Rights Council	Professor Sir Nigel Rodley , Chair of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; Member of the UN Human Rights Committee; former Special Rapporteur on Torture
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	Case study: The Special Rapporteur on Torture	Professor Sir Nigel Rodley

Day 3: Wednesday 13 June 2012

9:00 – 10:45	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: The Individual Communications Procedure	Marie-Eve Friedrich , Human Rights Officer, Petitions Team, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-13:00	Human Rights Field Operations	Professor Michael O'Flaherty and Professor George Ulrich , Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Ethics for Human Rights Work	Professor George Ulrich
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:15 – 16:15	The General Comments of the Treaty Bodies – Case study: Freedom of Expression	Professor Michael O'Flaherty
16:15 – 16:30	Assigning of group work	HRLC Staff
16:30 – 17:00	Introductory group work sessions	

Day 4: Thursday 14 June 2012

09:30 – 11:00	Promoting Human Rights at the United Nations: the NHRI perspective	Diana Copper , Head of European and International Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission, London
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30	The UN Human Rights Council	Dr Bertrand Ramcharan , former Deputy and Acting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 14:45	The UN Human Rights Council: Universal Periodic Review (UPR)	Rachel Brett , Human Rights and Refugees Representative, Quaker UN Office, Geneva
14:45 – 15:45	NGOs at the Human Rights Council	Rachel Brett
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Human Rights at the Security Council	Dr Bertrand Ramcharan

Day 5: Friday 15 June 2012

9:30 – 10:15	Group work/finalising presentations	
10:15 – 11:30	Group presentations	
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	Open topic panel discussion	Dr Bertrand Ramcharan, Rachel Brett, Professor Michael O’Flaherty, Professor David Harris
13:00 – 14:30	Formal lunch at The Hemsley followed by closing ceremony and certificates	Certificates presented by Professor Stephen Bailey , Head of School of Law, University of Nottingham