

SUMMER SCHOOL

HUMAN RIGHTS & PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

17 – 20 June 2025

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday 2 May 2025

Successful candidates will be informed on Friday 9 May 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date: from Tuesday 17 June to Friday 20 June 2025

Time: Every day from 13.50h until 17.00h (Brussels time)

Language: English

Place: Virtually via Teams

Course fee: 100 Euro

Certificate of attendance: All students who satisfactorily complete the course will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance. To qualify for this, participants are required to attend all the lectures.

Requirements: All applications must be completed via the [Summer School online application platform](#). All candidates are required to upload the following documents: Motivation Letter (max 1 page) and curriculum vitae (max 2 pages).

Some Scholarships will be awarded to participants from the Global South. When applying for this course, the candidates should upload a motivation letter (max 1 page). Candidates will be informed about the scholarship decision on Friday 9 May 2025.

DESCRIPTION

The course aims to provide an immersion in issues related to persons deprived of liberty from the perspective of international human rights law, public health, criminal law, and practice. More broadly, the Summer School ‘Human Rights and Persons Deprived of Liberty’ aims to prepare participants to understand structural problems around prisons and contribute to the improvement of the human rights of persons deprived of liberty in their homeland and around the world. The summer course gives participants the opportunity to interact with world-renowned scholars and experts in the field.

The course is intended for persons interested in issues surrounding prisons, such as master’s, LLM’s, PhD’s, and postdoctoral researchers with a background in law, political science, public health, or criminology, as well as staff of civil society organisations and policymakers.

Upon completion of the summer course, participants will have acquired:

- Knowledge about international standards for the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of liberty;
- Knowledge about the most important institutions and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights at the global, regional and national levels;
- The ability to identify some legal, political and social strategies to safeguard the human rights of persons deprived of liberty;
- Knowledge of recommendations to bring about change and improvements.

The course is offered by the ERC IMPACTUM project, the Programme for Studies on Human Rights in Context (Ghent University, Belgium), and the Global Campus of Human Rights (Austria). We are committed to the promotion of human rights. Our goal is to preserve the standards of quality education and to continue our mission of preparing students to meet the growing challenges to the rule of law, democracy and human rights around the world. Candidates who self-identify as belonging to vulnerable or minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

PROGRAMME

Each lecture will have a duration of 40 minutes and will be live-streamed via Microsoft Teams. After each lecture, there will be 10 minutes during which the participants can interact with each other and the lecturer on the given topic.

Daily Schedule

Time	Tuesday 18 June	Wednesday 19 June	Thursday 20 June	Friday 21 June
13.50-14.00h	Welcome Prof Dr M Nowak and Prof Dr C Burbano	Introduction Prof Dr Clara Burbano Herrera	Introduction Prof Dr Clara Burbano Herrera	Introduction Prof Dr Clara Burbano Herrera
14.00-14.40h	Lecture 1	Lecture 4	Lecture 7	Lecture 10
14.40-14.50h	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment
14.50h-15.00h	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
15.00-15.40h	Lecture 2	Lecture 5	Lecture 8	Lecture 11
15.40-15.50h	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment
15.50-16.00h	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
16.00-16.40h	Lecture 3	Lecture 6	Lecture 9	Lecture 12
16.40-16.50h	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment	Interaction moment & Evaluation
End				

These times apply to the Belgian time zone: **UTC+2** (during summer). Please be aware that these times may vary for you, depending on your time zone. [Click here to calculate your time difference.](#)

The course is articulated in four days/modules as follows:

Day 1 focuses on the international human rights framework of persons deprived of liberty and looks at international human rights bodies, legal standards, and their jurisprudence

Lecturer 1 *Prof Dr Manfred Nowak, Global Campus of Human Rights, University of Vienna*

Persons Deprived of Liberty & the UN Human Rights System

Lecturer 2 *Prof Dr Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, Catholic University of Lisbon, former judge European Court of Human Rights*

Persons Deprived of Liberty & the European Human Rights System

Lecturer 3 *Prof Sofía Galván, University Network for Human Rights, USA*

Persons Deprived of Liberty & the Inter-American Human Rights System

Day 2 deals with the cross-cutting themes on 3 focus areas

Lecturer 4 *Prof Dr Heino Stöver, Frankfurt University of Applied Science, Germany*

Mental Health & Persons Deprived of Liberty with special focus on COVID-19

Lecturer 5 *Prof Dr Par Engstrom, University College London, UK*

Torture Prevention in Latin America: Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and the Role of National Preventive Mechanisms

