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After a very fruitful year in 2017 on the activities front and particularly thanks to training requests from several foreign partners, but disappointing and worrying on the economic front, 2018 was an eventful and action-packed year for the Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights. This year showed a financial recovery that must be continued and intensified.

This report shows that the number of our traditional activities remained at a high quality level: training sessions in Strasbourg in June and July (Intensive Training Session on Refugee Law and Summer School on human rights defenders); no fewer than nine training sessions abroad: in the chronological order, they were held in Bamako, Lima, Yaoundé, Tunis (for the first time), Tbilisi, Buenos Aires, Dakar, Port-au-Prince and Beirut. These training sessions were conducted in French, except in Lima and Buenos Aires (in Spanish), Tbilisi (in English) and Beirut (in French and Arabic). They attracted a motivated local and regional public which was highly satisfied with the courses provided by leading experts of different nationalities.

For several years, the Fondation has been working with the Faculty of Law of Strasbourg (under the leadership of Professor Peggy Ducoulombier), the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights for the organization of the European Pleading Competition René Cassin whose success is measured in terms of the number of applicants teams. The final of this competition took place at the hearing room of the European Court of Human rights and was chaired by Mr. Harry Roselmack, journalist, filmmaker and Goodwill ambassador of the Fondation.

As is becoming customary, the Fondation René Cassin collaborated with another faculty, those of le Mans, to organize an academic symposium on Sea and Human Rights. This event occurred in May thanks to the initiative of Mrs. Hélène Raspail, lecturer.

French-speaking and English-speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize were awarded to young doctors in law at the beginning of the Summer School.

The Human Rights Clinic has continued to work successfully.

We also published a book at Pedone Edition, our editorial partner. After an arduous start, the Association of Friends of the Fondation works in a promising way and the Fondation needs it.

Other scattered activities show that there is always something happening at Allée René Cassin! For example, and at the request of the Japan (Observer State), we organized a workshop on the serious problem of enforced disappearances at the Council of Europe (with an international representation and in the presence of Prof. Emmanuel Decaux, former president of the UN relevant committee). We also welcomed a book presentation on the Federation of Russia and the ECHR (under the direction of Professors Lauri Malksoo and Wolfgang Benedek). We were also involved in the symposium of the City of Strasbourg about the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. We should not forget the seminar organized by our Fondation, the Bar of Strasbourg (Mr. the President of the Bar Christophe Darbois)

and the Regional Delegation of the Fondation de France (Mr. Jean-Damien Collin) on the wise theme "Philanthropy and Fundamental Rights".

This last seminar furnishes a transition to address the financial aspects of our activities. In the same way that it exists for several years, in several countries, a real crisis of rights and freedoms, we observe in France and elsewhere, a crisis or a decline of philanthropy and solidarity. Now in its two years of existence, our new statute of state-approved foundation would help us to raise donations and private sponsorships and to partly reduce our public subsidies needs. Unfortunately, it is not that easy. If we must sincerely thank our donors and patrons who help us for our activities, the number of contributions and their amount are insufficient.

This situation will require us to keep costs down (we already start), to increase our own resources, to rethink the organization of our actions and to renew our requests to the institutional members of our Administrative Board (four ministries, Grand Est Region and City of Strasbourg). We would like to remain faithful to the vocation given by René Cassin when he created about 50 years ago now, the International Institute of Human Rights after receiving his Nobel Peace Prize. We do not want to turn the Fondation into a services company with commercial activities but remain an inclusive and independent non-profit organization. This fidelity is directly linked to our team and I want to warmly thank them for their work and commitment, including our speakers from everywhere. I also want to make a special mention to our Director, Sébastien Touzé, who remains at the head of the Fondation since the death of the late Jean-François Flauss in 2010. This loyalty is also an essential duty and even more so because it is claimed by those who needs legal tools to fight for human rights and because of threats and challenges are important. The recent terrorist attack in Strasbourg, European human rights capital and seat of European institutions (included our own) was a cruel reminder.

I would like to end this word on an optimist note. On the 18th of January 2019, the year of our 50th anniversary, Cassin and the Fondation are celebrated by the plantation of an offspring of the Tree of Guernica. This gift from the Basque Spanish Community symbolizes the triumph of peace and hope over disillusionment. We could not have begun better this year 2019.

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President of the Fondation René Cassin
Former President of the ECHR

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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

FONDATION RENÉ CASSIN – INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The International Institute of Human Rights has become a Fondation by a decree taken in Council of State and published in the Journal Officiel on 13 December 2015. This change in status allows the new Fondation to have the means of its ambitions and to continue to work for the protection and the promotion of human rights in France and in the world.

The structure of the Fondation:

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Thanks to the support of its donors and partners, the Fondation can set up and develop its training and research activities. The activities of the Fondation are supported by:

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TRAINING SESSIONS IN FRANCE

1. TRAINING SESSIONS

INTENSIVE TRAINING ON REFUGEE LAW

Organized by the Fondation René Cassin and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the 21st Intensive Training on Refugee Law, the new name for the Summer Course, was held at the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg from 18 to 29 June 2018. The lessons were taught in French by experts from the UNHCR, as well as by specialists from the academic, institutional and judicial world.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Welcome Speeches	Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the Fondation René Cassin, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights Ralf GRUENERT, Representative in France for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee.
Inaugural Conference : The protection of refugees in a context of mixt migrations	Ralf GRUENERT, Representative in France for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee.
Moot court exercise: framework	Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA, Programmeme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Dia Jacques GONDO, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Paris
Moot court exercise: decision and debriefing	Hélène RASPAIL, Lecturer, University of Maine, Associate Judge of the CNDA
Refugee Law and International Human Rights Law: The provision of the UN Treaty Bodies to the refugee law	Marie Joseph AYISSI, Human Rights Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
The HCR : Its mandate and activities	Dia Jacques GONDO, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Paris
Refugee Status : Inclusion in the field of the Geneva Convention	Jean-Yves CARLIER, Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Lawyer
Refugee Status: exclusion and cessation	Jean-Yves CARLIER, Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Lawyer
The principle of non-refoulement and the rights of refugees	Niki ALOUPI, Professor at the University of Strasbourg
The protection of refugees in a context of massive influx	Dia Jacques GONDO, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Paris
Réinstallation et autres voies d'accès légal aux pays tiers	Dia Jacques GONDO, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Paris

THEME	SPEAKER
Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework or "CRRF"	Mamadou Dian BALDE , Deputy Director of the department of resilience and solutions, UNHCR Geneva
Roundtable: The refugee statute: Regards on the different procedures of determination on a refugee statute	Comlan Sosthène SYDOL , Eligibility and Registration Officer, CNAR-Benin Djamila ALASSANE CHEKARAOU , Regional Director of Civil Status, Migration and Refugees, Niger Fulbert KONDZOKA , Head of Admission of Foreigners Office at the Direction of Immigration, Congo
Asylum and Immigration European Policies	Sylvie SAROLEA , Professor at the University of Louvain, Lawyer
The ECHR and the refugees and migrants crisis	Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS , Vice President of the European Court of Human rights
Presentation of the activities of the Human Rights Commissioner in Strasbourg with its representatives in the Council of Europe in matters of prevention and fight against violence against women	Roland-François WEIL , Representative for the UNHCR within the European institutions in Strasbourg Chantal GALLANT , Legal expert, department of execution of the decisions of the European Court of Human rights Cécile GRÉBOVAL , Programmeme officer, department gender equality, General direction of Democracy, Council of Europe
Internally Displaced People	Caterina LUCIANI , Associate administrator in charge of the staff improvement, protection and sectoral groups, UNHCR Budapest
The protection of unaccompanied child in the need of international protection	Véronique LERCH , Independent advisor on Human rights
Statelessness: legal framework, mandate and action of the HCR	Emmanuelle MITTE , Principal Administrator in charge of the protection (statelessness) UNHCR Brussels
Closing Ceremony	Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programmeme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Dia Jacques GONDO , Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Paris

BALANCE

This year, the Intensive Training on Refugee Law welcomed 48 participants, including 29 women and 19 men from 18 different nationalities. This training is one of the few examples of French-speaking course on international refugee law, international and regional issues linked to refugees and displaced persons. The quality of the interventions is directly related to the choice of speakers who have an academic or a field experience. Most participants are practitioners and the purpose of this course is to provide them effective tools to guide, over and above juridical texts, their practice of international protection of refugees.

Speakers have helped create a stimulating and instructive work environment by providing concrete implementation examples of international protection principles and calling for reaction and comments from participants about their own experiences. This training led to fruitful debates and reflections about the protection, defense and promotion of refugee law.

Generally, participants appreciated the general atmosphere of the course. This course was a great opportunity to develop relationships among themselves and to establish contact with the speakers. Participants noted the high quality of each course, the relevance of the selected topics and work documents. The moot-course exercise was really appreciated by participants. This fictitious case led them to apply their academic knowledge in a pedagogical exercise.





SUMMER SCHOOL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS



PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

Created for the first time in 1970 by René Cassin, founder of the International Institute of Human Rights, the Summer School aims to improve the knowledge about international Human Rights law of legal practitioners; academics and researchers; advanced level students; staff of regional and international organizations and NGOs; national and local authorities; and any interested person. Each year, this session focuses on the study of a particular theme, while allowing participants to familiarize themselves with the various universal and regional human rights protection systems.

The 49th Summer School was held on the premises of the ERAGE in Strasbourg 2 to 20 July 2018 and focused on the theme « Human Rights Defenders ». Courses were provided in French, English and Spanish.

