



Strasbourg Observers 15th Anniversary Symposium Provisional Programme

8-9 May 2025, Ghent

Timetable

Thursday 8 May

11.00 - 11.30 Welcome
11:30 - 12:30 Opening panel
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break
13:30 - 15:15 Parallel panels 1 and 2
15:15 - 15:45 Coffee break
15:45 - 17:30 Parallel panels 3 and 4
17:30 - 19:00 Reception

Friday 9 May

9:00 - 10:45 Parallel panels 5 and 6
10:45 - 11:15 Break
11:15 - 13:00 Parallel panels 7 and 8
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 15:30 Keynote speaker (streamed)

Overview panels

THURSDAY 8 May 2025

11:30-12:30 Opening panel - Observing Strasbourg: merits and challenges

Panel on the place of blogging in the ECtHR scholarship landscape: discussion with blog contributors and readers

- Antoine Buyse (Utrecht University)
- Harriet Ní Chinnéide (Hasselt University) and Tobias Mortier (Ghent University)

Moderator: Ingrida Milkaite (Ghent University)

13:30-15:15 Parallel panels 1 and 2

Panel 1: Stereotyped narratives on migration

- Dolores Morondo Taramundi (University of Deusto): *The role of vulnerability in stereotyping discrimination against migrants*
- Elena Ghidoni (University of Deusto): *Testing the limits of the anti-stereotyping principle in the context of migrants' family rights*
- Encarnación La Spina (University of Deusto): *"Refugees could not be irregular migrants": questioning the (in)vulnerable stereotypical categories in the European Court of Human Rights*

Respondent: Georgios Serghides (ECtHR Judge on behalf of Cyprus)

Panel 2: Linguistic approaches and/to the ECtHR

- Yuliia Khyzhniak (University of Groningen): *Previous judgments as narrative constraint: how the European Court of Human Rights narrates departures*
- Alberto Godioli & Jennifer Young (University of Groningen): *Humour, satire and the meaning of 'context': interdisciplinary perspectives on ECtHR jurisprudence*
- Babette De Naeyer (University of Pompeu Fabra): *Speaking before thinking: revisiting the ECtHR's distinction between written and spoken expression*

Respondent: Kateřina Šimáčková (ECtHR Judge on behalf of the Czech Republic)

15:45-17:30 Parallel panels 3 and 4

Panel 3: Interaction with other legal orders

- Akiko Ejima (Meiji University): *Global significance of the Strasbourg human rights case law – the impact of the ECtHR jurisprudence on Asian apex courts*
- Jasmine Sommardal (European University Institute): *Five axes of alignment: the ECtHR's approach to the EU legal order*
- Demetra Loizou & Nadia Kornioti (University of Central Lancashire): *The unbearable comfort of armed conflict in the case law of the ECtHR: a comparative analysis*

Respondent: Angelika Nußberger (former ECtHR Judge on behalf of Germany)

Panel 4: Migration: a human rights challenge for Europe

- Pedro Sanz Diaz (Dublin City University) & Alex Geraki Trimi (human rights lawyer in Greece): *The 'Strasbourg reversal' beyond the state's right to control immigration: the ECtHR's unquestioned distinction between forced and voluntary migration*
- Jessica Klüger (VU Amsterdam and Justus Liebig University Giessen): *Litigation and influence: Unpacking the institutional dynamics of the Strasbourg Court in responding to governments' arguments in migration case law*
- Monica Avila Curras (VU Amsterdam): *Stepping up against migrants: when states intervene as third parties*

Respondent: Frédéric Krenç (ECtHR Judge on behalf of Belgium)

FRIDAY 9 May 2025

9:00-10:45 Parallel panels 5 and 6

Panel 5: Categorical inconsistencies and their consequences

- Vladislava Stoyanova (Lund University): *Causation: Human Rights Law Style. Why and How for Establishing breach of positive obligations under the ECHR?*
- Gaia Zanotti (University of Edinburgh): *Does the ECtHR protect Labour rights? Some reflections on the jurisprudence of art. 1 prot. 1*
- Moritz Baumgärtel (University College Roosevelt, Middelburg and South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria): *Differential racism, or why the ECtHR needs to develop a coherent theory of xenophobia*

Respondent: María Elósegui (ECtHR Judge on behalf of Spain)

Panel 6: Procedural and strategical configurations in a Court of Justice

- Joe Finnerty (University of Cologne): *Understanding 'impact?': The case prioritization strategy of the ECtHR*
- Lize Glas (Radboud University Nijmegen): *Putting the guarantee of non-repetition at the center in the ECtHR's case law*
- Ezgi Özlu (University of Strasbourg): *Exploring the place of interim measures in a 'more balanced court'*

Respondent: Paul Lemmens (former ECtHR Judge on behalf of Belgium)

11:15-13:00 Parallel panels 7 and 8

Panel 7: Subsidiarity, restraint and procedural review

- Giulio Fedele (University of Rome 'Unitelma Sapienza'): *From negative to positive subsidiarity. Insights from the application of the ECHR in horizontal disputes*
- Alain Zysset (University of Glasgow): *Normative gaps at the European Court of Human Rights: Merits and Limits of the 'political process theory' in Strasbourg*
- Lorenzo Acconciamezza (University of Palermo): *The Notion of "Shared Responsibility" and its Impact on the Relationships between the ECtHR and the Domestic Authorities*

Respondent: Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir (ECtHR Judge on behalf of Iceland)

Panel 8: The fundamental or essential aspects of Convention rights

- Cathérine Van de Graaf (Ghent University and University of Cologne): *Unpacking the Court's unwillingness to investigate Article 14: not fundamental or distinct enough or too sensitive and complex?*
- Anaïs Brucher (European University Institute): *What it says about you: the language of the essence of rights in recent ECtHR case law and what it says about Strasbourg's understanding of human rights*
- Ioanna Pervou (Democritus University of Thrace): *The ECtHR as a state dispute court: what future for article 33 ECHR*

Respondent: Françoise Tulkens (former ECtHR Judge on behalf of Belgium)

14:00-15:30 Keynote by Dr. Marialena Tsirli

Chief Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights

Followed by discussion

Chair: Cathérine Van de Graaf (Ghent University and University of Cologne)