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Editorial

Welcome to the eighth edition of the Facts and Norms Newsletter for 2024. This month, we continue our commitment to providing comprehensive coverage of significant developments in international law and human rights.

In this issue, we highlight several important cases and rulings from international courts. The International Court of Justice has scheduled public hearings in the maritime delimitation case between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, and received numerous written comments on its advisory proceedings regarding climate change obligations. The Court also continues to receive interventions from states in the ongoing Gaza genocide case.

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We further delve into recent activities and statements from the United Nations, including commemorations of the International Day for People of African Descent, warnings about gender-based violence in Sudan, and calls to end violence against the Rohingya in Myanmar. The UN has also highlighted concerning developments like terror attacks in Pakistan and Burkina Faso, floods in Yemen, and mass graves discovered in Libya.

Our coverage extends to significant regional court rulings and activities. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights is set to hold its 169th Regular Session, commemorating its 45th anniversary and deliberating on several key cases. The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights continues its work on pressing issues across the continent. The European Court of Human Rights has issued important rulings on topics ranging from the right to legal assistance during police questioning to freedom of expression for whistle-blowers.

As always, our academic and professional opportunities section provides a comprehensive overview of calls for papers, fellowships, job openings, and other opportunities in international law and human rights. These third-party listings are provided for informational purposes, and we encourage readers to independently verify details.

Finally, we are proud to share updates from the Facts and Norms Institute, including our continued collaboration with the American Society of International Law on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Interest Group Newsletter, and the announcement of our second Winter Course on Legal Theory, International Law and Human Rights in partnership with the University of Lisbon.

As you explore this edition, we invite you to engage with the content, reflect on the evolving landscape of international law and human rights, and join us in our commitment to advancing knowledge and promoting justice.

Enjoy the read!

Professor [Henrique Napoleão Alves](#), Chief Editor



We particularly encourage our readers to learn more about the Facts and Norms Institute's [second Winter Course on Legal Theory, International Law and Human Rights](#). This exclusive educational opportunity for Portuguese speakers will take place in the vibrant city of Lisbon, Portugal, offering participants a chance to engage with renowned professors, explore critical legal issues, and experience the rich academic environment of the University of Lisbon. Don't miss this chance to expand your knowledge and connect with fellow scholars, professionals and academics. Details about the course can be found in the "News from the Institute" section [infra](#).

- **GABON/EQUATORIAL GUINEA MARITIME DELIMITATION CASE: PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4, 2024 ([19 August 2024](#))**

The ICJ will hold public hearings on the merits of the case concerning Land and Maritime Delimitation and Sovereignty over Islands (Gabon/Equatorial Guinea) from September 30 to October 4, 2024, at the Peace Palace in The Hague. The case concerns the delimitation of the maritime and land boundaries between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea and the sovereignty over the islands of Mbanié/Mbañe, Cocotiers/Cocoteros, and Conga. The hearings will proceed in two rounds of oral arguments, first by Equatorial Guinea and then by Gabon.

- **ICJ RECEIVES 62 WRITTEN COMMENTS IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY PROCEEDINGS ([16 August 2024](#))**

In the advisory proceedings on the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change, 62 written comments have been filed with the ICJ. The comments were submitted by various states, organizations, and intergovernmental bodies, including Palau, the European Union, the Commission of Small Islands States on Climate Change and International Law, the United States, the African Union, and the Pacific Islands Forum. Public hearings on the request for an advisory opinion are scheduled to open on December 2, 2024.

- **TÜRKIYE FILES DECLARATION OF INTERVENTION IN GAZA GENOCIDE CASE ([7 August 2024](#))**

Türkiye filed a declaration of intervention under Article 63 of the ICJ Statute in the case concerning the Application of the Genocide Convention in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel). Türkiye, as a party to the Genocide Convention, asserts that the case concerns the convention's proper construction and reserves the right to submit a request for permission to intervene under Article 62. South Africa and Israel have been invited to submit written observations on Türkiye's intervention.

- **UKRAINE V. RUSSIA GENOCIDE CASE: 23 STATES FILE DECLARATIONS OF INTERVENTION FOR MERITS STAGE ([6 August 2024](#))**

Following the ICJ's February 2, 2024, judgment confirming its jurisdiction to examine Ukraine's request concerning allegations of genocide, 23 States filed declarations of intervention under

Article 63 of the ICJ Statute for the merits stage of the proceedings. Six States maintained their original declarations, eight filed adjusted declarations, and nine submitted new declarations. Ukraine and Russia have been invited to submit observations on the admissibility of these interventions. The ICJ will determine the admissibility of the declarations at the merits stage.

- **HISTORIC SPEECH BY DR. KING AT UN HIGHLIGHTED ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT (31 August 2024)**

On the occasion of the International Day for People of African Descent, the UN revisited the powerful 1967 speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at UN Headquarters, where he connected the anti-war movement with the civil rights struggle in the United States. Dr. King declared that “there can be no peace without justice, and there can be no justice without peace,” a phrase that continues to resonate in the fight against racism today. The event also highlighted the lasting impact of Dr. King's advocacy, with his granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King, calling on the younger generation to continue the legacy of social justice and equality.

- **MILLIONS AT RISK OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN SUDAN AMID LACK OF MEDICAL SERVICES (30 August 2024)**

An estimated 6.7 million people are at risk of gender-based violence in Sudan, with displaced, refugee and migrant women and girls particularly vulnerable. UN experts warned of the severe repercussions of the inadequate medical and trauma services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. The experts condemned the targeting of women human rights defenders and emphasized the critical need for women's leadership in conflict resolution processes. The ongoing conflict, which has displaced millions, continues to exacerbate these vulnerabilities.

- **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF: TERROR ATTACKS IN PAKISTAN AND BURKINA FASO, YEMEN FLOODS UPDATE, MASS GRAVES IN LIBYA (30 August 2024)**

UN independent human rights experts condemned recent terrorist attacks in Pakistan and Burkina Faso that left over 200 dead. They urged both countries to investigate these crimes and ensure the perpetrators are prosecuted through fair trials.

In Yemen, catastrophic flooding caused by dam bursts has displaced thousands and worsened the already dire humanitarian situation.

Meanwhile, the UN raised alarm over mass graves in Libya's Tarhuna, warning that the failure to deliver justice for these atrocities risks further instability in the country.

- **UN SECRETARY-GENERAL CALLS FOR END TO MYANMAR VIOLENCE AGAINST ROHINGYA (23 August 2024)**

As the seventh anniversary of the mass displacement of the Rohingya approaches, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called for an end to the violence and full protection of civilians in Myanmar, particularly in Rakhine State. The ongoing conflict has forced hundreds of thousands of Rohingya to flee, leaving them trapped between warring factions. Guterres urged the international community to take decisive action to protect the Rohingya and hold those responsible for atrocities accountable.