This session was intended for:

- Academics and Researchers
- Members of Non Governmental Organizations
- Members of legal professions
- National and International Officials
- Advanced level students in legal, political, human and social sciences
- Other professions concerned with human rights

PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Cours thématiques	
Opening Ceremony	Guido RAIMONDI , President of the European Court of Human Rights
Welcome speeches	Jean-Paul COSTA , President of the Fondation René Cassin, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the RCA Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Member of the UN Committee against Torture
Inaugural Lecture – Human Rights Defenders in danger, what role for the international community ?	Michel FORST , Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations
Human Rights Defenders, sharpen your weapons !	Inge HERBERT , Director West Africa–Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
Défenseurs des droits de l'homme, affûtez vos armes !	Inge HERBERT , Directrice Afrique de l'Ouest – Fondation Friedrich Naumann pour la Liberté
Testimony – Fondation René Cassin's Diploma	Nadia NAHMAN , Member of the Association of friends of the IIDH-Fondation René Cassin, Ph.D. Candidate at the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Laureate of the Fondation René Cassin's Diploma

THEME	SPEAKER
René Cassin Thesis Prize Award	Prix francophone par : Jean-Marc THOUVENIN , Professeur agrégé de droit public, Directeur du CEDIN et du Collège international de droit, Université de Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense English-speaking Prize by : Jean-Paul COSTA , President of the Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the RCA
Thematic Conferences	
Conférence thématique 1 - Défense préventive à travers l'éducation aux droits de l'homme	Jules AKEZE , Educateur aux droits humains, Ingénieur Facilitateur de développement, Université de Maroua
Conférence thématique 2 - Développements récents du droit applicable à l'esclavage, la servitude et au travail forcé	Bénédicte BOURGEOIS , Juriste, Membre de «The law in Slavery and Freedom Project», Université du Michigan
Conférence thématique 3 – Le mécanisme de la Rapporteuse spéciale sur les défenseurs des droits de l'homme en Afrique	Reine ALAPINI GANSOU , Avocate au Barreau du Bénin, Juge à la Cour Pénale Internationale
Conférence thématique 4 – Après l'accord de paix, quelles perspectives pour la défense des droits de l'homme en Colombie ?	Julián ARIZA , Avocat, Comité de Solidaridad con los Presos Políticos
Conférence thématique 5 – La protection des défenseurs des droits de l'homme en Afrique : les initiatives nationales et régionales à l'épreuve de la pratique	Matthieu BAGARD , Avocat au Barreau de Paris, Cabinet Navacelle
Conférence thématique 6 – The role of Human Rights Defenders and the situation of vulnerability in the Americas	Clara BURDANO HERRERA , Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of European, Public and International Law and Human Rights Centre, Ghent University
Conférence thématique 7 – Regional Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Africa	Roger-Claude LIWANGA , Adjunct Professor at Emory University Law School, Fellow at Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights
Conférence thématique 8 – Between the devil and the deep sea – Human Rights Defenders in the context of business operations in Southeast Asia	Sutharee WANNASIRI , Thailand Human Rights Specialist, Fortify Rights

THEME	SPEAKER
Conférence thématique 9 – Droits Humains et protection de la nature : Deux concepts incompatibles au détriment des peuples autochtones ?	Fiore LONGO , Directrice, Survival International
Conférence thématique 10 – Rôle des défenseurs des droits de l'homme dans la prévention et réponses à l'utilisation des enfants dans les conflits armés	Rémy DJAMOISS , Journaliste Formateur, Président du Centre pour la Promotion et la Défense des Droits de l'Homme
Conférence thématique 11 – Challenges migratoires et des sociétés interculturelles	Cédric BISCHETTI , Président et Fondateur, Makers for Change
Cours introductif	
	Français : Olivier De SCHUTTER , Professeur, l'Université Catholique de Louvain, Co-président du Groupe international d'experts sur les systèmes d'alimentation durables (IPES-Food), Membre du Comité des Nations Unies sur les droits économiques, sociaux, culturels Anglais : Philip LEACH , Professor, Director of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, School of Law, Middlesex University London Espagnol : Mikel MANCISIDOR , Profesor, Universidad de Deusto, Ex-Director del Centro UNESCO del País Vasco, Miembro del Comité de los Derechos Economicos, Sociales y Culturales de las Naciones Unidas
Droit international des Droits de l'Homme	
Cours Fondamentaux	
	Français : Peter LEUPRECHT , Professeur, Département des Sciences juridiques, Université du Québec à Montréal Anglais : Lukas MACHON , Human rights Officer, Petitions and Inquiries Section, Human Rights Treaties Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Espagnol : Fabian SALVIOLI , Profesor, Director del Instituto de Derechos Humanos, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Ex-Presidente del Comité de Derechos Humanos de la Organización de Naciones Unidas
Le système de protection des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies et de ses institutions spécialisées	
Le système européen de protection des Droits de l'Homme	Français : Mustapha AFROUKH , Maître de conférences, Université de Montpellier Anglais : Rick LAWSON , Professor, Leiden University Law School - Chaire Marangopoulos Espagnol : Laurence BURGORGUE-LARSEN , Profesora, Universidad Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I)

THEME	SPEAKER
Le système interaméricain de protection des Droits de l'Homme	Français : Monica PINTO , Professeur, Université de Buenos Aires Anglais : Antonio Augusto CANCELADO TRINDADE , Judge, International Court of Justice, Professor Emeritus of the University of Brasilia, Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Espagnol: Francisco José EGUIGUREN PRAELI , Profesor principal de la Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú, Miembro de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos
Le système africain de protection des Droits de l'Homme	Français : Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Chargée de Programmeme, Fondation René Cassin Anglais : Rachel MURRAY , Professor, Director of the Human Rights Implementation Centre, University of Bristol Law School
Conférences spéciales	
BALANCEs et perspectives du Comité des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies	Fabian SALVIOLI , Professeur, Directeur de l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Ancien Président du Comité des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies
Cours Spéciaux	
La Charte arabe des Droits de l'Homme	Français : Tarek MAJZOUB , Professeur, Université la Sagesse de Beyrouth, Magistrat au Conseil d'Etat libanais Anglais : Ibrahim M.H. ALJAZY , Associate Professor, University of Jordan, Lawyer and Senior Partner at Aljazzy & Co
La protection des Droits de l'Homme en Asie	Français : Sebastien GILLIOZ , Responsable Droits de l'Homme, Section Asie-Pacifique, Division de la coopération technique et des opérations de terrain, Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux Droits de l'Homme Anglais : Debbie STOTHARD , Secretary General, International Federation for Human Rights, Coordinator of the Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma
Diplôme de la Fondation René Cassin – Séminaires de préparation	Français : Marjorie BEULAY , Maître de conférences, Université Picardie Jules Verne Anglais : Emmanuel GIAKOUMAKIS , Associate, Volterra Fietta (London), Laureate of the Fondation René Cassin's Diploma

THEME	SPEAKER
Association des amis de l'IIDH – Fondation René Cassin : présentation et objectifs	Nadia NAHMAN , Membre de l'Association des amis de l'IIDH-Fondation René Cassin, Doctorante à l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Diplômée de la Fondation René Cassin
Conférence de clôture – Les Droits de l'Homme à l'épreuve du terrorisme	Christine LAZERGES , Présidente de la Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l'Homme (CNCDH), Professeur émérite, Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne
Cérémonie de clôture	Jean-Paul COSTA , Président de la Fondation René Cassin, Ancien Président de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, Président des RCA Sébastien TOUZÉ , Directeur de la Fondation René Cassin, Professeur, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Membre du Comité contre la Torture des Nations Unies

BALANCE

The 49th Summer School welcomed 169 participants mainly from Africa and Occidental Europe. During the 3 weeks, participants had the opportunity to take fundamental courses and thematic courses related to international human rights law and Human Rights Defenders. They have been able to meet the challenges raised by the whistleblowers and their need for protection that have emerged in recent years. The courses were taught by academics and professionals from diverse backgrounds and from many different countries. The different courses were generally appreciated. Those 2 weeks of intense teaching were interspersed by side-events such as cocktails, the broadcast of Harry Roselmack's movie "Fractures" or cultural visits. The broadcast of "Fractures" was an opportunity for participants to debate with the filmmaker.

FONDATION'S DIPLOMA

The Diploma of the Fondation is open to the participants of the Summer School who already have solid knowledge in international and comparative human rights law (post-graduate level, L.L.M. or Master). This diploma is distinct from the Summer School's certificate of success.

The exams consist of three tests (written, practical and oral) and require a very high level of knowledge. The full list of laureates and all information about this diploma are available on our website

2. CONTINUING EDUCATION

At the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 50th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize of René Cassin, the Fondation René Cassin, the Fondation de France and the Bar of Strasbourg organized a seminar on the theme "Philanthropy and Fundamental Rights".

Philanthropy and Fundamental Rights do not seem to have something in common but their humanist-values. Actually, their relations are closer. Human Rights are also economic, social and cultural as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that celebrates its 70 years on December 10th, 2018.

Citizens are creditors of these rights but also debtors of an obligation to act, a duty to contribute and help. In businesses, the respect of fundamental rights is more than a caring requirement, which could be link to paternalism; it is a source of social stability and economic growth.

List of the speakers who gave a speech on these rich and complex subjects:

[Jean-Damien COLLIN](#), Delegate General of the Fondation de France Grand Est;
[Jean-Paul COSTA](#), President of the Fondation René Cassin,
[Christophe DARBOIS](#), President of the Bar of Strasbourg ;
[Marie-Laure MUCHERY](#), Fondations and International Solidarity Programmeme of the Fondation de France,
[Anna STRIETHORST](#), ARIADNE network, European Funders for social changes and human Rights,
[Juliette DECOSTER](#), Fondation Charles Leopold Mayer,
[Patrice Meyer BISCH](#), Philosopher, President of the Observatory of Diversity and Cultural Rights and the UNESCO Chair in human rights and democracy in Fribourg.

This seminar was relevant for lawyers in the contexte of the continuing training.



3. HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

The start of the Human Rights Clinic in Strasbourg took place on 12 December 2018 for the two promotions composed of 11 students. This training takes place over two years and combines theoretical training in international human rights law and practical training through the treatment of contentious cases as well as cooperation with various actors involved in the field of human rights.