Lecturer 6 *Dr Krešimir Kamber, Adviser Private Office of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, France*

Solitary Confinement in European Legal Standards

Day 3 looks at specific countries and discusses specific problems, challenges, opportunities, recommendations, and the way forward. The lectures will examine some contextual situations, examples, and practices from specific countries

Lecturer 7 *Prof Dr Benyam Dawit Mezmur, University of the Western Cape, independent expert of the United Nation's Committee on the Rights of the Child*

Persons Deprived of Liberty in Africa

Lecturer 8 *Prof Dr Tom Daems, University of Leuven*

Imprisonment and Human Rights in Belgium

Lecturer 9 *Mr Daniel Cerqueira, Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), USA*

The Role of Human Rights Organizations in the Protection of Persons Deprived of Liberty in Latin America

Day 4 is dedicated to vulnerable groups in the 3 focus areas

Lecturer 10 *Prof Bernice Elger, University of Basel, Switzerland*

Elderly Persons Deprived of Liberty

Lecturer 11 *Prof Julissa Mantilla, Former President Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*

Gender and Persons Deprived of Liberty

Lecturer 12 *Mr Manu Krishan, Global Campus of Human Rights*

Children Deprived of Liberty

LECTURERS

Prof Dr Clara Burbano Herrera, Research Professor of Human Rights, Director of the Programme for Studies on Human Rights in Context, Principal Investigator ERC Consolidator Grant **IMPACTUM**, Ghent University, Belgium

Mr Daniel Cerqueira, Brazilian lawyer, Program Director, Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), United States. Former Specialist Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington DC, USA

Prof Dr Tom Daems, Professor of Criminology, Leuven Institute for Criminology, University of Leuven, Belgium

Prof Dr Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Independent expert of the United Nation's Committee on the Rights of the Child, Professor University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Prof Dr Bernice Elger, Professor of Ethics and Health Law, Head of Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel, Switzerland

Prof Dr Par Engström, Associate Professor of Human Rights, University College London and Programme Director of the MSc International Relations of the Americas, University College London, United Kingdom

Prof Sofía Galván, Senior Advisor at the University Network for Human Rights (USA) and attorney with expertise in the Inter-American human rights system

Dr Krešimir Kamber, Adviser Private Office of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, France

Mr Manu Krishan, Lecturer and Coordinator of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, University of Vienna, Austria

Prof Dr Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, Former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Professor at the Catholic University of Lisbon, Portugal

Prof Dr Heino Stöver, Professor at the Department of Health and Social Work, Institute of Addiction Research (ISFF), Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany; Director of the Institute of Addiction Research, Germany

Prof Julissa Mantilla, Former President Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Professor at Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru

Prof Dr Manfred Nowak, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment; Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty; Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights

COURSE DIRECTORS

Prof Dr Clara Burbano Herrera

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Payment Options - Fee and Invoicing

Payment will be due by Friday 23 May 2025

The 100 euros fee may be paid online with a credit or debit card: Visa, Mastercard, Maestro or Bancontact/MisterCash. There is no option to pay in cash.

Successful applicants will be sent an invoice by email with full payment instructions. You should enter exactly the same personal details to pay your application fee as you have used on the application form so that payments and applications can be matched. Where information does not match, the processing of applications may be delayed.

If you pay online by credit card, you will receive an automated receipt via email immediately after you have made the payment.

Please note that:

- A student's place on the summer course is not confirmed until the fee has been paid in full;
- Places will not be held for students whose fees are not paid in full by the due date; and
- In no circumstances will students be admitted to the course unless the fee has been paid in full.

Cancellation/refund policy

You have the right to cancel your registration on Friday, 6 June 2025, at the latest. Cancellation before 6 June 2025: 80% of the registration fee will be refunded, - 20 euros will be kept to compensate for the administration and transaction costs. Please beware that if you cancel your place any time after the expiry day (6 June 2025), you will not be entitled to a refund of the price paid for the course.

If you wish to cancel your place on the summer course, you must inform the Course Administrator by email at summerschoolprisons@gmail.com

MORE INFORMATION

<p>If you have any queries, please contact us summerschoolprisons@gmail.com Follow us on X @RightsContext & @IMPACTUM_ERC LinkedIn Human Rights in Context & IMPACTUM_ERC Instagram impactum_erc Spotify IMPACTUM in CONTEXT the Podcast</p>	<p>For more information about the course, please visit our website: Programme for Studies on Human Rights in Context</p>
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The Organising Team

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