



Programme

Methodologies for Imagining an Alternative Politics of (Human) Rights
12 June 2023 | 20 Kingsway (KGS), London School of Economics
Monday 12 June 2023

09.00-9.30 Registration
Room PAR.LG.03

9.30-11.00 **Panel 1A — Vernacular rights, political struggle & resistance**
Room G.01 Chair: Dr Hasret Cetinkaya (LSE)

Different stories but the same wound: The Saturday Mothers' Experience of Reframing Justice
Güneş Daşlı, FSU Jena

Abortion as (deathly) marronage: Policy, resistance, and reproductive freedom in Lagos State
Laurenne Ajayi, University of Sussex

Life-worlds of stateless subaltern political struggles in Kuwait
Nour Almazidi, LSE

Room G1.04 **Panel 1B — Exploring Tensions in Transnational Human Rights through Queer-Feminist, Metaphorical, and Spatial-Affective Frameworks**
Chair: Dr Leticia Sabsay (LSE)

Assemblage Thinking as a Queer-Feminist Methodology to Study Rights
Dr Lena Holzer, Goldsmiths University

Displacing the “Clash of Rights” Narrative: On the Coloniality of Rights Metaphors
Dr Christopher Griffin, University of Brighton

Community advocacy and neo-colonial guilt: how space and affect shape the Jamaican LGBTQ+ rights landscape
Sam Morgan, Manchester Metropolitan University

Room G3.02 **Panel 1C — Breaking out of the Fishbowl: Imagining New Frontiers of Justice and Human Rights Recognition**
Chair: Dr Mai Taha (LSE)

Beyond human rights (promotion): EU interventions and decolonial imaginations in the South Caucasus
Dr Laura Luciani, Ghent University

Beyond international human rights: ‘Islamic feminism’ as alternative legal praxis
Dr Nora Jaber, University of Exeter

Counteracting human rights: The multilayered and jurisgenerative narrative of the Indigenous Peoples of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Luisa Castaneda Quintana, McGill University

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Room PAR.LG.03

11.30-1.00 **Panel 2A — Making Justice in a Trans*national Frame: Solidarity, Counter-Hegemony and Gendered Subjectivities**

Room G.01 Chair: Dr Ayça Çubukçu (LSE)

The Politics of Re-searching and Building Transnational Solidarity With Iranian Women

Dr Shirin Saeidi, University of Arkansas

Dr Julio César Díaz-Calderón, Security for All

Counter-Hegemonic Human Rights and International Solidarity with Kurdistan: Potentials, Pitfalls and Translations

Daniel Brown, LSE

The Kurdish Women's Justice Movement in Rojava: Realising a Moral-Political Society Through Self-fashioning

Dr Hasret Cetinkaya, LSE

Room G1.04 **Panel 2B — Re-defining Human Rights through Disruptive Synergies: Counter-Narratives, Artful Imaginaries and Data Production**

Chair: Dr Nazanin Shahrokni (LSE)

Imagining human rights through film

Professor Kate Nash, Goldsmiths University

Returning the Gaze of Surveillance: The Murder of Shireen Abu Aqleh

Daniela Silvestre Jorge Ayoub, University of Coimbra

Christ and the Brazilian revolutionary process: religion, politics, human rights

Dr Marcus Vinicius De Matos, Brunel University

Room G3.02 **Panel 2C — Re-narrating the Human: Indigeneity, Story-telling and the Politics of Onto-Epistemic Resistance**

Chair: Dr Niharika Pandit (LSE)

“Unimagined Communities” and Re-Imagined Justice in Louise Erdrich's The Round House

Charlotte Spear, University of Warwick

Rethinking cultural rights using Global South epistemologies

Raghavi Viswanath, European University in Florence

From the Plurinational State to Plurinationality against the State: two strategies of indigenous struggles for autonomy and decolonization in Latin America

João Telésforo, University of São Paulo / King's College London

Struggles for the Human: Violent Legality and the Politics of Rights

Dr Lara Montesinos Coleman, University of Sussex

1.00-2.00 Lunch break
Room PAR.LG.03

2.00-3.30 **Panel 3A — Queer Activism and Political Mobilisations: Anti-Queer Retaliations, Humanness and 'Modernity'**