- **URGED TO CURB HATE SPEECH AND ADDRESS RACISM AFTER RIOTS (23 August 2024)**

Following recent riots in the UK triggered by disinformation and hate speech, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racism (CERD) called on the UK to take action against racist hate speech and xenophobic rhetoric. The Committee also expressed concern about the disproportionate impact of police practices on ethnic minorities and urged the UK to establish an independent complaint mechanism to address racial profiling and excessive use of force by law enforcement.

- **AFGHANISTAN: TWO DECADES OF EDUCATION PROGRESS REVERSED UNDER TALIBAN RULE (14 August 2024)**

The UN's educational, scientific, and cultural agency (UNESCO) reported that two decades of steady progress in education in Afghanistan have been almost entirely reversed under the Taliban's rule.

Since the Taliban regained control in August 2021, women and girls over the age of 12 have been strictly forbidden from attending secondary and higher education, resulting in 1.4 million girls being denied access to secondary education and nearly 2.5 million deprived of their right to education overall. UNESCO also noted a significant drop in primary school enrollment and university attendance, which could lead to a shortage of skilled graduates in the future. Despite these challenges, UNESCO continues to support alternative learning methods, including literacy courses and distance learning, to mitigate the educational crisis.

Regional News

- **IACtHR TO HOLD 169TH REGULAR SESSION WITH JUDGMENTS AND HEARINGS (19 August 2024)**

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) will hold its 169th Regular Session from August 21st to September 6th, 2024, during which it will commemorate the 45th anniversary of its establishment. The session will be conducted in a hybrid format, combining virtual and in-person activities.

The anniversary celebration will take place on September 3rd, featuring speeches from the President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and other notable figures such as the President of the Supreme Court of Costa Rica, Magistrate Orlando Aguirre Gómez, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arnoldo André Tinoco. The event will also include presentations by former IACtHR President Elizabeth Odio Benito, former European Court of Human Rights Judge Luis López Guerra, and Catalina Botero Marino, Director of the UNESCO Chair on Freedom of Expression at the University of the Andes, who will discuss challenges faced by regional human rights courts and the impact of digital environments on human rights and democracy.

During this session, the Court will also deliberate on the following contentious cases:

González Méndez et al. v. Mexico: The case concerns the alleged international responsibility of the Mexican state for failing to investigate, prosecute, and punish the disappearance of Antonio González Méndez amid violence in Chiapas, linked to paramilitary groups supported by the state.

Reyes Mantilla et al. v. Ecuador: This case involves claims against Ecuador for alleged illegal and arbitrary detentions between 1995 and 1996, inadequate judicial guarantees, prolonged pretrial detention, and failure to inform a detainee of the right to consular communication.

Hidalgo et al. v. Ecuador: The case focuses on the alleged torture and extrajudicial execution of Gustavo Washington Hidalgo and the lack of diligent investigation by the state.

Indigenous Peoples Tagaeri and Taromenane v. Ecuador: This case addresses the alleged violations against the Tagaeri and Taromenane indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation, including the impact of development projects on their rights and violent deaths occurring in 2003, 2006, and 2014.

Capriles v. Venezuela: The case examines claims regarding violations of political rights, freedom of expression, and judicial protections in the context of Henrique Capriles Radonski's participation in the 2013 presidential elections in Venezuela.

Pérez Lucas et al. v. Guatemala: This case concerns the alleged forced disappearances of four individuals in 1989 and the state's failure to adequately investigate these human rights violations. In addition, the Court will supervise the implementation of provisional measures and the compliance with previous judgments during this session, alongside addressing various administrative matters.

- **IACtHR CONCLUDES EXTRAORDINARY SESSION FOCUSING ON INDIGENOUS RIGHTS CASE AGAINST ECUADOR (6 August 2024)**

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) held its 67th Extraordinary Session from July 29th to 31st, 2024. This session, conducted virtually, focused on deliberating the judgment in the case of Indigenous Peoples Tagaeri and Taromenane v. Ecuador. The case centers on the alleged international responsibility of the Ecuadorian state for multiple violations of the rights of the Tagaeri and Taromenane indigenous peoples, particularly concerning projects that impact their territories, natural resources, and way of life. The case also involves incidents of violent deaths of members of these communities in 2003, 2006, and 2014, as well as the lack of adequate protective measures following a 2013 incident involving two young girls from an indigenous group in voluntary isolation. The Court will continue deliberations during its next session from August 21st to September 6th, 2024.

- **ACHPR ANNOUNCES 81ST ORDINARY SESSION IN THE GAMBIA (23 August 2024)**

The ACHPR announced its 81st Ordinary Session, to be held in Banjul, The Gambia, from October 17 to November 6, 2024. The session will address the human rights situation in Africa, commemorate African Human Rights Day, consider state party reports, discuss cooperation with NHRIs and NGOs, and review applications for observer status.

- **ACHPR CALLS FOR ACTION ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (9 August 2024)**

The ACHPR marked the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, acknowledging progress while highlighting ongoing challenges like forced evictions and limited access to basic services. The Commission called on states to implement its resolution on indigenous rights, respect indigenous peoples' dependency on their environments, and adopt measures to recognize their identities and protect their rights.

- ACHPR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DURING PROTESTS IN NIGERIA (8 August 2024)**

The ACHPR voiced concern over human rights violations during protests in Nigeria, citing reports of fatalities, clashes, and journalist abuse. The Commission urged the Nigerian government to respect the right to peaceful protest, end law enforcement actions leading to loss of life, conduct independent investigations, and engage in dialogue to address the protests' root causes.
- ACHPR SUPPORTS UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VISIT TO CAMEROON (6 August 2024)**

The ACHPR, through its Chairperson and Country Rapporteur for Cameroon, welcomed the visit of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk to Cameroon from August 5-7, 2024. The Commission encouraged the Cameroonian government's efforts in promoting and protecting human rights and expressed its support for continued dialogue with authorities on human rights development in the country.
- ACHPR CONCLUDES 80TH ORDINARY SESSION, ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS ON KEY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES (2 August 2024)**

The ACHPR concluded its 80th Ordinary Session, held virtually from July 24 to August 2, 2024. The Commission adopted concluding observations on Mozambique's periodic report, decisions on 13 communications, and six resolutions on various human rights issues, including older persons and persons with disabilities, the situation in Sudan, digital violence against women, and the rights to freedom of association and assembly.
- ACHPR MOURNS DEATHS OF MIGRANTS IN MAURITANIA SHIPWRECK (31 July 2024)**

The ACHPR expressed deep sorrow over the deaths of over 25 migrants, including women and children, in a shipwreck off the coast of Nouakchott, Mauritania. The Commission highlighted the dangers of the West Atlantic migration route and urged states to address the root causes of migration, establish legal pathways, and prioritize migrant human rights.
- ACHPR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER DISAPPEARANCE OF THREE JOURNALISTS IN BURKINA FASO (29 July 2024)**

The ACHPR expressed concern over the disappearance of three journalists - Kalifara Séré, Serge Oulon, and Adama Bayala - in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, between June 18 and 28, 2024. The Commission called on Burkinabe authorities to conduct searches,

investigate the disappearances, and ensure the safety and freedom of expression for journalists.