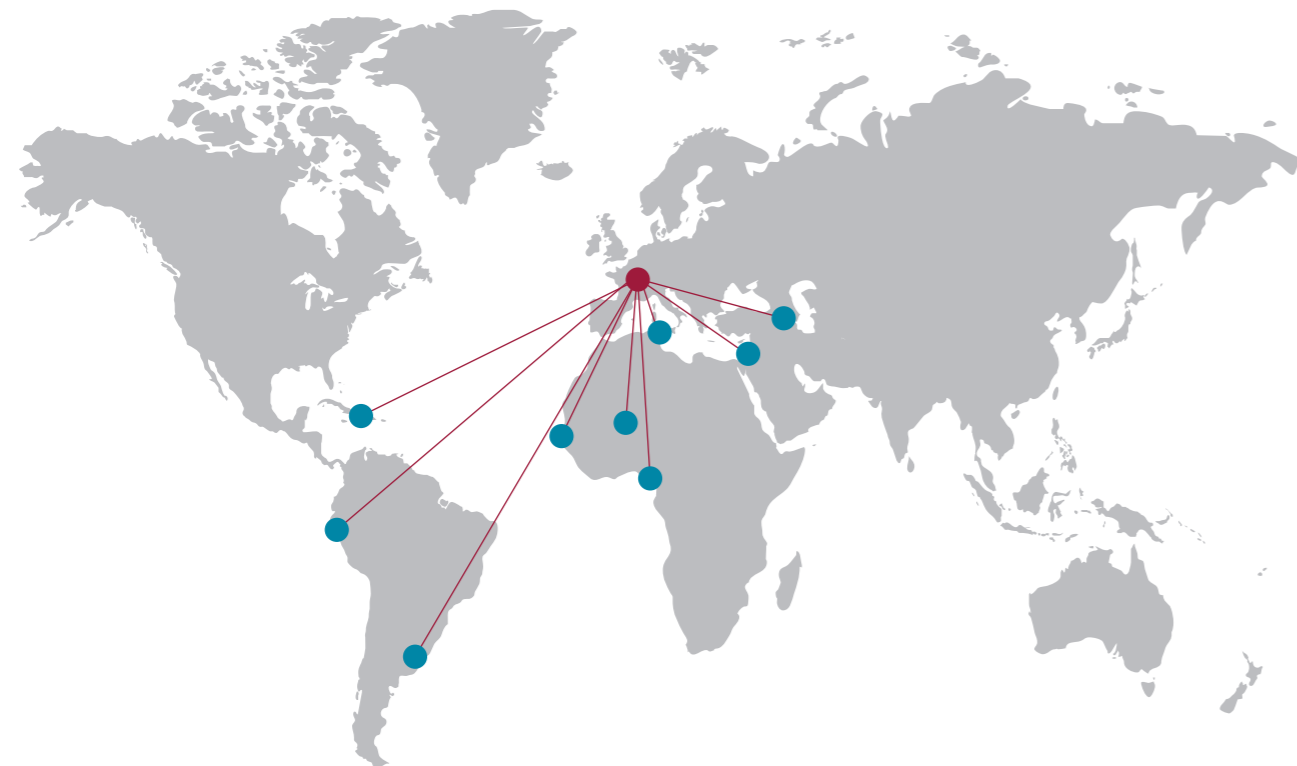
Clinicians are encouraged to work with partners who seek the Clinic on different topics or legal issues, but also in groups on topics proposed by the students or professors framing this training. They also attend courses at the Faculty of Law of the University of Strasbourg, and seminars provided by national and international experts taking place at the Fondation's premises.



TRAINING SESSIONS ABROAD



The Fondation René Cassin organizes, throughout the year, training sessions in various countries whose aim is to promote training, mainly in international human rights law, and to contribute to the capacity-building of the actors involved in this area. These sessions put in place through many partnerships, respond to a high demand for training from professionals. They are organized as a priority in regions of the world where the lack of training is detrimental to the establishment of an effective system of protection and promotion of human rights



Training Sessions Abroad of the Fondation in 2018:

- Bamako, Mali
- Lima, Peru
- Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Tunis, Tunisia
- Tbilisi, Georgia
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Dakar, Senegal
- Beirut, Lebanon
- Port-au-Prince, Haiti

BAMAKO, MALI

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The 5th session abroad of the Fondation René Cassin held in Bamako from 5 to 10 February 2018 was organized in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (hereinafter FNF) and the Human Rights Division of the integrated multi-dimensional UN mission for stabilization in Mali (DDH-MINUSMA). It was initiated and set up in 2014 in response to the crisis in the country due to the political and security instability that followed the military coup of 2012.

This training session in international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and refugee law aims to equip the actors concerned for a good management of the post-conflict period with better support for freedoms and fundamental rights of citizens and for strengthening the Rule of law and democratic culture in Mali. The purpose was to create a framework for exchanges, dialogue, and reflection on the emergence of a new citizenship that is based on equality in law and duty, but firstly a functional rule of law.

The purpose of the Bamako session was to provide an access to a high-level training in the field of international criminal law and human rights law to a francophone public, from Sahelo-Saharan zone, and from the judicial family, human rights organizations and law enforcement agencies and government officials. The purpose was also to contribute to the promotion of these fields within the framework of the national institutions and especially the judicial ones. This training aims to reinforce among the participants a common understanding of the new challenges that affect the international protection of human rights and the actions that enable the strengthening of the mechanisms of protection and the rule of law in Africa. Indeed, the strengthening of legal reflexes and the knowledge of international legal instruments provide a better knowledge and a better appropriation of human rights by the target groups, a precondition for the full enjoyment of these rights by all.





PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening Speeches	<p>Dietrich BECKER, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mali</p> <p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)</p> <p>Evelyne DECORPS, French Ambassador in Mali</p> <p>Guillaume NGEFA-A. ANDALI, Director of the Department of Human Rights, Representative of the High-Commissioner of Human rights in Mali</p> <p>Jules MAATEN, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Director, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)</p> <p>Kadidia SANGARE COULIBALY, Ministry for Human Rights</p> <p>Manassa DANIOKO, President of the Constitutional Court</p> <p>Mbaranga GASARABWE, Special Deputy Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations</p> <p>Soyata MAIGA, President of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights</p>
International Human Rights Law	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
International Criminal Law – The incriminations and the general criminal rules practicable	Fatoumata D. DIARRA , Former Vice president of the International Criminal Court, President of the Council of the University of legal and political sciences in Bamako
Special conference - International Criminal Law and International Human Rights Law	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
International Criminal Law – Cooperation regarding to the international criminal trial	Fatoumata D. DIARRA , Former Vice president of the International Criminal Court, President of the Council of the University of legal and political sciences in Bamako
Refugee law - Refugees' statuts	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
Refugee law - Principle of Non-Refoulement	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
International Criminal law – internationalized specialized courts and the ICC, complementarity or competition?	Fatoumata D. DIARRA , Former Vice president of the International Criminal Court, President of the Council of the University of legal and political sciences in Bamako

THEME	SPEAKER
International Criminal Law – Prosecution before national jurisdictions	Isabelle MOULIER , Lecturer in public law at the Université d'Auvergne
International Criminal Law – Victims and Witnesses in the International Criminal Trial	Isabelle MOULIER , Lecturer in public law at the Université d'Auvergne
International Humanitarian Law	Éric DAVID , Professor emeritus in International law at the free university of Brussels
International Criminal law - Immunity in the criminal trial	Isabelle MOULIER , Lecturer in public law at the Université d'Auvergne
Closing conference	Manassa DANIOKO , President of the Constitutional Court of Mali
Closing ceremony	<p>Manassa DANIOKO, President of the Constitutional Court of Mali</p> <p>Guillaume NGEFA, Director of the Human Rights Division, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Mali</p> <p>Daouda SECK, Programme Officer, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)</p> <p>Muriel SOGNIGBÉ SANGBANA, Programmeme Officer, Fondation René Cassin</p> <p>Kadidia SANGARE COULIBALY, Ministry for Human Rights</p>



SIDE-EVENTS PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Training Workshop for the members of the Constitutional Court of Mali	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
Special Training for the lawyers of the Bar of Bamako as part of the Solemn Reassembly of the Bar: - The justiciability / the litigation uses of international human rights treaties - The recourses to the human rights protection bodies	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor, University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) Muriel SOGNIGBÉ SANGBANA , Programmeme Officer, Fondation René Cassin

BALANCE

The Bamako training session welcomed 83 participants, 12 women and 77 men. They were mainly legal professionals: magistrates, lawyers, members of security forces, national and international civil servants, members of NGOs. Participants represented 13 nationalities and they particularly appreciate the quality of each course.

This training session was already specialized in international criminal law but the partners decided to thematized this edition 2018 to renew and develop its specificity in order to distinguish it from our other training sessions in the region. This choice was a success by attracting a wide interest of the participants in a context where some African States decided to withdraw from the ICC and are calling for a collective withdrawal.

LIMA, PERU

THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION SYSTEM AND PUBLICS POLICIES IN FAVOR OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The training session in international human rights law in Lima was the second session organized by the Fondation René Cassin in Latin America. It took place from 19 February 2018 to the 9 March 2018 at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.

The idea of organizing a training session in International Human Rights Law in Peru arose from an increasing need to satisfy a local demand, and also because of the interest that practitioners in the field are constantly demonstrating and the difficulties they meet to make the trip to Strasbourg in order to take part to the annual study session.

The Fondation René Cassin is associated to the 6th International Specialized Course organized by the Democracy and Human Rights Institute of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

This interest is explained on the one hand by the fact that Latin America is one of the areas of the planet that has experienced the most serious human rights violations in a relatively recent period. On the other hand, Latin America is experiencing an increasing development of human rights through the consequent activity of human rights protection bodies established by the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The purpose of the Lima session is to provide to a Spanish-speaking and francophone audience, from the judicial family, human rights and law enforcement organizations, as well as government officials, an access to a teaching of excellence in the field of International Human Rights Law and to contribute to the promotion of the latter within the framework of the national institutions of the States and their jurisdictions.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
International Human Rights Law and Inter-American Human Rights Protection System	Christina BLANCO , Head Researcher, Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Francisco EGUIGUREN PRAELI , President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
The Inter-American Court of Human Rights	Romina SIJNIENSKY , Lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
The reparations in the Inter-American Human Rights System and the supervision of the application of the decisions	Romina SIJNIENSKY , Lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
WORKSHOP : the dispute before the Inter-American Human Rights System	Romina SIJNIENSKY , Lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
The Human Rights perspective in public policies	Carlos ALZA , Director of the School of Administration and Public Policies of the PUCP
Public policies in favor of the indigenous peoples and African-descendent population based on Human Rights in the Inter-American system	Daniel CERQUEIRA , Foundation Due Process of Law
Public policies regarding the economic, social, environmental and cultural rights based on the Inter-American Human Rights system	Daniel CERQUEIRA , Fondation Due Process of Law
Public policies in favor of women and children, based on Human Rights in the Inter-American system	Julissa MANTILLA , Professor at the Law faculty of and in the Master degree « Gender » the PUCP
Standards relating to Human Rights in the Inter-American system: human trafficking and mobility	Cécile BLOUIN , Senior researcher, Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

THEME	SPEAKER
Standards relating to Human Rights in the Inter-American system: fight against corruption	Ingrid DIAZ , Senior researcher, Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
The European Human Rights protection system	Suzana SANZ CABALLERO , Professor of Public Law at the University of Cardena Herrera, Jean Monnet Chair of the European Commission
The European Union	Suzana SANZ CABALLERO , Professor of Public Law at the University of Cardena Herrera, Jean Monnet Chair of the European Commission
Introduction in public policies in favor of LGBTI persons based on Human Rights in the Inter-American system	Suzana SANZ CABALLERO , Professor of Public Law at the University of Cardena Herrera, Jean Monnet Chair of the European Commission
United Nations and the Universal Human Rights protection system	Elizabeth SALMON , Director, Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
Universal system and public policies regarding economic, social and cultural rights	Mikel MANCISIDOR , Vice president of the UN Committee on economic, social and cultural rights, Professor at the University de Deusto, Former director of the UNESCO center in the Basque Country

BALANCE

This second teaching session was organized by the Fondation René Cassin and the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, in order to create a specific framework for the reflection and analyses of the precedent of the Inter-American Court of Human rights and the Inter-American Human Rights protection system. A focus was put on its impact on the creation of public policies in favor of vulnerable groups.