Room G.01 Chair: Dr SM Rodriguez (LSE)

Feminist Performative Digital Assemblies As a Way Of Becoming: Notions Of Empowerment and Subordination Through Hashtag Activism and Online Feminist Publics in Turkey

Dilara Asardag, Tampere University

Queer Discomforts with and Activist Articulations of the Language of Rights

Dorothy Rau, (LSE)

Meriç G. Doğan, Anadolu University

Towards Progress? Interrogating the 'Rainbow Modernities' of Pride Events

Dr Francesca Ammaturo, Coventry University

Room G1.04 **Panel 3B — From Critique to Creation: Dystopias, Utopias, and the Power of Worldmaking**

Chair: Nancy Breton (LSE)

Utopian Methodologies for Utopian Studies?

Nitzan Amitay, LSE

Dystopian Speculative Fiction for Rethinking "Rights": Hemispheric Analysis of Quito 2023 and Lunar Braceros 2125-2148

Dr María Célleri, University of Maryland

The Kairological Internationalist: On the right time for feminist, queer, and decolonial interventions

Mannela Camargo de Assis, Universidade de Brasília

Accompanying Utopia: ethical and methodological questions in ethnographic work on Salvadoran cooperativist movements

Dr Miranda Hallett, University of Dayton

Room G.3.04 **Panel 3C — Re-imagining the Subject(s) of Rights and Decentering the Human**

Chair: Senel Wanniarachchi (LSE)

Re-imagining the Right to Life: Towards a Pluriversal Understanding of Human Rights

Rana Cheaito, UCL

Becoming Common – Ecological Resistance, Refusal, Reparation

Dr Marie-Catherine Petersmann, Tilburg University

Collective Human Rights as a Vehicle towards Ontological Flexibility in Human Rights Law

Jolein Holtz, Leiden University

3.30-4.00 Coffee break

Room PAR.LG.03

4.00-5.30 **Panel 4A — Rights, Citizenship, and Activism**

Room G.01 Chair: Nour Almazidi (LSE)

Ethics of listening right(s): Refusals-redirections and self-effacement as methodological strategies

Nayan Prabha, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Using a Movement Lawyering Approach to Reimagine (Human) Rights

Meena Jagannath, Human Rights Attorney

Uncomfortable collaborations and the double-edged sword of rights-based activism and research in South Africa

Dr Carin Runciman, University of Edinburgh

Litigating daily rights of LGBTQ individuals in Lebanon

Reem Abuzaïd, University of Warwick

Room G1.04 **Panel 4B: Challenging the Epistemic Foundations of Legal Theorising: Gender, Intuition and Epistemological Authoritarianism**

Chair: Professor Sumi Madhok (LSE)

Rights-intuitive legal reasoning method
Harison Citrawan, Penn State Dickinson Law

Unmasking Coloniality within Brazilian Constitutional Court Decisions: The case of unlimited outsourcing of labor
Isadora Dutra Badra Bellati, University of Hamburg

The failed promise of human rights equality in Post-Apartheid South Africa – a Marxist feminist critique
Dr Busisive Deyi, University of Pretoria

Room 3.02 **Panel 4C— Decolonising Borders and Migration**

Chair: Professor Conor Gearty (LSE)

The poetic contours of the exile: Creative methods and the sense of the human among exiled people
Rémy-Paulin Twahirwa, LSE

Multi-level political narratives: Refugees, NGOs, and governmental institutions as challenging what foreign policy means for whom
Sofie Roebig, University of Warwick / TU Dresden

Anti-trafficking or anti-immigrant? Rethinking the centrality of border control in the Philippines' anti-trafficking policy
Dr Sharmila Parmanand, LSE

Under Cover: Insurgent Methods of Border Crossing
Dr Swati Arora, Queen Mary – University of London

6.00-7.30 Keynote Lecture by Professor Nikita Dhawan (TU Dresden)
Title: Normative Dilemmas: Human Rights and its Critics

Room G.01 Chair: Dr Hasret Cetinkaya (LSE)
Closing remarks: Dr SM Rodriguez (LSE)

7.30 Reception
Room Staff Dining Room (SCR) – Old Building