- **ACHPR CONCLUDES BENCHMARKING VISIT TO INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (27 July 2024)**
The ACHPR concluded a benchmarking visit to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in Washington D.C. The visit, from July 10-16, 2024, focused on exchanging best practices, strengthening working methods, and collaborating on human rights promotion and protection in their respective regions. The commissions issued a Joint Declaration to establish focal points, exchange information, and convene annual dialogues for continued collaboration.
- **ACHPR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER LANDSLIDES IN ETHIOPIA (26 July 2024)**
The ACHPR expressed concern over the devastating landslides in Gofa Zone, Southern Ethiopia, caused by heavy rains. The landslides resulted in 157 deaths and displacement of communities. The Commission called on the Ethiopian government to provide emergency relief, assist in rebuilding, develop disaster-resilient infrastructure, and adopt comprehensive disaster risk reduction measures.
- **NO VIOLATION OF RIGHT TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE DURING INITIAL POLICE INTERVIEWS IN *W.R. v. THE NETHERLANDS* (27 August 2024)**
The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section) ruled that the Netherlands did not violate the right to a fair trial of a man convicted of murdering his ex-wife, despite the absence of a lawyer during his initial police interviews.
The case, *W.R. v. The Netherlands*, centered around a Dutch national who was questioned by police in January 2014 without a lawyer present, although he had briefly consulted with a lawyer before the questioning.
The applicant argued that the lack of legal assistance during the early stages of the investigation, particularly during police interviews and an on-site visit, rendered his trial unfair. The Court acknowledged that the applicant's right to a lawyer had been restricted due to Dutch law at the time, which did not grant adult suspects the right to legal assistance during police questioning. The Court found that there were no compelling reasons to restrict the applicant's right to legal assistance; however, it applied very strict scrutiny in assessing the overall fairness of the proceedings. In its judgment, the Court considered several factors, *v.g.*:
 - The applicant was not considered vulnerable.

- He was repeatedly informed of his right to remain silent.
- He had consulted with his lawyer prior to the first substantive interview.
- There were no indications of coercion during the questioning.
- The applicant's initial statements were consistent with those made later in the presence of his lawyer.
- His conviction was based on substantial independent forensic evidence and other multiple pieces of evidence beyond his initial statements.
- The applicant had the opportunity to challenge the evidence during the trial.

The assessment of guilt was carried out by professional judges. The Court emphasized that it does not serve as a fourth instance court to reassess the domestic courts' findings but rather focuses on ensuring that the overall fairness of the proceedings was not irretrievably prejudiced. In this case, despite the lack of a lawyer during the initial interviews, the Court concluded that sufficient procedural safeguards were in place to guarantee the fairness of the proceedings as a whole.

Judge Serghides dissented, arguing that the restriction on the applicant's right to a lawyer constituted a fundamental flaw that could not be mitigated by other factors. He contended that the Court's approach undermined the right to legal assistance by allowing public interest considerations to outweigh this essential right, and thus, a violation of Article 6 §§ 1 and 3(c) of the Convention should have been found.

- **BELGIUM VIOLATED RIGHTS OF PSYCHIATRIC DETAINEE IN *B.D. v. BELGIUM* (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section) ruled that Belgium violated both the right to challenge the lawfulness of detention (Article 5 § 4) and the right to liberty (Article 5 § 1) of a man detained in psychiatric annexes of regular prisons without adequate mental health care.

The case, *B.D. v. Belgium*, involved a Belgian national who was ordered to be interned in 1999 following burglary offenses and was subsequently detained for years in conditions deemed unsuitable for his mental health needs.

Regarding Article 5 § 4, the Court found that the applicant had repeatedly been deprived of the possibility to have the lawfulness of his continued detention reviewed. Belgian law mandated that internees be represented by a lawyer, and only the lawyer could appeal decisions prolonging detention. However, the applicant's court-appointed lawyers repeatedly refused to file appeals despite his clear wishes to challenge his detention. The Belgian authorities responded formalistically to the applicant's own attempts to appeal, merely reiterating that only a lawyer could do so.

The Court emphasized that ensuring effective judicial review was particularly crucial in this case, given the known systemic issue in Belgium of detaining mentally ill persons in facilities unsuited to their health needs.

Concerning Article 5 § 1, the Court determined that the applicant's detention in psychiatric annexes of regular prisons from 26 October 2011 to 31 August 2015 was unlawful. During this period, the applicant did not receive the necessary care and treatment appropriate to his mental health condition. The Court reiterated its previous findings that neither the psychiatric annexes of regular prisons nor the "social defence" sections of certain prisons offered adequate therapeutic care for internees with mental health issues, highlighting Belgium's systemic failure to provide appropriate care for such detainees.

The Court awarded the applicant €7,300 in non-pecuniary damages, noting that this case was part of a broader structural problem in Belgium concerning the detention of mentally ill offenders in facilities ill-suited to their condition, an issue that had been the subject of numerous previous judgments by the Court.

- **NO VIOLATION OF DOCTOR'S FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN BIELAU v. AUSTRIA (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section) ruled that Austria did not violate a doctor's right to freedom of expression (Article 10) by imposing a suspended disciplinary fine on him for making scientifically untenable statements about the ineffectiveness of vaccines on his website.

The case, *Bielau v. Austria*, concerned a general practitioner who posted an article on his "holistic medicine" website claiming, among other things, that chemical vaccinations never protect against diseases and that people do not fall ill through bacteria and viruses.

The Court found that the interference with the applicant's freedom of expression was prescribed by law, pursued the legitimate aims of protecting health and the rights of others, and was necessary in a democratic society.

In assessing the proportionality of the interference, the Court considered several factors, v.g.:

- The applicant's statements were categorical, scientifically untenable, and purely negative about vaccination, contradicting established scientific consensus. They went beyond simply expressing a critical viewpoint.
- As a practicing doctor, the applicant had special duties and responsibilities when providing medical information to the public.
- The statements were made on a website connected to his medical practice, potentially reaching a wide audience

including medical laypersons. This, combined with the applicant's status as a doctor, increased the potential for harm.

- Two separate expert reports found the statements were not in line with current medical science, some not even in line with reason.
- The disciplinary sanction (a suspended fine of €2,000) was relatively mild compared to the maximum possible fine.

The Court emphasized that while doctors have the right to participate in public health debates and express critical opinions, this right is not without limits, particularly when connected to their professional practice. It concluded that the domestic courts struck a fair balance between the competing interests at stake and that the sanction imposed did not exceed Austria's margin of appreciation.

Judge Faris Vehabović issued a dissenting opinion, arguing that the interference was disproportionate given the applicant's limited public influence and the nature of his website, which was clearly aimed at those interested in alternative medicine. He considered the restriction unnecessary in a democratic society and a form of censorship threatening free expression.

- **ECHR UPHOLDS TERRORISM CONVICTION DESPITE LACK OF PRIOR DESIGNATION OF GROUP AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section) ruled that Turkey did not violate the right to freedom from retroactive punishment in convicting a man of membership in a terrorist organization, even though the group was not formally designated as a terrorist organization at the time of the alleged offenses.