This training session welcomed 54 participants. 94% of participants achieved the final test and obtained the certificate of success. 21 participants were scholars, 17 were employed by the government and 11 worked for Non-governmental organizations.



YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON

FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATIONS

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The third training session in international human rights law was held on the theme: «fight against discriminations», from 2 to 7 April 2018, at the premises of the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC), Yaoundé, Cameroon. This third session was organized by the Fondation René Cassin in partnership with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (Yaoundé, Cameroon) and the International Observatory on Democracy and Management Crises and Conflicts – OIDEC (Dakar, Senegal); With the support of the Ecole Citoyenne et Politique de Yaoundé (ECPY), the IRIC, the Maison Hermès, la Caisse d'Epargne d'Alsace and la Banque Populaire Alsace Lorraine Champagne.

Following the organization of training sessions in Bamako (Mali) and Dakar (Senegal), the idea of organizing a training session in international human rights law in Cameroon arose from a growing need to satisfy the local demand. The Yaoundé session is intended to be a thematic session of international human rights law called to perpetuate and to address from one year to the next a theme chosen in response to the regional context of human rights



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening Speeches	Ahowanou AGBESSI, Director of the United Nations Center of Human rights and Democracy in Africa Elsa ZIMMER, Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Honorable Vincent de Paul EMAH EOUNDI, Director of l'Ecole Citoyenne et Politique of Yaoundé Jacques FAME NDONGP, Minister of Higher education Lejeune MBELLA MBELLA, Ministre of external relations of Cameroon Solomon EHETH, Director of the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon
The International Human Rights Protection System	Luc MUBIALA MUTOY, Human Rights Officer Africa Section II, United Nations High Commissioner for Human rights
International Humanitarian Law	Frédérique COULÉE, Professor of Public Law at the University of Sceaux
International Criminal Law	Xavier PHILIPPE, Professor at the University of Aix-Marseille
The African Human Rights Protection System	Makane Moïse MBENGUE, Professor at the Law Faculty in Geneva and affiliate professor at the Law school in Science-Po Paris
Refugee Law	Nicolas HAUPAIS, Professor at the l'University of Orléans
Thematic course - The fight against ethnic and religious discriminations in African States	Brusil Miranda METOU, Professor at the University of Yaoundé II, Vice Chancellor at the University of Dschang
Thematic course - The fight against all forms of discrimination against women	Paul Serges NTAMACK EPOH, Diplomat for the Ministry of external relations, Chief of the Minister cabinet
Closing Ceremony	Ahowanou AGBESSI, Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa Elsa ZIMMER, Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Vincent de Paul EMAH EOUNDI, Director of l'Ecole Citoyenne et Politique of Yaoundé Solomon EHETH, Director of the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon



BALANCE

The session welcomed 72 participants, with 47% of women, mainly from Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chad, Mali, Gabon, the Central African Republic and Senegal. Different professional profiles were represented, such as magistrates, lawyers, and legal experts, members of international and national institutions, some students or members of the civil society. 85% of the participants were successful in the test. Two laureates obtained a similar grade, and a selection based on application file was necessary. The relevance of the lectures, relating to the reality on the ground in this particular region was greatly appreciated by the attendees, as well as the quality of the courses.

TESTIMONY



Ghislain Bertrand TIADJEU

Associate of Protection, UNHCR Cameroun, Batouri

Currently employed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Cameroon, I am a young Cameroonian, who graduated in "International Disputes" from the Institute of International Relations in Cameroon. The promotion and the protection of Human Rights were always a major source of interest for me.

I have already taken part in the Intensive Training on Refugee Law in 2014 and in the training session in Bamako in February 2016 before joining this third session in Yaoundé. All those experiences were, for me, opportunities to plunge back into the Human Rights field which I particularly love.

I welcome the initiative of the Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights – and its partners in organising these training sessions abroad and especially the one in Yaoundé. These training sessions allow much more of the public to participate in these high quality Human rights courses.

The intensive 6-day courses were given in a friendly and pleasant way which allowed profitable exchanges between all the attendees, speakers and the organization staff. The diversity of the courses, not only about International Human rights law but also about International Criminal Law, Refugees Law and Humanitarian Law, was the main reason why this session was particularly enriching.

Regarding the speakers, I felt there was the perfect mix of scholars and professionals. The way they covered the topic (The fight against discriminations) in their lectures helped me to fully understand the subject and I ended up becoming the laureate of the session following the comprehension test. I will make the most of the opportunity offered to me by the Foundation to participate in the 49th annual teaching session in Strasbourg to reinforce my knowledge of Human Rights.

The knowledge gained through these teaching sessions, especially the ones regarding the fight against discriminations, will be a great help for me in my everyday work and in promoting Refugee rights, and I would like to thank the Foundation and their partners for that.

TUNIS, TUNISIA

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND MIGRATIONS

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The idea of organizing a training session in International Human Rights Law in the Maghreb arose from an increasing need to satisfy a local demand in a training session dedicated to the study of the International Human Rights Law. This need of teaching identified by the actors of Human Rights, as well as by the Fondation René Cassin's experts in the Maghreb. Regarding the migration issues in this geographic area, composed by welcoming, departure or transit States for migrants, the choice was made to study the "International Human Rights Law and migrations".

This first teaching session took place in the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences of Tunis – University of Carthage from 30 April to 5 May 2018. This session is the result of a close collaboration between the Fondation René Cassin and its partner, the Laboratory of International Law, International jurisdiction and Compared Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences of Tunis. This session could have been held thanks to the financial help of the French Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, the Permanent Representation of France beside the Council of Europe, the Hermès Foundation, the Caisse d'Epargne Alsace, the Banque Populaire Alsace Lorraine Champagne, and the office of Tunisia/Algeria of the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung.

The purpose of the Tunis session is to provide to a francophone audience, from the judicial family, human rights and law enforcement organizations, as well as government officials, an access to a teaching of excellence in the field of International Human Rights Law and to contribute to the promotion of the latter within the framework of the national institutions of the States and their jurisdictions. This project was created in order to contribute to the reinforcement of the Rule of Law in Africa and in the Maghreb.





PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening Ceremony	Neila CHABAANE , Dean, Faculty of Law, Political and Social Sciences, Tunis Hajer GUELDICH , Coordinator, URDIJIDCC Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Jean-Paul COSTA , President of the Fondation René Cassin, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights
Opening speech	Jean-Paul COSTA , President of the Fondation René Cassin, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights
The International Human Rights Protection System	Guillaume LE FLOCH , Professor, University of Rennes
Thematic course- Refugee Law	Jean-Yves CARLIER , Professor, University Catholic of Louvain
The African Human Rights Protection System	Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin
The Arab Charter for Human rights	Tarek MAJZOUB , Professor, University La Sagesse of Beyrouth, Magistrate, Lebanese State Council
Thematic course – the protection of unaccompanied migrant children	Marie-Laure BASILIEN-GAINCHE , Professor, Jean Moulin Lyon 3
Thematic course – The mandate and the action of the High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the migration challenge	Areti SIANNI , Senior Protection Advisor, Office of North Africa and Middle East
Thematic course - The action of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights regarding the migration challenge	Maya SAHLI FADEL , Special Rapporteur for Refugees, Asylum seekers, displaced people and migrants in Africa
Closing Ceremony	Hajer GUELDICH , Coordinator, URDIJIDCC Hatem GAFSI , Programme Officer, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programmeme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Neila CHABAANE , Dean, Faculty of Law, Political and Social Sciences, Tunis

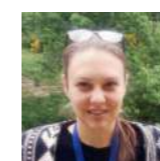
BALANCE

The first edition of this training session in Tunis welcomed 40 participants and 65% of women. Participants were lawyers, academics, Ph.D. Candidates, students, national and international civil servant and members of NGOs. They represented 11 nationalities with a large majority of Tunisians. The quality of courses was underlined by our participants and they appreciated the possibility to interact with speakers during and after each class.

The theme of this first edition of the training session in Tunis: international human rights law and migration has been received positively by the participants who came for the occasion. The participants enjoyed the expected thematic courses. The fundamental courses focused on local issues in Tunisia.

This week-long training ended with a knowledge test on the courses. We should note the high success rate which is an evidence of the speakers' pedagogy and good level of the participants.

TESTIMONY



Sara RAMBAUDI

Laureate of the 1st training session in Tunis

I am Sara Rambaudi, an Italian migrant having crossed the borders of my country a few years ago to continue my studies in France, where I finally settled.

In Strasbourg, my host city, I learned about the existence and missions of the Fondation René Cassin thanks to a poster of the René Cassin competition I saw while I was walking along the halls of my school of Political Science, trying to delay as much as possible my return to my classroom. Thus, few minutes after reading the poster, I reconnected my computer in the amphitheatre and visited the site of the foundation where I discovered the extensive formative offer in International Human Rights Law, and in particular the training on refugees Law.

However, with no experience in that field, I had bitterly repressed any enthusiasm and hope of integrating this training.

