

GHRN Conference 29th & 30th May 2014

Programme

Thursday 29th May

9:30-10:00	Welcome Coffee		
10:00-11:30	Roundtable	The gulf between the legal status and practical enjoyment of human rights in Scotland	Hosted by the Human Rights Consortium Scotland
11:30-11:45	Coffee		
11:45-13:00	Paper session	Embedding international human rights in domestic contexts	<p>Dr. Kasey McCall-Smith, Open University <i>'Treaty body jurisprudence in domestic courts'</i></p> <p>Dr. Helen Hardman, University of Glasgow <i>'Compliance with the ECHR on electoral rights: The cases of Russia and the UK in comparative perspective'</i></p> <p>Rosaan Kruger, Rhodes University <i>'Finding balance between freedom of expression and the prohibition of hate speech: a view from South Africa'</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-15:30	Paper session	Comparative perspectives	<p>Ulisses Terto Neto, University of Aberdeen <i>'Re-democratization, human rights change and the protection of human rights defenders in Brazil: How lessons from the Brazilian transition to democracy could contribute to the Scottish transition to independence'</i></p> <p>Rodrigo Cespedes Proto, University of Lancaster <i>'From dictatorship to democracy and constitutional uncertainty: the case of Chile'</i></p>

15:30-15:45 15:45-17:10			<p>Tamas Gyorfi, University of Aberdeen <i>'The protection of human rights: can Scotland learn from the Nordic model?'</i></p> <p>Dr. Sophia Woodman, University of Edinburgh <i>'Local citizenship and human rights of minorities in autonomous regions'</i></p>
	Coffee		
17:15-18:15	Roundtable	CEDAW and other things: Women's human rights and Scotland's futures	<p>Hosted by Engender and the Equalities and Diversity Cluster, GHRN</p> <p>Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender</p> <p>Anna Ritchie Allan, Project Manager, Close the Gap</p> <p>Juliet Swann, Policy Officer, Electoral Reform Society</p>
	Keynote	Human Rights – How to talk about, measure and deliver a better society	Dr. Alison Hosie, Research Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission
18:15-19:00	Drinks Reception		

Friday 30th May

9:30-10:30	Keynote	Title TBC	Patrick Harvie MSP, Green Party
10:30-11:00	Coffee		
11:00-12:00	Roundtable Choice A	The Rights Referendum	Hosted by Amnesty International Scotland
	Roundtable Choice B	Why Scotland and Human Rights need each other: Poverty, humanity and the idea whose time has come	Jointly Hosted by an Academic, Activist and Practitioner Trio: Kait Laughlin, University of the West of Scotland; Darren Murray, Community Activist (Scotland), and Ruchir Shah, Head of Policy, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)
12:00-13:00	Keynote	A Fork in the Road for Human Rights: Scotland's two constitutional futures	Andrew Tickell A.K.A. Lallands Peat Worrier