The case, *Yasak v. Türkiye*, involved a man convicted of belonging to the FETÖ/PDY, the group blamed for the 2016 coup attempt in Turkey. He argued that his conviction violated Article 7 of the Convention (no punishment without law) because his actions were not clearly criminalized at the time he committed them.

The Court distinguished this case from the recent Grand Chamber judgment in *Yüksel Yalçınkaya v. Türkiye*, which found a violation of Article 7 due to the unpredictable and overly broad interpretation of the offense of membership in a terrorist organization based on the use of the ByLock messaging app. In *Yasak*, the conviction was based on a wider range of evidence demonstrating the applicant's active and clandestine involvement in the organization's hierarchical structure.

The Court acknowledged that the FETÖ/PDY was not formally designated as a terrorist organization by a court decision until after the applicant's alleged actions. However, it emphasized that Turkish law allows for the prosecution of members of terrorist organizations even before a formal designation, provided the

individual acted "knowingly and willfully." The Court found that the Turkish courts had meticulously assessed the evidence and applied the legal definition of the offense in a predictable and consistent manner, ensuring the applicant could have reasonably foreseen that his actions could be considered criminal.

The Court emphasized that the applicant's conviction was not based on lawful activities misinterpreted as criminal. The evidence demonstrated his active participation in the organization's clandestine structure and its aims, including recruitment and infiltration of state institutions. The Court rejected the applicant's reliance on the previous acquittal of Fethullah Gülen, the alleged leader of the FETÖ/PDY, noting that this acquittal concerned actions predating the applicant's conduct and did not preclude a different conclusion based on later evidence.

Additionally, the Court found no violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) concerning the applicant's detention conditions. While acknowledging the overcrowded conditions in the Çorum prison, it determined that the overall conditions, including hygiene, ventilation, and access to outdoor space, did not reach the threshold of severity required for a violation. However, Judge Frédéric Krenç expressed concerns in a concurring opinion about the prison's severe overcrowding, inadequate sanitary facilities, and the applicant's prolonged period of sleeping on a mattress on the floor, highlighting the potential for such conditions to violate Article 3 in the future.

- **NO VIOLATION OF FAMILY LIFE IN RESTRICTED CONTACT BETWEEN INCARCERATED FATHER AND SON (*NAMIK YÜKSEL v. TÜRKİYE*) (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section) has ruled that Turkey did not violate a prisoner's right to family life by restricting his contact with his four-year-old son, who was staying with his mother in the same prison. The case, *Namik Yüksel v. Türkiye*, concerned an applicant who, along with his wife, was serving a prison sentence for aiding and abetting a terrorist organization. While the applicant was initially incarcerated in a different prison, he was transferred to the Gebze Prison, where his wife and son were already residing, upon his request.

The Court examined the case under Article 8 of the Convention, which protects the right to respect for family life. It acknowledged that the restrictions imposed on the applicant's contact with his son constituted an interference with this right. However, it found that the interference was "in accordance with the law," pursuing the legitimate aims of protecting the rights of others and maintaining order in the prison.

The Court considered whether the interference was "necessary in a democratic society," giving particular weight to the best interests of the child. It noted that the national authorities had

taken significant steps to accommodate the applicant's request to spend time with his son. Despite regulations allowing contact visits only once a month, the prison administration granted the applicant weekly contact visits with his son and monthly contact visits with both his wife and son.

While the applicant argued that he was only able to utilize the extended contact visits once due to his son's distress over the transfer procedures, the Court held that the authorities had gone above and beyond to facilitate contact and could not be held responsible for the child's emotional response. It emphasized that forcing a child into contact against their will could be harmful and that the applicant did not demonstrate any other feasible ways to have spent more time with his son.

The Court concluded that the Turkish authorities had struck a fair balance between the applicant's right to family life, the best interests of the child, and the legitimate requirements of prison administration. Consequently, there was no violation of Article 8 of the Convention.

- **TÜRKIYE VIOLATED OBLIGATION TO INVESTIGATE RAPE OF DISABLED APPLICANT IN *İ.G. v. TÜRKİYE* (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section) ruled that Türkiye violated its procedural obligations under the prohibition of torture, as enshrined in Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, due to the ineffective investigation into the rape and violence perpetrated against a disabled applicant, resulting in the impunity of the attackers.

The applicant, identified as İ.G., who suffers from intellectual and physical disabilities, was repeatedly raped by a group of minors in 2002. The criminal proceedings against the perpetrators were unjustifiably delayed, spanning thirteen years, ultimately leading to the expiration of the statute of limitations and the discontinuation of the charges.

Although the Turkish Constitutional Court acknowledged the violation of the prohibition of torture and awarded compensation, the European Court of Human Rights found the amount insufficient in light of the gravity of the case and the standards set by the Court in similar cases.

The European Court of Human Rights emphasized that the prolonged and ineffective investigation, which resulted in the attackers' impunity, failed to meet the necessary procedural requirements of the prohibition of torture. The Court ruled that the applicant retained victim status despite the Constitutional Court's ruling, as the compensation provided was not adequate. While finding a violation, the Court made no award for just satisfaction, as the applicant failed to submit a quantified claim when invited to do so.

Judges Diana Sârcu and Davor Derenčinović issued a partly dissenting opinion arguing that non-pecuniary damages should have been awarded despite the lack of a formal claim, given the exceptional circumstances of the case. Their key points were:

- The case met the exceptional circumstances criteria established in *Nagmetov v. Russia* for awarding non-pecuniary damages even without a proper claim.
- Both substantive conditions from *Nagmetov* were met: the particular gravity and impact of the violation, and the overall context of the case in conjunction with the inadequacy of domestic reparation.
- The applicant had indicated his wish to obtain monetary compensation in his application form and later observations, which should have been sufficient to meet the *Nagmetov* prerequisite of an "unequivocal indication" of desire for compensation.
- The case was distinguishable from *Abdi Ibrahim v. Norway*, where the applicant acknowledged not making a claim due to oversight. In this case, the applicant had repeatedly indicated his wish for compensation.
- The context of the case, including the applicant's vulnerability and the gravity of the violation, justified awarding damages despite the lack of a formal claim.
- The majority's decision to stop short of awarding damages made the judgment "almost meaningless from the human rights perspective."

- **ARMENIA VIOLATED WHISTLE-BLOWER'S FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN HRACHYA HARUTYUNYAN v. ARMENIA (27 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section) ruled that Armenia violated the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights in the case of *Hrachya Harutyunyan v. Armenia*.

Harutyunyan, a former employee of the Electric Networks of Armenia, sent a confidential report alleging corrupt practices by a former colleague to his previous employer. He was subsequently sued for defamation by the colleague and was ordered by Armenian courts to pay substantial damages. His flat and car were seized to cover the compensation, and his appeal was dismissed by the domestic courts.

The European Court of Human Rights found that:

- The protection regime for whistle-blowers' freedom of expression should not automatically cease to apply because a work-based relationship has ended, provided the information was obtained while the person had privileged access to it.

