



Invitation to **Webinar** on the Implementation of the UN Treaty System within **Domestic Legal Systems Across the World**

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, cordially invite you to an online seminar on the implementation of the United Nations treaty system within domestic legal systems of the world.

This webinar is part of the **UTFORSK project**, entitled “Fostering research-based education through academic mobility and measuring the domestic impact of core human rights treaties”. The project connects teaching and research through collaborative exploration of a key human rights topic, namely the domestic impact of core UN human rights treaties and mechanisms.

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, 15 May 2024
13:00 - 16:00 SAST
Online Zoom

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BACKGROUND

Do human rights treaties make a difference on the ground level? This webinar will have authors of the edited volume *“The Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the Domestic Level: Twenty Years On”* share their critical analysis of their respective countries. These authors will discuss Nepal, Senegal, Poland, Colombia, and Spain. We will then have Norway and South Africa’s national human rights institutions (NHRIs) discuss the role of the two NHRIs in contributing to the impact of international human rights law on domestic law in the two countries. Finally, Master’s students of the Master programs on Human Rights and Democratisation (University of Pretoria) and the Theory and Practice of Human Rights (University of Oslo) will give an expert review of the impact seen of specific treaties on three selected countries.

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PROGRAMME

MODERATOR Dorcas Ameonu

Master's student, Centre for Human Rights

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ACTIVITY

Welcoming and Introduction Prof Frans Viljoen and Prof Gentian Zyberi

SESSION 1 - 1h 30min

*A discussion on the release of the book titled **The Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the Domestic Level: Twenty Years On – Second Revised Edition | Brill**. The panel includes Ravi Prakash Vyas, Ibrahima Kane, Katarzyna Sekowska-Kozłowska, Rodrigo Uprimny and Carlos Villán Durán with remarks by Prof Viljoen and Rachael Murray. The discussion will centre on each country from the five regions namely: Columbia, Nepal, Poland, Senegal, and Spain.*

Chaired by Frans Viljoen, and Rachel Murray

13h10 – 13h20

Nepal

Ravi Prakash Vyas

13h20 – 13h30

Senegal

Ibrahima Kane

13h30 – 13h40

Poland

Katarzyna Sekowska-Kozłowska

13h40 – 13h50

Colombia

Rodrigo Uprimny

13h50 – 14h00

Spain

Carlos Villán Durán

14h00 – 14h30

Questions & Answers

SESSION 2 - 45 min

Viewing the Impact of International Human Rights law at the global and domestic Level through the perspective of the Human Rights Institutions of South Africa and Norway. The panel includes one representative each from these three Human Rights Institutions, namely the Norwegian Human Rights Institution, the South African Human Rights Commission, and the South African Commission for Gender Equality.

Chaired by Frans Viljoen

TIME	ACTIVITY
14h30 – 14h40	Norwegian Human Rights Institute Peter Wille, Special Advisor
14h40 – 14h50	South African Human Rights Commission Fadlah Adams
14h50 – 15h00	South African Commission for Gender Equality Lieketseng Mohlakoana-Motopi
15h00 – 15h15	Questions & Answers

SESSION 3 - 45 min

*A discussion on the Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the Domestic Level by countries not covered in **The Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the Domestic Level: Twenty Years On – Second Revised Edition | Brill**, from the perspective of Master students from the Theory and Practice of Human Rights (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights) and the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (Centre for Human Rights). The countries to be discussed are Togo, Burundi and Ecuador.*

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15h15 – 15h25	Ecuador Marian Pulla <i>Theory and Practice of Human Rights Student</i>
15h25 – 15h35	Togo Lidawh-we Fabienne Dontema, <i>Human Rights and Democratisation Student</i>
15h35 – 15h45	Burundi Merveille Mugisha <i>Human Rights and Democratisation Student</i>
15h45 – 16h00	Questions & Answers Concluding Remarks

End 16h00