For years I had only been around the foundation by far, actually when I was walking along the adjacent path to the Institute to go to the school where I worked as a "homework assistant". Then, when I graduated from Sciences Po at the Department of International Relations and European Studies, I went from «homework help» to «Help with files».

Indeed, I began to work as a «social worker assisting for files» at asylum seekers' shelter located in rural areas and managed by the Association « France terre d'asile ». I provided legal and administrative support for asylum seekers who were helped by this association. I aimed at guarantee effective access to the right and the asylum procedure for any solicitor of an international protection.

I am trying to do this in a European context marked by the 'refugee crisis' involving an increased media coverage of the issue of refugee law, which may seem enlightened but not necessarily as controversies about Geneva Refugee Convention show it.



This is the reason why I visited the website again and applied for « Migration and International Human Rights Law » training and for « 21th Intensive Training on Refugee Law in Strasbourg ». The first one represented a great opportunity to improve my knowledge of international legal instruments linked to migration phenomena around the world. I expected the second one to help me to improve the orientation of migrant solicitors of international protection in order to satisfy the legal criteria of inclusion. They both provided me lots of informations to face disinformation and people who make tools of this subject. These three expectations were fulfilled.

«International human rights law and Migration» training illustrated, in a clear and accessible way, the legal and judicial systems concerning migrants'rights around the different continents and according their status. Well-known teachers gave theoretical explanations and also concrete examples taken from their experience as international law practitioners.

The geographical localization of the training, which took place in a delocalised session in Tunis, was a relevant choice linked to the subject matter. Besides we were given a warm welcome from the team of the Laboratory of International law, international courts and comparative Constitutional Law of the Tunis Faculty of Legal, Political and social Sciences.

Different events organised during the training reminded us that Mediterranean areas are beautiful and wealthy whereas they turns out to be changed as a murderer border.

About « 21th Intensive Training on Refugee Law in Strasbourg », it was perfectly entitled as the intense contents and rhythms demonstrated it. But it's without any regret that I left this formation professionally and humanly changed thank to the intensity of courts and collective work on a case. Dynamism of contributors, having enriching exchanges with them and other participants helped to improve ourselves and made this training valuable.

Organized with HCR, this training led me to discover the specific world of the «Protection officers» of this UN agency working near conflict zones and who are confronted to aspects of forced displacement that are often by European asylum professionals. Thus, the contributions of these two courses to my professional practice are far from negligible.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The idea of organizing a training session in Buenos Aires was born in 2016 on the basis of the observation that Latin America is a continent that has recently suffered serious human rights violations. Despite the work of the organs of the Organization of the American States and the States themselves, the protection of human rights is not fully ensured on this continent. Thus, capacity-building in the field of human rights must be through the training of the people concerned in order to ensure the effectiveness of these rights.

With regard to the specific issues of Latin America, the choice was made to include in this training session other branches of international law, such as international criminal law and international humanitarian law

This session was organized by the Fondation René Cassin in partnership with the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, the French Regional Cooperation for South America and the Regional Cooperation Delegation for the Southern Cone and Brazil of the French Republic. It was held from 18 to 29 June 2018 at the Faculty of Law of Buenos Aires.





PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening speeches	<p>Marcelo ALEGRE, Director of the Research Office at the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires</p> <p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Member of the UN Committee against Torture</p> <p>Yann LORVO, Cooperation and cultural action Adviser and Director of the French Institute in Argentina</p> <p>Jörg DEHNERT, Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom in Argentina</p>
Introductory Course : Women's rights in the Perspective of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	<p>Fabián SALVIOLI, Professor, National University of La Plata, Former President of the UN Human Rights Committee</p>
International Humanitarian Law	<p>Elizabeth SALMON GARATE, Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, Legal expert for the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Columbia, Director of the Institute of Democracy and Human rights of the PUCP</p>
The European Human Rights Protection System	<p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture</p>
Practical Seminar	<p>Javier LEOZ INVERNÓN, Human Rights Officer, Secretary of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, the Committee against Torture, and the Committee against racial discriminations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Carmen RUEDA, Legal expert, Former Officer in the Human Rights Committee Secretary, Committee against Torture and Committee against Racial Discrimination, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights DA</p>
United Nations and Human Rights	<p>Monica PINTO, Professor in International Public Law and Human rights, Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, Master Director in International Human Rights Law (UBA)</p>
The protection of women in armed conflicts	<p>Claudio GROSSMAN, Professor and Dean emeritus of the Faculty of Law of the American University Washington College of Law (WCL) and Tenured University Professor at the "Raymond Geraldson" Chair in International and Humanitarian Law</p>

THEME	SPEAKER
The Inter-American Human Rights Protection System	<p>Claudio NASH ROJAS, Researcher, Human Rights Centre Faculty of Law of the University of Chile</p>
Femicide in America Latina and Central America	<p>Carolina VERGEL TOVAR, Lecturer at the Universidad Externado de Colombia</p>
Sexual violence against women in International Human rights	<p>Sophie GROSBON, Lecturer at the Université Paris Nanterre, Researcher at the CNRS</p>
Closing Ceremony	<p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor of Public Law at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture</p>
Closing Ceremony	<p>Alberto J. BUERES, Head of the Law Faculty of Buenos Aires</p> <p>Pierre-Henri GUINARD, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador in the Argentina Republic</p> <p>Jörg DEHNERT, representative of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Argentina</p> <p>Agathe PETIT, Research Assistant, Fondation René Cassin- International Institute of Human rights</p>

PROGRAMME DES SIDE-EVENTS

THEME	SPEAKER
Conférence spéciale : La lutte contre la torture Evènement organisé par el Centro Para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina (C.A.D.A.L.)	<p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Directeur de la Fondation René Cassin, Professeur, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Membre du Comité contre la Torture des Nations Unies</p> <p>Daniel SABSAY, Professeur (UBA), Président de la Fondation Environnement et Ressources Naturelles, Vice-Président de l'Association Argentine de Droit Constitutionnel</p>



BALANCE

The training session in Buenos Aires hosted 25 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Chili, Bolivia, France and Turkey. The participants were mainly professionals from the judiciary world. This training session in Buenos Aires was appreciated by the participants who highlighted the quality of the courses provided by the speakers and the links made with local issues. The simultaneous interpretation of French courses to Spanish allowed speakers and participants to be able to exchange effectively. The level of participants was particularly high with a success rate of over 83% on the final test.

This year, for the first time were organized few practical seminars conducted by officials of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. These seminars led the participants to work the positions of the claimant, the State and the Human Rights Committee in the context of a fictitious individual communication

TESTIMONY



Rodolfo ARIZA CLERICI

Judge of the First Instance

I am currently working as Criminal Judge of the First Instance in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. Whilst at university, I studied Human rights law, with a particular focus on the international system of the protection of Human Rights. I spent some of my time abroad – both in European universities and the United States – to develop my knowledge on this subject.

It is the respect for the judiciary decisions and the application of the judiciary decisions by the states which interested me the most in the studies of International Human Rights law. In fact, states generally agree to apply decisions which can be unpleasant for the government and the established cultural institutions. The states recognize their international responsibility concerning the application of Human rights, according to a universal consensus on the aims and content of international Human rights. The teaching session held by the René Cassin Foundation in the city of Buenos Aires had a special focus on the subject of "Women's rights". I warmly welcomed the choice of such an appropriate subject in Latin America.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize the quality of exchanges with well-known scholars who taught us to embrace the complexity of the subject. Thus, we are now able to promote and broadcast the urgent necessity of a cultural and structural change regarding the libelous treatment, violence and discriminations against women.

This session allowed me to meet people from different backgrounds – students, procurers, magistrates, barristers and activists from Europe and Latin America – and to be confronted with their diversity of opinion. Thus, I was able to create new friendships with other attendees and to have interesting academic conversations centered on a common goal: the protection of human dignity.

Although the 9-day course was intense, the depth of discussions on such a complex topic was enriching and gave me some practical knowledge on promoting the development of women's rights and their protection, especially through my role as judicial operator.

I am deeply grateful for the commitment and good will from the organizers, the speakers, and the attendees, with whom I was able to exchange ideas and experiences. This, without a doubt, contributed to my success in the session. From now on, I hope to fulfill all that is expected of me and take advantage of the opportunity offered by the René Cassin Foundation to participate in the next edition of the Summer School in Strasbourg in 2019. I am infinitely grateful.



TBILISI, GEORGIA

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The Fondation René Cassin organized its second training session in Tbilisi (Georgia) from 11 to 15 June 2018. This project is the result of a partnership with the European University of Tbilisi, and the Black Sea University with the support of the French Embassy in Georgia and of the Georgian office of the International Criminal Court, the French Institute in Georgia, the Caisse d'Epargne Alsace, the Banque Populaire Alsace Lorraine Champagne and the Hermès Foundation.

The purpose of this project is first to extend the activities of the Fondation René Cassin in Eastern Europe and the Caucasian area. The project permits the Foundation to diversify its teaching offer by adding a training session in English in order to reach a new public and to extend the partnership network for the aboard training sessions.

The Programme was proposed by the Fondation René Cassin, which also selected the speakers. Regarding the recent opening of the Office of the International Criminal Court in Georgia, and thanks to the support of this institution, it was naturally decided to choose "the International Criminal Law" as the theme of the session. However, the fundamental courses on International Human Rights Law and On International Humanitarian Law were kept.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening ceremony	Kaupo KAND , Head of the Georgia Office of the International Criminal Court Jasmine TOUMAJ , Head of the Georgia Office of the International Criminal Court Ioseb KELENJERIDZE , Dean, Faculty of Law of the European University of Tbilisi Eka BAKARADZE , Dean, Faculty of Law of the International Black Sea University Abdulmelik ALKAN , Head of International relations Office of International Black Sea University Elsa ZIMMER , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin
Opening speech	Kaupo KAND , Office of the International Criminal Court in Georgia
European Human Rights Protection System	Rick LAWSON , Professor at the Leiden University
Universal Human Rights Protection System	Tamar TOMASHVILI , Justice, Human Rights and International independent Advisor, Assistant Professor in Law at the Free University of Tbilisi
International Criminal Law – unit 1	Eleni CHAITIDOU , Legal expert in the Chamber of the International Criminal Court
International Criminal Law- unit 2	Philippe CURRAT , Docteur in law, general Lawyer in the Geneva Bar, general secretary in the International Criminal
Droit International Humanitaire	Tamar TOMASHVILI , Consultant en Justice, Droits de l'Homme et Droit international indépendant, Assistant Professor en Droit à l'Université Libre de Tbilissi
Closing conference	Mindia UGREKHELIDZE , Former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
Closing ceremony	Mindia UGREKHELIDZE , Former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights Abdulmelik ALKAN , Head of International relations Office of International Black Sea University Ioseb KELENJERIDZE , Dean, Faculty of Law of the European University of Tbilisi Elsa ZIMMER , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin

BALANCE

Regarding the particularities of this training session and the small number of registration, it was decided to make the condition of admission more flexible, and to allow some students from the European University in the third year instead of four usually. Finally, 16 participants, including 11 women, attended the session. They were, for most of them, students at the European University. The success in the comprehension test was 94%.