- The domestic courts failed to consider the overall context, particularly the applicant's use of an internal reporting mechanism meant to be strictly confidential. Their formalistic approach could have a chilling effect on reporting misconduct.
- The domestic courts failed to address the applicant's arguments about the public interest in his reporting and essentially limited protection of freedom of expression on public interest matters to the media.
- The domestic courts did not explain why the alleged damage to the former colleague's right to protection of reputation (Article 8) outweighed the general interest in internal reporting of misconduct.
- The substantial award of damages, resulting in the applicant's flat and car being seized, disproportionately affected him.

The Court applied the criteria established in *Guja v. Moldova* and reaffirmed in *Halet v. Luxembourg* for assessing whistle-blower protection under the right to freedom of expression. It concluded that the interference with the applicant's freedom of expression was not "necessary in a democratic society", violating Article 10 (freedom of expression).

- **NO VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST LOCAL COUNCILOR (*LEFEBVRE V. FRANCE*) (29 August 2024)**

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section) ruled that the civil conviction of Jean-Paul Lefebvre, a municipal councilor, for public defamation did not violate his right to freedom of expression.

Lefebvre was convicted for defamatory statements on Facebook in July 2016, where he accused Noisy-le-Sec Habitat, a semi-public company managing social housing, of "mafia-like" activities following the shooting of another municipal councilor.

While the statements were made in the context of political debate, they were factual claims rather than value judgments, and Lefebvre had not provided sufficient factual basis to support his allegations of criminal involvement by the company.

The European Court emphasized that while freedom of expression is crucial for political debate, it does not protect unfounded accusations. Furthermore, the Court found the sanction imposed on the applicant—a symbolic €1 in damages, legal costs, removal of the Facebook post, and publication of a court statement—proportionate to the aim pursued. The European Court concluded that the interference with Lefebvre's freedom of expression was justified, proportionate, and necessary in a democratic society, considering the need to protect the reputation of others.

Academic & Professional Opportunities

- **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: CPTA NEWSLETTER NO. 2024, “EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE IN AFRICA”**
The Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa (CPTA) invites contributions for its [2024 newsletter on the theme: “Education and Training for the Prevention of Torture in Africa”](#). This call seeks contributions showcasing exemplary practices in education and training aimed at eradicating torture. Maximum 3 pages. Submit to: SakrM@africa-union.org. Apply by September 15, 2024.
- **CALL FOR PAPERS: INAUGURAL WORKSHOP 2025, LOTUS-RELATED CONVERSATIONS, LOTUS PROJECT**
Abstracts are invited for the [Inaugural Workshop exploring the centenary of the Lotus Case](#). The hybrid workshop will take place in Lund and online on January 9-10, 2025, followed by author conferences in Marseille, Istanbul, and The Hague throughout 2025-2026. Abstracts should reflect on the case's legacy and its principles in 300 words. Accepted participants will prepare short papers (1000-2000 words). Submit to: submissions@lotus-100.com. Apply by October 4, 2024.
- **CALL FOR PAPERS: HAKI JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS, VOLUME 3, NO. 3, 2024**
The [Haki Journal of Human Rights \(Hakijhr\)](#) invites submissions for its upcoming issue, ["The Refugee Question in Africa."](#) The journal seeks analytically rigorous papers, comments on cases, legislation, policies, and book reviews that focus on the understanding of refugee rights as human rights in Africa. Submissions should be 6,000-8,000 words for articles, 3,000-4,000 words for notes/comments, and 1,500-2,500 words for book reviews, with abstracts of 250-300 words. Submit to: editorhakijhr@uonbi.ac.ke. Apply by August 30, 2024.
- **CALL FOR PAPERS: AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS YEARBOOK VOLUME 8 (2024)**
The [African Human Rights Yearbook](#) invites submissions for its upcoming volume, themed [“Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century.”](#) Articles should explore the role of the African human rights system in implementing the right to education, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized groups. Submissions should be no more than 10,000 words, including footnotes. Submit to: ahry@up.ac.za. Apply by September 15, 2024.

- CALL FOR PAPERS: MATERIALS FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
[Surface Science Spectra \(SSS\)](#) invites dataset submissions relating to energy and the environment. The journal encourages submissions that contribute to the understanding and development of sustainable energy solutions and environmental protection. Apply by September 16, 2024.
- CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA**
 Editors invite abstract submissions for the upcoming [Routledge Handbook of Children's Rights in Africa](#). The handbook welcomes innovative approaches, case studies, and critical analyses that offer fresh perspectives on children's rights within the African context. Abstracts should be 300 words in length. Submit to: Dr. Clement Chipenda at chipec@unisa.ac.za and copy Musa Chibwana at musa.chibwana@gmail.com. Apply by September 17, 2024.
- CALL FOR PAPERS: TOWARDS AN ENDOGENOUS AFRICAN CONSTITUTIONALISM AND LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT**
[The Congress Organizing Committee](#) invites paper and panel proposals for the upcoming congress, "Towards an Endogenous African Constitutionalism and Legitimate Government: Epistemological and Empirical Perspectives." The congress aims to explore new frameworks for constitutional and legitimate governance in Africa. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words. Apply by September 31, 2024. Accepted abstracts must be developed into full papers by November 30, 2024.
- CALL FOR PAPERS: TOWARD SOCIETY-CENTRED RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP**
[The Journal of Management Studies \(JMS\)](#) invites submissions for a special issue on "Toward Society-Centred Responsible Leadership: Perspectives on Theory, Practices, and Challenges." Submissions are encouraged to address the four debates of the special issue: the conceptualization of society-centered responsible leadership, exploring leadership for societal grand challenges, examining the role of organizations in fostering this leadership approach, and analyzing diverse responsible leadership expressions. Pre-submission and post-R&R workshops will be held. Apply by October 31, 2025.
- ONLINE COURSE: RIGHTS OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLES AND COMMUNITIES**
 The Cerrado Network and the Àwúre Project, supported by organizations such as PP-ECOS, CERES, WWF, ISPN, and the European Union, are offering a free [online course on the "Rights](#)

of [Traditional Peoples and Communities](#)." The course comprises three modules and offers a certificate upon completion.

- **ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSE: DATA PROTECTION IN AFRICA**

The Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria is hosting an [online course on Data Protection in Africa](#) from September 16-20, 2024. The course is designed for data protection advocates and explores diverse facets of data protection within the African context. The participation fee for the online course is \$150 USD. Apply by September 1, 2024.

- **MASTER OF LAWS – PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, SIGMUND FREUD PRIVATE UNIVERSITY**

The [Master's program in Public International Law](#) at Sigmund Freud Private University offers students a deepened understanding of international law and insights into the activities of the United Nations and other international organizations. The program is offered in a hybrid format, with online and on-site options available. The application deadlines vary depending on citizenship status and chosen format. The deadline for non-EU citizens applying for on-site study in Vienna is June 14, 2024, while the deadline for EU citizens and online course. Apply by September 15, 2024.

