



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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Racial Discrimination in European and International Law: Challenges of Coordination between Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Geneva

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9:10-9:30 Opening

- **Mattias Guyomar**, President of the European Court of Human Rights
- **Peggy Ducoulombier**, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg
- **Tina Stavrinaki**, Assistant Professor in International Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University, Member of UN CERD

Panel 1 – 9:30-11:00

Conceptual foundations and emerging interpretative frameworks

- **Alexandra Timmer**, Associate Professor of Human Rights Law, Utrecht University, Member of the Dutch State Commission Against Discrimination and Racism

Equality Law as an Iceberg

- **Mehrdad Payandeh**, Professor of International Law, European Law and Public Law at Bucerius Law School and former member of UN CERD

Structural discrimination: the practice of CERD

- **Yannis Ktistakis**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

From the individual to the structural: Standards of proof, substantive equality, racial and ethnic discrimination in Strasbourg case law

Panel 2 – 11:00 -12:30

Access to justice and (in)visibility of groups subject to racial discrimination

- **Lorena Sosa**, Associate Professor of Human Rights Law, Utrecht University

Access to Justice Beyond the Door: Intersectionality as a Method of Judicial Reasoning

- **Michal Balcerzak**, Associate Professor of International Law, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Chairperson UN CERD

Individuals and groups seeking protection against racial discrimination: lessons from ICERD

- **Peggy Ducoulombier**, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg

Fit for purpose? Discrimination, article 3 Protocol No. 1 ECHR and the status of victim, some thoughts after Kovačević v. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lunch break

Panel 3 – 14:00-15:30

Content of rights and sources of law

- **Christos Giannopoulos**, Lecturer, Public Law, University of Strasbourg

Roma Rights between Strasbourg and Geneva: Symbolic Victories and Structural Failures

- **Tina Stavrinaki**, Assistant Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University, Member of UN CERD

Towards a European Human Rights Law on Inequalities and Racial Discrimination: Lessons from ICERD within ECHR Case-Law

- **Marko Bošnjak**, Judge Court of Justice of European Union, former President of the European Court of Human Rights

Two Courts, Two Visions? Legal Frameworks and Substantive Protection in ECHR and CJEU Case-Law on Racial Discrimination

15:30 | Closing