

Speakers



Shami Chakrabarti

Shami Chakrabarti CBE has been Director of Liberty since September 2003. She is heavily involved with the defence and promotion of human rights values in Parliament, the Courts and wider society.



Jeffrey Jowell

Jeffrey Jowell QC is Professor of Law at University College London and a practising barrister at Blackstone Chambers. He is the UK's member on the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law ("The Venice Commission").



Alan Miller

Professor Alan Miller is Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. He was unanimously elected to this post by the Scottish Parliament and has a background in the legal, academic and voluntary sectors in Scotland and internationally.



Rabinder Singh

Rabinder Singh QC is a barrister at Matrix Chambers, London, specialising in public law and human rights. He is the co-author of *Human Rights: Judicial Enforcement in the UK* (2008).



Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud

Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud started his career as an Advocate in the Delhi High Court and is now an eminent jurist in India and sitting judge of the High Court at Mumbai.



Morten Kjørum

Morten Kjørum is Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna. He was the founding Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR). Morten was a member (2002-2008) of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).



Aoife Nolan

Dr Aoife Nolan is a Lecturer and Director of Postgraduate Programmes in Human Rights at Queen's University Belfast. She has published widely in the areas of economic and social rights and children's rights.



Roger Smith

Roger Smith OBE has been the Director of JUSTICE since 2001. He is a solicitor and has written widely on matters relating to human rights and access to justice.



Colin Harvey

Colin Harvey is Professor of Human Rights Law, Head of the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast. Colin was appointed to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission from September 2005 and again from September 2008.



Francesca Klug

Francesca Klug OBE is a Professorial Research Fellow at the London School of Economics, Director of the Human Rights Futures project and previously worked at King's College where she assisted the government in devising the model for incorporating the ECHR, reflected in the Human Rights Act.



Michael O'Flaherty

Michael O'Flaherty is Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-Director of the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham. He currently sits on the United Nations Human Rights Committee.



Adila Hassim

Dr Adila Hassim is Advocate and director of litigation and legal services at SECTION27. She holds a doctorate in law from the University of Notre Dame. A former law clerk to the Deputy Chief Justice Pius Langa, Adila has continued passionately to defend constitutional rights, socio-economic rights, in particular.



Maurice Manning

Dr Maurice Manning has been President of the Irish Human Rights Commission since 2002. An academic by background, he is Chancellor of the National University of Ireland. He was also a member of the Oireachtas for twenty-one years, serving in both the Dáil and the Seanad.



Trevor Phillips

Trevor Phillips is Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (appointed in 2006). Prior to this he was Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality.



Peter Jones

Peter Jones is Professor of Political Philosophy at Newcastle University. His current work focuses on issues concerning toleration, recognition, rights and the status of groups.



Monica McWilliams

Monica McWilliams is Chief Commissioner of the NIHRC. She is Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Ulster and was elected to the Multi-Party Peace Negotiations leading to the Belfast Agreement.



Chris Sidoti

Professor Chris Sidoti was independent Chair of the Northern Ireland Bill of Rights Forum in 2007-08. He has extensive experience in human rights law and mechanisms at international and national levels.



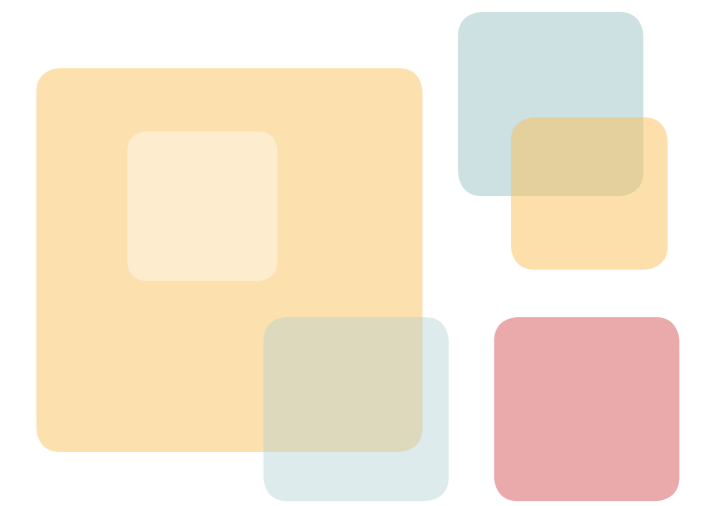
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Introduction

The Future of Human Rights in the UK

This conference, which marks the 10th anniversary of the Human Rights Act (1998) coming into force, will bring together the UK national human rights institutions, government, lawyers and activists. Its purpose is to further the discussion started by government on the future of human rights in the UK and to identify the challenges and opportunities presented by this debate.

The UK Government has committed to establish a Commission tasked with investigating 'the creation of a British Bill of Rights'. Its aim is to 'incorporate and build on all our obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights', and to ensure that these rights continue to be enshrined in law. Government has said that it will use the process 'to promote a better understanding of the true scope of these obligations and liberties'.

Domestic human rights protections guaranteed by the Human Rights Act are central to the UK constitution. They underpin the devolution settlements and act as a set of values that are held in common across all jurisdictions. Any proposed review of these protections is of crucial political, legal and social importance.

Speakers at this conference will include eminent public figures and international experts. It will focus on four themes:

- the Human Rights Act (1998)
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Regionalism and Bills of Rights, and
- Economic and Social Rights.

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Programme

Morning session

8.45	Coffee and registration
9.30	Opening address and welcome Professor Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner, NIHRC and Representative from the Department of Justice (Northern Ireland)
9.45	The Future of Human Rights in the UK Guest speaker
10.15	The Human Rights Act 1998 Professor Alan Miller, Scottish Human Rights Commission (<i>Chair</i>) Professor Francesca Klug OBE, London School of Economics Shami Chakrabarti CBE, Liberty Rabinder Singh QC, Matrix Chambers
11.30	Coffee
11.45	Rights and Responsibilities Dr Maurice Manning, Irish Human Rights Commission (<i>Chair</i>) Professor Alan Miller, Scottish Human Rights Commission Roger Smith OBE, JUSTICE Morten Kjærørum, European Agency for Fundamental Rights
1.00	Lunch

Afternoon session

2.00	Regionalism and Bills of Rights Professor Colin Harvey, NIHRC (<i>Chair</i>) Professor Jeffrey Jowell QC, Blackstone Chambers Professor Peter Jones, Newcastle University Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Nottingham University
3.15	Coffee
3.30	Economic and Social Rights Trevor Phillips OBE, Equality and Human Rights Commission (<i>Chair</i>) Professor Chris Sidoti, Visiting Professor, Griffith University, Queensland Dr Aoife Nolan, Queen's University Belfast Dr Adila Hassim, SECTION27 South Africa Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, High Court Mumbai
4.45	Closing address Guest speaker