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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2024  
1:50 pm - 6:00 pm

SYMPOSIUM

# HATE SPEECH

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Institut National du Service Public -  
1 Rue Sainte-Marguerite, 67000 Strasbourg  
Amphitheatre D108-D109

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## PROGRAMME

**Symposium moderator :** Emmanuel DECAUX - President of the Fondation René Cassin

**1:50 pm - 2:15pm :** Opening remarks

- Céline Husson-Rochecongar - INSP Research Director
- Emmanuel DECAUX - President of the Fondation René Cassin
- Yvonne Gonzales - Consul General of the United States
- Hiroyuki Uchida - Consul General of Japan

**2:15 pm - 3:45pm :** First round table - MAJOR CHALLENGES REGARDING HATE SPEECH

1. Historical and Political Challenges

Domenica GHIDEI BIIDU - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Vice- Chaire  
(Online intervention)

2. International Standards

Antoine BERNARD – Reporters Without Borders, Director of Advocacy and Assistance,

3. New Challenges - Hate Speech and New Media

Kai LITTMANN - Eurojournalist, Editor-in-chief

**4:00 pm - 5:30 pm** Second round table - COMPARATIVE APPROACHES

1. The American Approach

Clarence LUSANE - Howard University, Professor (Online intervention)

2. The French Approach

Thomas HOCHMANN – Paris Nanterre University, Professor

3. The Japanese Approach

Masahiro SOGABE – Kyoto University, Professor

**5:30 pm - 6:00 pm** Conclusions

Darian PAVLI - European Court of Human Rights, Judge

## BIOGRAPHIES of the EXPERTS



Domenica GHIDEI BIIDU

**European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, 1st Vice-Chaire**

She is member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), a specialised independent expert body of the Council of Europe, in respect of the Netherlands and Vice-Chair of ECRI. For the past 35 years, she has been working as strategic adviser, trainer, consultant, coach, and keynote speaker in the areas of transcultural and inclusive leadership; Diversity management; Equal Treatment and anti-discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, LGBTI+, handicap and chronic illness from an intersectional perspective. She has also been a Human Rights Commissioner at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights and its predecessor, The Equal Treatment Commission for 12 years.

Kai LITTMANN

**Eurojournalist Editor-in-Chief**

Kai Littmann is the editor-in-chief of Eurojournalist, a unique online daily covering Franco-German news from a cross-border and European perspective. Known for his radio columns on France Bleu Alsace, Kai Littman also contributes his journalistic skills to the news journal Mediapart as an independent editor. Through the "Articles éditions Kai Littman", he notably brought to light the scandals of the Qatar World Cup. This trilingual speaker is graduated from the Côte d'Azur University.





## Antoine BERNARD

### Director of Advocacy and Assistance, Reporters Without Borders

Antoine Bernard is the Director, Advocacy and Assistance of Reporters Without Borders (RSF). A recognized expert and practitioner of human rights, international justice and NGOs, Antoine is also co-director of the Master on human rights and humanitarian action at the Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA). He is a board member with La Maison des Femmes de Saint Denis and the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression. Previously Director General of the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (FIDH), associate researcher at the Institut des hautes études sur la justice (IHEJ), also jury member of the Simone Veil Prize of the French Republic for Gender Equality and a member of the World Movement for Democracy' Steering Committee.

## Thomas HOCHMANN

### Paris Nanterre University, Professor

Thomas Hochmann holds a doctorate and the agregation in public law and he is co-holder of the France-Quebec research chair on contemporary issues of freedom of expression (Colibex). He began his academic career at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne before joining the University of Paris Nanterre in 2020. A junior member of the prestigious Institut Universitaire de France, he is also the author of numerous works on freedom of expression, fundamental rights and legal theory. He was deputy director of the Centre de recherche droit et territoire (CRDT) from 2016 to 2020. Since 2022, Professor Hochmann has been in charge of the dual law/philosophy degree at the University Paris Nanterre.



## Masahiro SOGABE

### Kyoto University, Professor

Masahiro Sogabe is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University. He obtained his Master of Law degree from Kyoto University in 1999.

In terms of his academic career, from October 2021 to July 2024, he served as a Lecturer of Constitutional Law at Kyoto University. In March 2017, he held the position of Invited Professor at Tours University in France. His earlier roles at Kyoto University include serving as an Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law from August 2004 to March 2007, an Associate Professor from April 2007 to March 2013, and presently as a Professor of Constitutional Law since April 2014. Additionally, he was an Invited Professor at Sciences Po Paris from February 2009 to September 2009. During his academic journey, Masahiro Sogabe engaged in a guest researcher role at the University of Paris II, France, from October 2007 to September 2009.

Beyond his academic commitments, he contributed to public activities, acting as a Bar examiner for the Ministry of Justice from October 2014 to October 2018. Currently, he serves as a Member of the Council of Establishment of Enhanced Environment for Youth's Safe and Secure Internet Use at the Children and Families Agency since October 2019.

## Emmanuel DECAUX

### René Cassin Foundation, President

Emmanuel Decaux is the President of the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights since April 2021. He is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, where he taught public international Law and international Human rights Law. He has also taught at the Paris Institut des sciences politiques (Sciences Po), the Institut des hautes études internationales of Geneva and the Hague Academy of International Law.

In addition to his academic career, Emmanuel Decaux has held several international positions. He was a member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and later a member of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council. He served as a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances from 2011 to 2019, serving as its President for five years. Since October 2019, he has been the President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within OSCE in Europe.





Clarence LUSANE  
**Howard University, Professor**

Dr. Clarence Lusane, a distinguished scholar and activist, has a vast and impactful career spanning over 40 years. Currently serving as the Director of the International Affairs program at Howard University, he has contributed significantly to areas such as human rights, anti-racism politics, and U.S. foreign policy. Dr. Lusane, with a background in Political Science from Wayne State University and Howard University, has conducted extensive field research in over 75 countries, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, China, and South Africa. He has served as an international election observer and held teaching positions at various institutions.

His notable roles include being the former Co-chair of the Civil Society Committee for the U.S.-Brazil Joint Action Plan to Eliminate Racial Discrimination. Dr. Lusane's media presence is marked by his appearances on C-SPAN and other platforms.

He is a prolific author, with books such as "The Black History of the White House" and "Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice: Foreign Policy, Race, and the New American Century." Scheduled for release in 2022, his next book, "Twenty Dollars and Change," continues his exploration of racial justice.

Darian PAVLI

**Judge at the European Court of Human Rights**

Darian Pavli is a judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2019. He began his professional career as a senior attorney for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Tirana, as well as a lecturer in constitutional law at the University of Tirana. From 2001 to 2003, he was the researcher on human rights situation in Southeast Europe for the organization Human Rights Watch. He then continued his career as senior attorney at the Open Society Justice Initiative, working on various cases before international courts and mechanisms on human rights issues, before being director of program between 2016 and 2017. In 2015, he was appointed as advisor for the Special Parliamentary Committee on Justice Reform of the Parliament of Albania. From 2017 to 2018 he worked for the Council of Europe and other international organizations in Tirana as an expert on human rights, and in 2018 he was appointed senior expert for the Euralius V project (European Union project working on the consolidation of the Albanian justice system).