DAKAR, SENEGAL

MIGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The Fondation René Cassin organized in partnership with the West Africa Regional Office of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom the 8th training session at Dakar from 10 to 21 september 2018. The session was also organized with the support of the Cultural Cooperation and Action Service (SCAC) of the French Embassy in Senegal, the Regional Office for West Africa of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (BRAO) and the Senegalese Human Rights Committee (CSDH). European Union delegation in Dakar was also associated to the Programme initiated in 2016.

Following the success of the first thematic training session in 2016, we decided to continue in this path by dedicating this 2017 training session to the theme "Migration and International Human Rights Law".

The organization of this training session meets the requirement of involved actors to be well prepared to tackle their obligation to defend and promote freedoms and fundamental rights of citizens and the reinforcement of the rule of law and democratic culture in Africa. Organizers would like to contribute to the reinforcement of national structures to help them to manage with better tools the human rights protection.

This session aims to focus on this specific issue of definite interest to all human rights professionals who work in this region, but also to develop the attractiveness of this training session to this public and to renew the training offer, taking into account the seniority of this session.

The purpose of our training session in Dakar is to focus on a francophone public, coming from Africa and Europe and representing the judicial family, human rights organizations and security forces but also the officials and to allowed them to take part to a high-level training in the field of International Human Rights Law and International Migration Law. This training session also aims at contributing to the achievement of these two areas of law to national institutions and jurisdictions.

This training aims to reinforce among participants a common understanding both of the new challenges that affect the international protection of human rights and of actions that allow a strengthening of protection mechanisms in favor of them.

Indeed, the strengthening of legal reflexes and the knowledges of international legal instruments provide a better knowledge and a better appropriation of human rights by the target groups, a precondition for the full enjoyment of these rights by all.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening speeches	<p>Inge HERBERT, Director, FNF</p> <p>Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor, University Paris II Pantheon-Assas, Member of the UN Committee against Torture</p> <p>Pape SENE, President of the Senegalese Committee on Human Rights (CSDH)</p> <p>Benjamin HOUNTON, Representative of the West Africa Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Thomas WIXLER, Chargé d'affaire at the Embassy of the Republic of Germany of Senegal</p> <p>Carmen MAGARINOS – CASAL, Chargé d'affaire at the delegation of the European Union in Senegal</p> <p>Christophe BIGOT, French Ambassador in Senegal</p>
Inaugural Lecture : Business and International Human rights law: from the recognition of rights to the assertion of obligations?	Yann KERBRAT , Professor, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
The United Nations and human rights	Yann KERBRAT , Professor, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne



THEME	SPEAKER
Thematic course: Multinational Enterprises and human rights: the obligations of the State	Edouard FROMAGEAU , Researcher at the Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg
International Criminal Law	Muriel UBEDA-SAILLARD , Professor, University of Lille 2
European Human Rights	Marjorie BEULAY , lecturer, University of Picardie University - Jules Verne
Film Projection Followed by debates around the film «Silas» on land grabbing by businesses in Liberia Réception A l'ambassade De France	
Thematic course: International investment and Human rights	Walid BEN HAMIDA , Lecturer, University of Evry Val Essonne – Paris Saclay
The Inter-American system for the Protection of human rights	Julie TAVERNIER , Doctor in Public law, jurist at the French Cour de cassation
Thematic conference: Corporate Social Responsibility	Anne BRASSEUR , Member of the Board of Directors of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation
Special Course: the protection of human rights in the West African sub-region	Auguste AGBODJAN , Member of the Justice and peace Commission of Togo
The African system for the protection of human rights	Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin
Special Conference: The competence of the ECOWAS Court of Justice concerning human rights, a view from the inside	Rodrigue P. Ted BILGHO , Magistrate, former personal Assistant to the president of the CJCEDEAO
Thematic course: Extractive Industries and the protection of human rights in Africa	Abdou GUEYE , Hydrocarbons specialist
International Humanitarian Law	Charles VIEIRA SANCHES , Legal Adviser to the ICRC regional delegation in Dakar
Thematic course: The protection of economic and social rights in the context of globalisation	Sophie GROSBON , Lecturer, University of Paris Nanterre

THEME	SPEAKER
Special conference: Women's Rights	Sophie GROSBON , Lecturer, University of Paris Nanterre
Refugee Law	Pierre-François LAVAL , Professor, Université of Orleans
Seminar-Practical Case Group A	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Ph.D. Candidate, University Paris II – Panthéon-Assas
Seminar-Practical Case Group B	Aurélien GODEFROY , Ph.D. Candidate, University Paris II – Panthéon-Assas
Closing conference: Businesses, protection of human rights and achievement of the objectives of sustainable development	Moussa Mbaye GUEYE , Executive director of Enda Lead Afrique Francophone
Closing Ceremony	Daouda SECK , Interim Director, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA , Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin Andrea ORI , Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, West Africa Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The practical case study seminars with a simulation of pleadings before the African Court of Human and Peoples rights were also offered to the auditors, in order to reinforce their understanding of the theoretical issues and to give them the possibility to practise litigation before these specific jurisdictions.



SIDE-EVENTS PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Public Conference: Human rights and mining companies	MODERATION Marieme SODA MBACKE, Comite Senegal Committee on Human Rights
	SPEAKER Serigne ASSANE DRAME, Magistrate Elimabe POUYE, Inspector of Taxes and fields
Public Conference: International Protection of human rights face to companies	Sophie GROSBON, Lecturer, Université Paris Nanterre
Public conference: The National System of the protection of human rights face to corporate obligations	El Hadji MALICK SOW, Chamber President at the Supreme Court
Training Seminar: The use of international and African human rights fora	Muriel SOGNIGBE SANGBANA, Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin

BALANCE

The theme of this training session raised considerable interest because of its topicality in the sub-region and, broadly its relevance for the African continent.

138 auditors participated to the training session coming from 12 African and European countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Italy, Morocco, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Central African Republic, Senegal. The participants were mainly magistrates, lawyers, clerks, national and international officials, journalists, members of NGO's and Ph.D. candidates, students.

The Fondation René Cassin and the FNF have issued a certificate of success to 80% of participants who passed the final test. The 26 other participants received a certificate of presence.

The quality of the training was had been underlined by the participants. The opportunity to discuss during the courses and at the end was appreciated, as was the availability of stakeholders. The seminars with practical cases and moot court were particularly well built and very positive feedback had been done by many participants.

The rich side-events Programme has also helped to enhance the influence of the training session

BEIRUT, LEBANON,

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

From 3 to 9 December 2018, the Fondation René Cassin organized jointly with the University Al-Jinan of Tripoli the 6th international «Mona Haddad» training session in international human rights law in Beirut. The Fondation benefited from the support of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie and Embassy of France in Lebanon.

This session is dedicated to the memory of Mona Hadda, former president of the University Al-Jinan, which has initiated the first edition of this Lebanese training session. This project falls within an academic willingness to promote and defend human rights in a place where their daily affirmation is a challenge for everyone.

The public is diversified, on the one hand, by its activities. It is composed of law students from the Al-Jinan University of Tripoli, but also many professionals already in office from international organizations, national institutions, the judiciary family, public administration, and, more broadly, civil society.

The public is also diversified, on the other hand, by its international vision. Participants come from the whole Middle East to attend this training.

The training Programme aims to present in a synthetic but comprehensive way the various systems of protection of human rights put in place at the international level and on regional plans, as well as to present the principles of refugee law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law.

To keep the training practical and interactive, the 6th session proposes a seminar cycles in small groups, where the participants work together to solve a practical case and simulate a plea in front of a human rights regional jurisdiction.

The objective of this training session is to allowed participants to strengthen their legal knowledge in these matters, but also to gain an overall understanding of the functioning of the mechanisms for the protection of human rights and humanitarian law, as well as interactions between these different areas of international law.





PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening speeches	<p>Habib Abdel GHANI, Representative of the President of the University Board of Al-Jinan</p> <p>Saiid MAJZOUB, Head of Human Rights Department at the University Al-Jinan</p> <p>Elsa ZIMMER, Programme Officer at the Fondation René Cassin</p> <p>Luciano RISPOLI, Co-adviser in charge of cooperation and cultural action at the Embassy of France in Lebanon</p> <p>Hervé SABOURIN, Director of the Middle East Department at the Academic Agency of Francophonie</p> <p>Michel MOUSSA, Representative of the Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, M. Nabih Berri</p>
Introductory Course – Sustainable development and human rights	Dima JAMALI , Deputee at the Lebanese Parliament, Professor at the American University of Beirut
The European Human Rights Protection System	Mustapha AFROUKH , Lecturer, University of Montpellier
Seminar – Conditions of detention	<p>Mustapha AFROUKH, Lecturer, University of Montpellier</p> <p>Aurélien GODEFROY, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Panthéon Assas (Paris II)</p>
The Universal Human Rights Protection System	Khadīdja NEMAR , Co-founder and legal counsel at MENA Rights Group, Geneva
International Criminal Law	Isabelle MOULIER , Lecturer, University of Auvergne
Refugee Law	Rouba DARWICH , Lawyer
The League of Arab States and Human Rights Protection	Mohammed Amin AL-MIDANI , Guest Professor, Jinan University, Member of the Scientific Board of the Fondation René Cassin
International Humanitarian Law	Mohammed Saïd MAJZOUB , Dean of the Institute of Political Science and Head of Human Rights Department at the University of Al-Jinan
Applications of International Humanitarian Law	Ahmad ICHRAKIEH , Professor, Lebanese University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
The Organization of the Islamic Conference and human rights protection	Mohammed Amin AL-MIDANI , Guest Professor, Jinan University, member of the Scientific Board of the Fondation René Cassin

THEME	SPEAKER
Closing conference	Antoine MESSARRA , Member of the Constitutional Council of Lebanon, Professor at Saint-Joseph University
Closing Ceremony	<p>Mohamad AL MOURAD, Chairman of the Bar Association of Tripoli</p> <p>Saïd MAJZOUB, Dean of the Institute of Political Science and head of Human Rights Department at the University AL-Jinan</p> <p>Elsa ZIMMER, Programme Officer, Fondation René Cassin</p>

BALANCE

72 participants attended the training session, including 31 women. Twelve nationalities were represented. Participants were law students, legal professionals and NGO members. It is important to outline the participation of numerous lawyers, including Lebanese lawyers whose training was financially supported by the Bar Association of Beyrouth and Tripoli. Three journalists were also attending.

