

IPSA RC26 ON HUMAN RIGHTS

“CURRENT ISSUES ON HUMAN RIGHTS”

International Symposium

Call for papers

The 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a good reason to reflect. Nowadays, there is certain ambiguity as to whether human rights are a moral, political or legal concept. What are the specific consequences of enforcing rights in these particular classifications. United Nations’ bodies defend the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights, but there is no unanimous agreement with these characteristics.

Regarding civil rights, technology provides new problems and dimensions to free speech and privacy rights. It is sometimes thought that old concepts must be partly redefined or complete new approaches are required.

Concerning political rights, the disaffection of the citizens to politics is increasing and there is a demand of more deliberation and participation while a clear politicians’ accountability is required. Political rights must be properly understood within the framework of a democracy of quality.

With regard to social rights, the entitlement and complete enforcement of these types of rights is often controversial. The classical issue is if social rights should be attributed universally or only to people in need. Or what is the kind of interdependence between liberal rights and social rights.

In relation to cultural rights, the role of minorities is diverse in different societies, but it is usually presented as a struggle against assimilation. The recognition of differentiated identities sometimes has to face criticisms from autonomy or gender equality.

This Symposium will be organised in 6 panels, which topics are: a) 70th anniversary Universal Declaration; b) Civil rights; c) Political rights; d) Social Rights; e) Cultural rights; d) UN Sustainable Development Goals and UN

Global Compact for Migration. Each panel will have a Chair and a Discussant.

Abstracts (up to 400 words) and other information queries should be sent to oscar.perez@uc3m.es The deadline to send abstracts is 15 March 2019. Confirmation of abstract acceptance will be communicated by 7 April 2019. The deadline by which to receive complete papers for publication is 15 October 2019.

This international Symposium will be held at the Carlos III University, Getafe, Madrid, Spain on 16-17 May 2019 (University website: <https://www.uc3m.es/Home>).

Organisation:

Research Committee 26 on human rights. IPSA International Political Science Association (Website: <http://rc26.ipsa.org>).

Department of International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law. Carlos III University of Madrid (Website: https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3MInstitucional/en/Detalle/Organismo_C/1371206569708/1371206569261/International_Law,_Ecclesiastical_Law_and_Philosophy_of_Law).

Human Rights Institute Bartolomé de las Casas. Carlos III University of Madrid (Website: https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3MInstitucional/en/PortadaMiniSiteA/1371230159965/Bartolome_de_las_Casas_Institute_of_Human_Rights).