

Summer School on Protecting Human Rights through United Nations Mechanisms

13 June – 17 June 2011, University of Nottingham

Programme

Day 1 Monday 13 June 2011

09:30 – 10.30	Welcome and introduction	Professor Michael O’Flaherty , Co-Director of Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham and Vice- Chairperson of the 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 – 15:00	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: The Reporting Procedure	Professor Michael O’Flaherty
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:15 – 16:00	<i>The Treaty Bodies: Bringing Human Rights Home</i> A DVD produced by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	
16:00 – 17:00	Welcome reception	University Staff Club - Hemsley

Day 2 Tuesday 14 June 2011
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09:00 – 10:45	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: NGO Perspectives, Case Study of Ireland at the Human Rights Committee	Tanya Ward , Deputy Director, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	Human Rights Treaty Bodies: The Individual Communications Procedure	Marie-Eve Friedrich , Associate Human Rights Officer, Petitions Team, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
13:00 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	

13:45 – 15:30	Relevant procedural innovations of the human rights treaty bodies – including in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	Professor Cees Flinterman , Former member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and member UN Human Rights Committee.
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	UN Commissions of Inquiry	Richard Bennett , Chief of Staff, UN Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Sri Lanka, former head of UN Field Operations in East Timor, Afghanistan and Nepal

Day 3 Wednesday 15 June 2011

9:00 – 10:00	Human Rights Field Operations (1)	Professor Michael O'Flaherty
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30- 11:45	Human Rights Field Operations (2)	Professor George Ulrich , Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law, Richard Bennett and Daria Davitti , former Human Rights Officer with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).
11:45 – 13:00	Ethics for Human Rights Work	Professor George Ulrich
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Council of Europe Human Rights Procedure: A comparative approach	Professor David Harris , Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, former member of the Committee of Independent Experts of the European Social Charter
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 16:15	Assigning of group work	Daria Davitti
16:15 – 16:30	Introductory group work sessions	
16:30 – 17:30	Screening of the documentary 'Sri Lanka's Killing Fields'	

Day 4 Thursday 16 June 2011

09:30 - 11:00	The UN Human Rights Council	Dr Bertrand Ramcharan , former UN Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15 - 12:30	Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council	Dr Bertrand Ramcharan
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 - 15:00	The UN Human Rights Council: Universal Periodic Review (UPR)	Rachel Brett , Human Rights and Refugees Representative, Quaker UN Office, Geneva
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:15 - 17:00	Case study: The Special Rapporteur on Torture	Professor Sir Nigel Rodley , Chair of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; Member, UN Human Rights Committee; former Special Rapporteur on Torture

Day 5 Friday 17 June 2011

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, Professor Sir Nigel Rodley
13:00 - 14:30	Formal lunch at University Staff Club followed by closing ceremony and certificates	Certificates presented by Professor Stephen Bailey , Head of School of Law, University of Nottingham