During those four training days, participants benefited from high quality speakers selected by the Fondation, among which academic professors and NGO members who traveled from France and Switzerland.

This session innovated by proposing for the first time a range of three seminars with the resolution of a practical case about a fictional situation before the European Court of Human Rights (Prisoners' Rights and conditions of detention), followed by a plea simulation.



PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAÏTI

FIGHTING AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND PROMOTING EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights organized a 7th training session in international human rights law in Port-au-Prince from 3 to 13 December 2018, on the theme "Fighting against discrimination and promoting equality in International Human Rights Law". This training session was organized thanks to the support of the Cooperation and Cultural Action Office of the French Embassy in Haiti, the European Union Delegation in Haiti, the School for Magistrates (EMA) and the Civil Society Initiative (ISC).

The goal of this training session is to offer to the participants an access to a high-level training in the field of international human rights. Courses are intended for students in legal, political, human and social sciences, magistrates and students at the School for Magistrates, members of International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations, and all members of the civil society involved in the promotion and the protection of human rights.

This training session is usually reserved for Haitians participants who have some difficulties to come in Strasbourg to assist to the Summer School and to other specialized training sessions.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening speeches	<p>Kesner Michel THERMESI, Director of the Schools for Magistrates</p> <p>Rosny DESROCHES, Executive Director, Civil Society Initiative (ISC)</p> <p>Marveliz ROA, Programme Officer, European Union delegation in Haiti</p> <p>Jérôme PENNEC, Attaché de Coopération, Embassy of France in Haiti</p> <p>Agathe PETIT, Research Assistant, Fondation René Cassin</p>
Inaugural Conference	Sébastien GILLIOZ , Human Rights Officer handling Asia-Pacific section of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,
United Nations Human Rights Protection System	Sébastien GILLIOZ , Human Rights Officer handling Asia-Pacific section of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,
The non-discrimination principle of the Convention on the rights of the child in Haitian Law	Abdonel DOUDOU , Executive director of JURIMEDIA, award winner if the Port-au-Prince 2017 session
Inter-American Human Rights Protection System	Roger-Claude LIWANGA , Associated Professor at Emory University Law School, Researcher at Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights
The role of civil society in the fight against discrimination and the promotion of equality	Chenet JEAN-BAPTISTE , Representative of civil society at the Superior Council of the Judiciary
Refugee Law	Junior Rémy MAUVAIS , Liaison Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
The protection of the people against discriminations and statelessness in the frame of Inter-American Convention on Human Rights	Roger-Claude LIWANGA , Associated Professor at Emory University Law School, Researcher at Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights
The non-discrimination principle and the domestic work in Haiti	Patrick PIERRE-LOUIS , Lawyer and teacher, State University of Haiti
European Human Rights Protection System	Yannick LÉCUYER , Lecturer, University of Angers



THEME	SPEAKER
Gender equality in International Human Rights Law	Yannick LÉCUYER , Lecturer, University of Angers
Closing Conference : The principle of non-discrimination and the work of the Office of Citizen Protection in the field of promoting and protecting human rights	Renan HEDOUVILLE , Citizen Protector in Haiti
Closing ceremony	Kesner Michel THERMESI , Director of the Schools for Magistrates
	Rosny DESROCHES , Executive Director, Civil Society Initiative (ISC)
	Jacques LOUIS , Representative of the Minister of Justice and Public Safety
	Matt WOODS , Political adviser of the European Union delegation in Haiti
	Marc SERVIÉS , First adviser, Embassy of France in Haiti Agathe PETIT , Research Assistant, Fondation René Cassin

BALANCE

During these 9 days of training, participants have benefited from the presence of high-level speakers, among which a legal officer of the UN Human Rights Committee. The quality and the dynamism of interactions between participants and speakers show the considerable interest for the courses.

72 participants were present throughout the session, including 25 women. 77% of participants have succeeded the final test and get the certificate of achievement of the Fondation.

TESTIMONY



Luvencia DESIR

Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of first instance of Gonaïves, award winner of the 7th session, december 2018, Haiti

I had a great pleasure participating at the 7th session of the Fondation René Cassin on the theme « Fighting against discriminations and promoting equality in International Human Rights Law ».

The training was very interesting because of the relevance of the contents, the speakers' expertise and the variety of the public. It allows me to confront my previous knowledge and to improve my professional techniques.

I was especially pleased with the teachings about the United Nations protection system and the Regional Human Rights systems, refugees law, statelessness, their causes and consequences but also the concept of discrimination and equality through various national and international instruments. A stress was made on children rights, domestic workers, the role of civil society and the role of the Citizen Protection Office.

The speakers, composed by specialists and experienced professors, have shown their ability to pass their knowledge. It made the dialogue and debates much easier with the participants, who were mainly judges, lawyers, professors, researchers and high-level students.

Considered as a tool box, this session is encouraging for Haiti if these new knowledge can be applied in daily professional practices of each participant.

However, big questions still exist about the challenges and obligations assigned to States Parties in the fight for the promotion and the respect of human rights.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE FONDATION

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND SEA

Held in Le Mans on 24 and 25 May 2018, the annual symposium of the Fondation René Cassin focused on the theme "International and European Human Rights Law and Sea". This event was organized in partnership with the University of Le Mans, Le Mans Metropole, Themis, Université Bretagne Loire.

The States exert a hold on the sea in a specific way. No rules, in the law of the sea, can be seen as compulsory for the States to protect the fundamental rights of individuals. However, the sea is a real issue for humanity and Human Rights. The links between Human Rights Law and the law of the sea need to be questioned, especially regarding the tragic events happening in the Mediterranean Sea, but also following some cases of boarding and inspection, blaming the rights of the crew, captain, and ship-owners. The different sea activities can have huge consequences for fundamental human rights in the sea, but also the coastal territories within the States, and thus, more specifically if the existence of an international right to dignified living conditions and the right to a good environment.

This symposium was thus an opportunity to study issues with the occasion to studies problematics linking the application of Human Rights in the sea, and the creation of a law of the sea to protect Human Rights. For the human, and in relation to Human Rights, the sea is viewed simultaneously as an area of Freedom, a zone of survival, and a means of subsistence. It is around these three main themes that the attendees of the annual Symposium considered International Human Rights Law and the sea.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Opening speeches	Rachid EL GUERJOUA, President - Le Mans Université Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the Fondation René Cassin and former President of the European Court of Human rights Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the Fondation René Cassin, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas and Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture Sarah CASSELLA, Professor, Co- Director of the Research Thémis-UM - Le Mans University
Introductory Report: Human beings as subject of the Law of Sea	Hélène RASPAIL, Lecturer, Le Mans University
The sea, area of Freedom Under the chairmanship of Lucius CAFLISCH, Professor Emeritus Graduate Institute of Geneva	
The nature of the contested protection of the crew and other private actors in the Law of the Sea	Niki ALOUPI, Professor, University of Strasbourg
Human rights and bioethics: A comparative approach France-USA	Serena FORLATI, Assistant Professor, Università di Ferrara
The projection in high sea of the powers of the sovereign State in order to protect fundamental rights: the sea, area of freedom or under control?	Pierre-François LAVAL, Professor, University of Orléans
The sea, zone of survival Under the chairmanship of Julian FERNANDEZ, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas	
Human rights protection within the scope of the use force in sea	Guillaume LE FLOCH, Professor, Université Rennes 1
From an obligation of rescue to a Human right to be rescue?	Séline TREVISANUT, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University
The obligation of non-refoulement in sea	Vincent CHETAIL, Professor, Graduate Institute of Geneva

THEME	SPEAKER
The point of view of professionals	<p>François MARTINEAU, Auditor, Office of the legal affairs and/or Cécile CASÈS, auditor, General-staff of the Navy, Armies ministry</p> <p>Ralph W. GRUENERT, HCR Representative in France and Monaco</p> <p>Bérengère MATTA, in charge of the Bretagne area - SOS Méditerranée</p> <p>Olivier LAURENS, Auditor for the Navy, member of the Administration Council</p>

The sea as a means of subsistence
 Under the chairmanship of **Pierre MICHELMANN, Professor Emeritus - Université Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)**

Biological marine resources and Human rights	<p>Frédéric SCHNEIDER, Ph.D.</p> <p>Virginie TASSIN, Ph.D. and lawyer</p>
Non-biological marine resources and Human rights	<p>Sabrina ROBERT-CUENDET, Professor, University of Le Mans</p>
Protection of the cultural marine heritage and Human rights	<p>Marine THEY, Lecturer, University Panthéon-Assas</p>
Conclusive panel discussion Under the Chairmanship of Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the Fondation René Cassin and Former President of the European Court of Human rights	<p>Tsafir M. NDIAYE, Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the sea</p> <p>Florence MERLOZ, Deputy Director in Human Rights, Office of the legal affairs in the Ministry of foreign affairs</p> <p>Alain PELLET, Professor Emeritus, University of Paris Ouest-Nanterre</p>

SYMPOSIUM

COMPARATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS: RESEARCHING THE UNIVERSALITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS



