

Lancaster Centre for Law and Society and Department of Politics

Conference: From Human Rights to the Primacy of the Political

Lancaster House Hotel Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Training Room 2

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November*

9:00 Welcome: David M. Seymour

9:15 – 10:15 Plenary 1

Louise Selisny (Amnesty International)

*Securing Human Rights Beyond the Water Wars*

10:15 Morning Coffee

10:30– 12:30 Session 1

Between Universalism and Particularism: Theorising the Northern Ireland Bill of Rights Process *Dr Yuri Borgmann-Prebil and Dr Elizabeth Craig, University of Sussex*

West Papua: The Forgotten Genocide *Carmela Baranowska, University of Melbourne*

Conflict in Chechnya and the European Court of Human Rights: triumph of the legal or rather the primacy of the political? *Natalia Szablewska, Aberystwyth University*

12:30 – 13: 30 Lunch (Foodworks Restaurant)

13:30 – 15:30 Session 2

The UN's return to the civilizing mission? *Ralph Wilde, University College London Faculty of Laws*

Is It Time for the Rehabilitation of Human Rights *Professor Bill Bowring, School of Law, Birkbeck College, London*

Dignity and the Accused: Reconnecting Human Rights and Atrocity *Stephen Riley, Law School Sheffield Hallam University*

15:30 Afternoon Tea

15:45: 17:30 Session 3

Theory's betrayal of legality, is there no law after Auschwitz? An historical reconstruction that considers if juristic posturing colludes with negative political agendas *Lorie Charlesworth, Law School, Liverpool John Moores University*

Human Rights Legitimacy: The Challenge of Re-politicisation *Emilie Secker, Law School, Lancaster University*

European Court of Human Rights and the politics of truth *Nicolas Kang-Riou, Salford Univeristy*

19:00 Dinner (Foodworks Restaurant)

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November*

9:30- 10:30 Session 4

Human Rights talk in a Sovereignty culture:  
Constitutionality for an unconstitutional state.

*Angus McDonald, Staffordshire Univeristy*

*Agamben and the Mythologising of Sovereignty, David Seymour, University of Lancaster*

10:30 Morning Coffee

10:45 - 12:30 Session 5

The Clash of Liberalism and Nationalism in the Contemporary Right of Self-determination *James Summers, Law School, Lancaster University*

"Let the constitution protect you! Hold your hands up!": Subjectivity construction and the deprivation of rights in two novels on the Mexican Dirty War *Cornelia Gräbner, Lecturer in Hispanic Studies, Lancaster University*

Men Versus Man: The Politics of Avoiding Human Rights Obligations *Kasey Lowe, School of Law, University of Edinburgh*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (Foodworks Restaurant)

14:00 – 15:30 Session 5

Religious Liberty as a Debased Enlightenment Ideal: a Universalist Norm Reconstructed in the Image of Political and Social Power Relations *Eion Daly, Faculty of Law, University College Cork*

Reclaiming Human Rights in Enforcement Mechanisms for People with Disabilities -from Political Question to Universal Norm *Ellionoir Flynn, Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University College Cork*

15:30: Afternoon Tea