- **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: OHCHR INDIGENOUS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025**

The OHCHR invites Indigenous persons to apply for its [2025 Indigenous Fellowship Program](#). The four-week program, available in English, Spanish, French, Russian, and Portuguese, will take place in Geneva during the summer of 2025. The program date usually coincides with the annual session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Candidates should have a good working knowledge of the chosen program language, be available to train other Indigenous persons upon returning to their communities, and submit an application form with a recommendation letter from their Indigenous organization or community. Submit to: ohchr-fellowship@un.org and copy morse.flores@un.org. Apply by August 31, 2024.

- **UNITED NATIONS-NIPPON FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ON OCEANS AND MARITIME LAW**

The UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea invites applications for its [2025 United Nations-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Program on Oceans and Maritime Law](#). This fellowship is open to professionals from developing countries aged 25-40 with a university degree and experience in marine resources management or ocean protection. The program includes a three-month training phase in New York from March to June 2025,

followed by six months of advanced research at a host institution from July to December 2025. Apply by September 15, 2024.

- **COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP, SOLIDAR**
SOLIDAR is seeking a [Communications and Advocacy Fellow](#) to support their work on social justice and sustainability. The fellowship offers a monthly allowance of €1,000 net, travel support, and meal vouchers. Applicants must have the right to work and live in Belgium. The position is full-time, based in Brussels, and runs for six months from September 23, 2024, with the possibility of extension up to 12 months. Submit applications to: communications@solidar.org. Apply by August 23, 2024.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATOR, FAIR FOOD STANDARDS COUNCIL (FFSC)**
The Fair Food Standards Council (FFSC) is hiring a [Human Rights Investigator](#) to join a team dedicated to a sustainable agricultural industry and the human rights of farmworkers. The position involves conducting grower audits and managing the 24/7 complaint hotline. Fluency in Spanish is required. Starting compensation is \$55,764 annually. The projected start date is October 2024. Submit applications to: careers@fairfoodstandards.org. Apply by September 2024.
- **TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY MANAGER, COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS (CPJ)**
The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) is seeking a [Technology Advocacy Manager](#) to lead advocacy efforts on technology and press freedom issues. Candidates should have 5+ years of experience in digital rights, online censorship, tech surveillance, and internet shutdowns, with a regional or international focus preferred. The position is based in New York or Washington D.C., with remote work a possibility for exceptional candidates. Apply by August 30, 2024.
- **ADVOCACY OFFICER, FRONT LINE DEFENDERS**
Front Line Defenders is seeking an [Advocacy Officer](#) to join their Advocacy Team. The role requires a minimum of two years of experience in EU human rights instruments and UN human rights standards. Fluency in English is essential, with French or Arabic desirable. The salary range is 3,100-3,500 EUR per month gross. The position is based in Dublin and requires the legal ability to live and work in Ireland. Apply by August 30, 2024.
- **HORIZON FELLOWSHIP, HORIZON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**
The [Horizon Fellowship](#) at the Horizon Institute for Public Service offers experts in emerging technology the opportunity to launch their careers in public service. Fellowships are available for junior

fellows (6 months) and fellows (12 months), with the possibility of renewal. Compensation is \$90,000/year for junior fellows and approximately \$125,000/year for fellows, including benefits. The fellowship is based in Washington D.C. and begins in Summer 2025, with part-time remote training from January-March 2025. Apply by August 30, 2024.

- **RESEARCH ANALYST CONSULTANT, EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK (EAPN)**
The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) seeks a [Research Analyst Consultant](#) to conduct its annual report on poverty and social exclusion. The maximum budget for this consultancy is €10,000. Individual consultants and research centers are welcome to apply. Submit to: sigrid.dahmen@eapn.eu. Apply by September 1, 2024.
- **SENIOR POLICY & ADVOCACY OFFICER, EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK (EAPN)**
The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is hiring a [Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer](#) for a full-time, permanent position in Brussels. Responsibilities include policy analysis, advocacy, network coordination, and stakeholder engagement. Candidates need at least five years of relevant experience and fluency in English. Submit applications to: sigrid.dahmen@eapn.eu. Apply by September 1, 2024. Interviews will be held from September 9-14, 2024.
- **RESEARCH MANAGER, POVERTY ACTION LAB (J-PAL)**
J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean are seeking a [Research Manager](#) to implement and lead research projects in Guatemala, primarily associated with PROSA. Applicants need a Master's or Doctoral degree in Economics, Political Science, Public Policy, or a related field, and at least four years of relevant professional experience. Full proficiency in Spanish and advanced English are required. Apply by September 16, 2024.
- **RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIST, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (HRW)**
Human Rights Watch (HRW) is seeking a [Research Technologist](#) to join its Digital Investigations Lab. The position involves developing and implementing innovative methods for acquiring, analyzing, and visualizing data for human rights investigations. A strong technical background and experience with scripting, software development, and open-source tools are essential. The salary range for US-based positions is USD 80,000-88,000. Submit applications to: recruitment@hrw.org. Apply by September 1, 2024.

- EXPERT ON BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS IN BRAZIL, UNEP**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is seeking an [Expert on Biodiversity and Environmental Markets](#) for a position in Curitiba, Brazil. Candidates should have a Master's degree (Ph.D. desirable) in Environmental Sciences or a related field, with experience in biodiversity conservation, research, project management, and nature planning. Apply by September 1, 2024.
- COMMUNICATIONS INTERNSHIP, WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)**

The World Food Programme (WFP) is seeking a [Communications Intern](#) for its office in Brasilia, Brazil. Candidates must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a recognized university and have attended classes in the past 12 months. Applicants must be Brazilian nationals or legally authorized to work in Brazil. The internship offers a monthly stipend of BRL 131.60 per working day. Apply by September 1, 2024.
- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CLERK, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is seeking an [Information Management Clerk](#) for its office in Manaus, Brazil. Candidates must have a university degree in Social Sciences, Business Administration, International Relations, Geography, Information Technology, or a related field, along with at least one year of relevant experience. Fluency in Portuguese and advanced English are required. Apply by September 1, 2024.
- PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (PAHO)**

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is seeking a [Program Management & Partnership Specialist](#) for an 11-month contract in Washington, D.C. Candidates need a Bachelor's degree in Health or Social Science and at least five years of relevant professional experience. The monthly salary is \$4,198.08, plus a post adjustment. Apply by September 2, 2024.
- PAHO CONSULTANT - PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL CONTROL IN THE SUS**

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is seeking a [Consultant](#) to provide technical assistance in promoting popular participation and social control in health in Brasilia, Brazil. Candidates need a degree in Health, Social or Management Sciences and at least seven years of experience at the municipal, state, or federal level. The monthly salary is R\$ 16,344.00. Apply by September 2, 2024.

- HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY COORDINATOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is looking for a [Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Coordinator](#) for its office in Lima, Peru. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, or related fields and five years of experience in disaster risk management, emergencies, and humanitarian assistance. Submit applications to: rrhhlima@iom.int. Apply by September 3, 2024.
- CHILD PARTICIPATION COORDINATOR, EUROCHILD**

Eurochild is seeking a [Child Participation Coordinator](#) for a full-time, permanent position in Brussels. Responsibilities include implementing Eurochild's strategic goal on child participation, working directly with children, and overseeing partnerships. Candidates should have 3-5 years of experience in a similar role, knowledge of child safeguarding, and experience in child participation policy development. The salary range is €3,300-€3,600 gross monthly, depending on experience. Apply by September 4, 2024.
- BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, UNDP**

UNDP is seeking a [Business Associate](#) to support its project in Salvador, Brazil. Candidates need a High School Diploma, with a university degree in Information Technology or related fields preferred. At least six years (with a high school diploma) or three years (with an undergraduate degree) of experience in business analysis is required. Fluency in Portuguese and English is required. Apply by September 4, 2024.
- FRONTEND DEVELOPER ASSOCIATE, UNDP**

UNDP is seeking a [Frontend Developer Associate](#) for a position in Brasilia, Brazil. Candidates need a High School Diploma and at least seven years (with a high school diploma) or four years (with a university degree) of experience in software development or information technology. Fluency in Portuguese is required. Apply by September 5, 2024.
- DATA ANALYST, UNDP**

UNDP is seeking a [Data Analyst](#) to provide technical advice on the planning, implementation, and monitoring of system development in Brasilia, Brazil. A Master's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or related fields is required, or a Bachelor's degree plus two years of experience. Candidates must have at least two years (with a Master's) or four years (with a Bachelor's) of experience as a database administrator. Fluency in Portuguese is required. Apply by September 5, 2024.

- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN DURHAM LAW SCHOOL AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, DURHAM UNIVERSITY**
 Durham Law School at Durham University is seeking an [Assistant Professor](#) to join the JusTNOW initiative, which focuses on just transitions to net zero. Candidates should have a research and teaching focus on areas related to climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation. The position is full-time and permanent, with a salary range of £45,585-£54,395 per annum. Apply by September 5, 2024.
- PEACE, CLIMATE, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP, INTERNATIONAL PEACE INSTITUTE (IPI)**
 The International Peace Institute (IPI) is seeking a [Peace, Climate, and Sustainable Development Intern](#) for a six-month paid internship in New York City, starting in early September 2024. Candidates should have graduate-level coursework in international affairs, political science, or a related field, with a focus on climate. Fluency in English is required, and proficiency in another official UN language is a plus. The internship is full-time (40 hours per week) and pays \$16.00 per hour. Apply by September 5, 2024.
- INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN SOCIAL COMMUNICATION, INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)**
 The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Representation in Brasilia is offering a [six-month paid internship in Social Communication](#), starting on January 16, 2025. This opportunity is exclusively for Black students who have completed half of their undergraduate or graduate degree. The internship offers a monthly stipend and provides practical experience in the field. Apply by September 6, 2024.
- HEAD OF CAMPAIGNS, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (FIDH)**
 The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) is seeking a [Head of Campaigns](#) to coordinate communication actions and manage annual and multi-year campaigns. Candidates must be fluent in English and French, with Spanish being a plus, and have at least ten years of experience in a relevant field. This is a permanent position based in Paris, with a salary starting from €46,000 gross per year over 13 months. Submit applications to: recrutement@fidh.org. Apply by September 6, 2024.
- PROJECT ASSISTANT, UNDP**
 UNDP is seeking a [Project Assistant](#) to provide support to its project in Brasilia, Brazil. Responsibilities include monitoring project plans, supporting implementation of monitoring mechanisms, and providing operational support. A high school

diploma and three years of relevant professional experience are required. Fluency in Portuguese and English is required. Apply by September 6, 2024.

- **PROGRAMME ASSISTANT (SPACE SECURITY/WMD), UNIDIR**
UNIDIR is seeking a [Programme Assistant](#) to support its Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) programme in Geneva. Responsibilities include project administration and coordination and office support. A minimum of two years of relevant experience and fluency in English are required. Knowledge of another UN language is an asset. Submit applications to: unidir.recruitment@un.org. Apply by September 8, 2024.
- **PROJECT MANAGER, GENDER-RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE, WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION, UN WOMEN**
UNDP, in collaboration with UN Women, is seeking a [Project Manager to lead its Gender-Responsive Governance, Women's Leadership and Participation project](#) in Maceió, Brazil. Responsibilities include project implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, donor reporting, and capacity building. At least six years of relevant experience and fluency in English and Portuguese are required. Apply by September 8, 2024.
- **FINANCE OFFICER, WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)**
The World Food Programme (WFP) is seeking a [Finance Officer](#) for its office in Brasilia, Brazil. Responsibilities include managing finances, budgets, and administration, leading junior staff, and providing advice on financial matters. An advanced university degree in Finance, Business Administration, Accounting, or a related field is required. Fluency in English and Portuguese is required. At least five years of relevant postgraduate professional experience is required. Apply by September 8, 2024.
- **CORPORATE FUNDRAISING OFFICER, UNICEF**
UNICEF is seeking a [Corporate Fundraising Officer](#) for a temporary assignment in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Responsibilities include developing new partnerships, implementing marketing-based activation strategies, and generating sustainable revenue. A university degree in Marketing, International Relations, Communication, Business Administration, or a related field is required. Apply by September 8, 2024.
- **ASSOCIATE WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICER, INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE MECHANISM FOR MYANMAR (IIMM)**
The Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) is seeking an [Associate Witness Protection Officer](#) for its office in Geneva, Switzerland. Responsibilities include conducting risk and threat assessments, implementing witness protection measures, and developing protocols. A minimum of two years of

progressively responsible experience in witness protection in a law enforcement agency or criminal justice institution is required. Apply by September 10, 2024.

- **INSPECTOR GENERAL, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)**

The Organization of American States (OAS) is seeking [an Inspector General](#) for its office in Washington D.C. Responsibilities include exercising financial, administrative, and operational auditing functions for the General Secretariat. A minimum of ten years of experience in auditing or related fields is required. The position is a six-year fixed-term contract, with a starting salary of US\$180,451 (net of taxes). Apply by September 10, 2024.

- **RADCLIFFE FELLOWSHIP, RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is accepting applications for its [2025-2026 fellowship year](#). The fellowship provides scholars with the opportunity to pursue independent research projects. Applications are welcome from individuals and groups of two working on the same project. The deadline for applications in humanities, social sciences, and creative arts is September 12, 2024. The deadline for applications in science, engineering, and mathematics is October 3, 2024.

- **INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR)**

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is offering [unpaid internships](#) at its headquarters in Washington D.C. and its country offices. The internship program is open to law students, recent graduates, and those in related fields. The internship runs from January 9 - April 25, 2025. Apply by September 13, 2024.

- **ANALYSIS & EVIDENCE SPECIALIST, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is seeking an [Analysis & Evidence Specialist](#) to support assessment, analysis, monitoring and evaluation activities. Responsibilities include providing analytical support to program departments, conducting needs assessments, and managing impact evaluations. 6-8 years of relevant experience in needs assessments, GIS, or monitoring and evaluation is required. Apply by September 15, 2024.

- **PROGRAMME MANAGER, PROMOTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

The Council of Europe is seeking a [Programme Manager for its Promoting Local Democracy Department](#) in Strasbourg, France. Responsibilities include coordinating European Local Democracy

Week activities, supporting cooperation with institutional partners, and contributing to the annual World Forum for Democracy. A Master's degree and at least five years of relevant professional experience are required. Applications must be submitted in English or French. Apply by September 15, 2024.

- **LEGAL OFFICER, UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is seeking a [Legal Officer](#) for its office in Panama City, Panama. Responsibilities include handling issues related to environmental law, including the environmental rule of law and the interpretation and application of MEAs. A Master's degree in International Law, preferably in Environmental Law, is required. Fluency in English and French is required. Apply by September 17, 2024.

- **DONALD M. PAYNE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The [Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program](#) offers up to 30 fellowships valued at up to \$52,000 annually for a two-year master's degree program in international development or a related field. The fellowship includes tuition, stipend, and support for summer placements. Fellows who successfully complete the program and USAID Foreign Service entry requirements will receive appointments as Foreign Service Officers with USAID. Apply by October 24, 2024.

- **FELLOWSHIP FOR THE RAPORTEURSHIP ON THE RIGHTS OF LGBTI PEOPLE, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)**

The Organization of American States (OAS) is offering a [fellowship for early-career professionals from OAS Member States](#) to learn about the protection mechanisms of the Inter-American human rights system regarding the rights of LGBTI persons. The fellowship is 11.5 months long and begins on October 15, 2024. Apply by September 20, 2024.

- **SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT, ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is seeking a [Senior Programme Management Assistant](#) for its office in Brasilia, Brazil. Responsibilities include providing program and project management assistance at all phases of the project cycle. Ten years of experience in program or project administration, including seven years of experience in international technical cooperation with the government of Brazil, are required. Apply by September 20, 2024.

- YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME (YPP) EXAMINATION: POLITICAL AFFAIRS & HUMAN RIGHTS, UN SECRETARIAT**
 The UN Secretariat is holding an examination for its [Young Professionals Programme \(YPP\) in Political Affairs and Human Rights](#). Successful candidates will be placed on a roster to fill vacancies in various duty stations. A first-level university degree and fluency in English or French are required. Apply by October 2, 2024.
- ACTIVIST-IN-RESIDENCE (AIR) 2024/25, THE FEMINIST CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON RACE AND RACIALISATION (FCRJ)**
 The FCRJ is seeking an [Activist-in-Residence \(AiR\)](#) for a six-month residency at SOAS University of London, starting in November 2024. The residency includes a grant of £6,000 to produce action research work and co-organize a showcase event. Applicants should submit an expression of interest outlining their proposed project and CV. Submit applications to: fcroj@soas.ac.uk. Apply by September 30, 2024.
- POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, DICKSON POON SCHOOL OF LAW, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**
 The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London is seeking a [Postdoctoral Research Associate](#) to investigate ethical and social challenges associated with Large Language Models. Candidates should have a PhD in Philosophy or Computer Science. The salary range is £43,205-£46,732 per annum. Apply by September 30, 2024.
- POLICY ADVISOR, DIRECTORATE GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW, COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
 The Council of Europe is seeking a [Policy Advisor](#) to contribute to the Reykjavík process on the environment. Responsibilities include strengthening the work of the Council of Europe to counter the impact of pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. A minimum of five years of experience in environmental protection, management, and policies is required. The position is based in Strasbourg, France, and offers a relocation allowance. Apply by October 15, 2024.
- GLOBAL INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS, CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE & THE BRITISH ACADEMY**
 The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and The British Academy are offering two one-year [Global Innovation Fellowships for UK-based researchers in the humanities and social sciences](#). The fellowships, valued at up to £150,000, will be hosted at Carnegie's offices in Washington D.C. or California. Apply by November 27, 2024.

News from the Facts and Norms Institute

- **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE FACTS AND NORMS INSTITUTE RELEASE NEW ISSUE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS NEWSLETTER**



The Facts and Norms Institute (FNI) and the American Society of International Law (ASIL) are [pleased to announce the release of the latest edition of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Interest Group \(RIPIG\) Newsletter, covering the period from January to June 2024](#). This issue continues to build on the successful collaboration between FNI and ASIL, dedicated to highlighting key developments in indigenous rights.

Professor Henrique Napoleão Alves, Director of FNI, spearheaded the editorial efforts, supported by assistant editors Felipe Martins Anawate, João Fernando Martins Posso, Luisa Lobato Oliveira, and Sarah Ebram Alvarenga. This issue also welcomes Yuri Mantilla as the new Co-Chair of RIPIG, succeeding Shea Esterling, whose dedication over the past three years is greatly appreciated.

"This newsletter serves as an essential platform for raising awareness and advocating for the rights of indigenous peoples globally," said professor Henrique Napoleão Alves.

He also acknowledged the vital contributions of the assistant editors, stating, *"The dedication and hard work of Felipe, João, Luisa, and Sarah have been instrumental in producing this comprehensive issue."*

- **EXCLUSIVE WINTER COURSE IN LISBON: FNI AND UNIVERSITY OF LISBON OFFER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOLARS, PROFESSIONALS, AND STUDENTS**

Following [the success of its first Winter Course, in partnership with the University of Coimbra, Portugal](#), the Facts and Norms Institute (FNI) is thrilled to announce its second [Winter Course: Legal Theory, International Law and Human Rights](#).

This exclusive educational opportunity for **Portuguese-speakers** is a collaboration between FNI and the University of Lisbon taking place from **January 7-10, 2025**, in the **historic city of Lisbon, Portugal**.

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- As this is an in-person course, participants will have the opportunity for an **immersive experience in the university and the city**.
- The **certificate** will be issued by the **University of Lisbon**. This certificate is not for a lecture, seminar, or conference, but for an Exclusive Course!
- Participants will receive more information during the course about the University of Lisbon and its **Master's, Doctoral, and other programs!**
- **For researchers:** as a completely optional activity, there is the possibility to submit papers for **presentation**, which will also be published in a **book with an ISBN**.
- The course is a partnership between the **University of Lisbon**, voted **the best university in Portugal** and one of the best in Europe and the world, and **the Facts and Norms Institute**, a center for teaching and research in international law with **dozens of proven contributions to the UN** and other international mechanisms.

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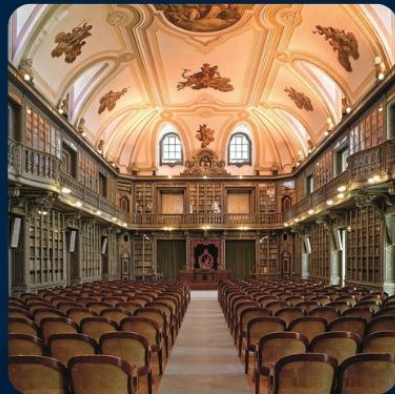
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