The 8 and 9 March 2018, the Fondation René Cassin, the European Court of Human rights and the International Academy of Comparative Law organized a symposium on "Comparative Human Rights. The Researching the Universality of Human Rights". The symposium took place at the European Court of Human rights.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Introduction	Guido RAIMONDI, President of the European Court of Human Rights Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
Human Rights: a Regional Concept? Chairman : Diego P.FERNÁNDEZ ARROYO, Professor, Science Po Paris, Professor Emeritus of the Universities of Córdoba and Buenos Aires, Member of the Curatorium of the Academy of International Law of The Hague and general secretary of the Academy of International Law	Monica PINTO, Professor of International Law at the University of Buenos Aires Paul LEMMENS, judge at the European Court of Human Rights Maria Carmelina LONDOÑO LAZARO, Professor of International Human rights Law at the University of Sabana, member of the Columbian Academy of International Law, member of the Latin-American society of Human rights
Human rights: what universality? Chairman : Caroline KLEINER, Professor at the University of Strasbourg	Antônio Augusto CANÇADO TRINDADE, Judge at the International Court of Justice and Professor at the Dutch Institute of Human rights at the Utrecht University Emmanuel DECAUX, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II, President of the United-Nations Committee on enforced disappearances, member of the CNCDH Iulia MOTOC, Judge at the European Court of Human rights and professor at the University of Bucarest. Françoise TULKENS, former judge at the European Court of Human Rights Jeremy PERELMAN, Professor at Science-Po Paris, Director of the Law school « Clinique »

THEME	SPEAKER
Human Rights: implementation and efficacy Chairman : Sicilianos LINOS-ALEXANDRE, Vice-President and Judge at the European Court of Human rights	Laurence BURGORGUE- LARSEN, Professor at the School of Law, Sorbonne (Université Paris 1), Member of the Graduate school in International European Rights Ariel E. DULITZKY, Professor, Faculty of Law of the Texas University of Austin Angelika NUSSBERGER, Professor and Vice President at the European Court of Human Rights Róbert R. SPANO, Professor and Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
Human Rights: an international Court? Chairman : Niki ALOUPI, Professor, University of Strasbourg	William A. SCHABAS, Professor at the Political and Legal Sciences Faculty at the University of Québec, Montréal (UQAM) Peggy DUCOULOMBIER, Professor at the Law Faculty of Strasbourg and Vice President of the Scientific Council for the René Cassin Pleading Competition Olivier DE FROUVILLE, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Director of the Research Center on Human Rights, Member of the United-Nations Human Rights Committee
Conclusion	Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the Fondation René Cassin and former President of the European Court of Human Rights

WORKSHOP

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

On 27 February 2018, the Fondation René Cassin organized a workshop on enforced disappearances. The project was initiated and financed by the Japanese Embassy to the Council of Europe. This serious worldwide violation of Human Rights is sometimes viewed as a crime against humanity. Thus, a United Nations working group was created in 1980 and an International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance was adopted in 2006 and came into force in 2010. A United Nations Committee is in charge of its proper maintenance.

The workshop was a great success. Some 100 persons attended the events, including several Ambassadors, and numerous members of Permanent Representations. The panel of speakers was composed by eminent experts, members of the Committee, such as its former President Emmanuel Decaux, its current President Suela Janina and a former member, Professor Yakushiji, and also legal experts from the Courts administration services. Their presence contributed to the high quality of the presentations and exchanges.

The purposes of this workshop were numerous. The first reason was to make the attendees fully aware of the extent and the seriousness of the phenomenon. Then, the workshop had the ambition to encourage the ratification of the Convention by other states (now, only 58 States are legally bound by it), especially member States of the Council of Europe (only 20 out of 47 are party to the Convention). Finally, the workshop wanted to create a collaboration between regional, national, and international levels.



PROGRAMME

THEME	SPEAKER
Introductory speeches	Jean-Paul COSTA, President of Fondation René Cassin, former President of the European Court of Human Rights Takamasa SATO, Ambassador - Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe Stephanos STAVROS, Senior Legal Adviser to the DG, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, CoE
The role and the activities of the Committee on enforced disappearances	Suela JANINA, President of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances
The legal challenges of the Convention	Emmanuel DECAUX, Professor Emeritus at the University Panthéon Assas – Member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances
The experience of Japan	Kimio YAKUSHIJI, Professor, School of Law, Ritsumeikan University, Former member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances
The case law of the ECtHR concerning Russia	Olga CHERNISHOVA, Head of Division, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
The experience of former Yugoslavia	Cedo RADNIC, Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
Round table 1 : European Perspectives	
Moderator : Stephanos STAVROS, Senior Legal Adviser to the DG, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, CoE	
The execution of the decisions of the ECtHR in the field of enforced disappearances	Fredrik SUNDBERG, Deputy Head of the Department for the Execution of ECtHR Judgments, DGI, Council of Europe
Missing persons and victims of enforced disappearance in Europe : The work of the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights	Bojana URUMOVA, Deputy to the Director, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner of Human Rights

THEME	SPEAKER
<p>Round table 2 : The United Nations Perspectives Moderator : Emmanuel DECAUX, Professor Emeritus at the University Panthéon Assas – Member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances</p>	
<p>The activities of the Working group on enforced disappearances concerning member States of Council of Europe and its Co-operation with the Committee on Enforced Disappearances</p>	<p>Ugo CEDRANGOLO, Secretary, United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances</p>
<p>The strategy on the ratification of the Convention on Enforced Disappearances</p>	<p>Gabriella CITRONI, Professor at the University of Milano-Bicocca</p>
<p>Conclusions</p>	<p>Stephanos STAVROS, Senior Legal Adviser to the DG, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, CoE Suela JANINA, President of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances</p>

PRIX DE THÈSE RENÉ CASSIN

To develop and promote the publication of research on Human rights, the Fondation René Cassin awards annually a francophone Thesis Prize (since 2006) and an English-Speaking Thesis Prize (since 2012).

The application procedure for obtaining this thesis award is open to Ph.D. who have supported their thesis in one of the following areas: international human rights law, regional human rights law, comparative human rights law, and legal theory of human rights. The award of this prize, at the opening ceremony of the Summer School, allows the publication of the book at Éditions Pedone in the collection «Publications de l'Institut International des Droits de l'Homme».

In 2018, the René Cassin Foundation awarded two René Cassin Thesis Prize:

- **Christos GIANNOPOULOS**, *L'autorité de la chose interprétée des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme*, Université de Strasbourg - (Dir. De thèse : Constance GREWE, Professeur émérite, Université de Strasbourg, Dominique D'AMBRA, Professeur, Université de Strasbourg)
- **Julie TAVERNIER**, *La réparation dans le contentieux international des droits de l'homme*, Université de Paris II - Panthéon Assas - (Dir. De thèse : Sébastien TOUZÉ, Professeur, Université Paris II - Panthéon Assas)

The Jury did not award a special mention for the francophone René Cassin Thesis Prize 2018.

The English-Speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize 2017 was awarded to **Alessandra LA VACCARA**, *When the Conflicts Ends, While Uncertainty Continues: Accounting for Missing Persons between War and Peace in International Law*, Graduate Institute of international and development studies of Geneva - (Dir. Vincent CHETAIL, Director of the Global Migration Centre and Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies).

The Jury did not award a special mention for the English-Speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize 2018



OTHER ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATION

All the publications can be found on the website: www.iidh.org

Muriel SOGNIGBÉ SANGBANA,

La sanction internationale de la violation des Droits de l'Homme, Pedone, 2018

The international sanction following a violation of Human Rights has some issues to reach its targeted objectives. The non-jurisdictional sanctions applied in the system of the United Nations Human Rights Charter are common law, but their efficacy is limited for the victim. Some recommendations are taken by the Committees, which were created to supervise the application of the different Convention relating to Human Rights, but they suffer from a lack of competences for serious violations. Regarding the lack of a mechanism for serious violations, the Security Council extended the application of collective measures for Human rights. The use of Chapter VII is however limited by the operational issues. Thus, the Security Council decided to vary the sanctions. Nevertheless, even if some sanctions or legal measures, as the creation of criminal jurisdiction, are taken, the collective measures are focused on the individual and not on the State. The State is internationally responsible in the matter of Human Rights but is sheltered from binding neither of collective nor criminal sanctions. A reform of the international Human rights dispute is necessary and can be inspired by the regional Human Rights protection agreements and their guaranty of the rights of the victim. The creation of a universal Court, in charge of the sanctions in case of Human rights violation, should be considered, as well as the reinforcing of the mechanisms of the Treaties.



THE RENÉ CASSIN PLEADING COMPETITION

The Fondation René Cassin and the Faculty of Law of the University of Strasbourg have organized the 33rd edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition from 4 to 6 April 2018. This event was organized thanks to the support of Sciences Po Strasbourg, the University of Strasbourg, the Bar Association of Strasbourg, the Editions Lexis Nexis, l'Association MédiaDroit, the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, la Région Grand Est, the City of Strasbourg, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Ministry of Justice of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

This pleading competition in European human rights law proposes each year, to students of the third year of undergrad, Master 1 or Master 2 of francophone universities, to treat a fictitious case, first through a dissertation and then through a pleading in front of a panel of experts. This year the topic was "Whistleblowers and European Human Rights Law". The aim of this competition is to promote Human Rights within universities and to pay a tribute to René Cassin, founder of the Fondation René Cassin and eminent Human Rights Defender.

128 attendees who composed 32 teams, selected on the basis of a written submission, clashed for three days during the semi-finals at the Council of Europe and the final at the European Court of Human Rights. The jury members of the semi-finals were Professors, Lecturers, Lawyers and Officials of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights.

The team of the University of Angers (applicant) and the team of the University Jean Monnet de Saint-Etienne (defendant) clashed during the final that took place in the large courtroom of the European Court of Human Rights in front of a prestigious grand jury, chaired by the journalist Harry Roselmack. The team of the University of Jean Monnet of Saint-Etienne won this final and the Prize for the Best Litigator.

Founded in 1984, the reputation of this competition does not cease growing in the past years, as well as the number of applications. The number of teams increased from 30 last year to 32 this year, which makes also the competition more difficult.

Some side-events such as dinners or cocktails receptions were simultaneously organized in order to create opportunities for exchanges and to make this competition a way to share a common goal: the protection of Human Rights.



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Yannis BERTHELIER

Students, Third year of Law (University Jean
Monnet, Saint-Etienne)
Laureates of the René Cassin Pleading
Competition - 33rd edition

The Pleading competition is divided into two
stages. The first is writing and the second is
speaking.

The first stage took place from September to
February. As third year law students, we were
required to discover for ourselves the European
Human Rights Law. Writing our dissertations
provided us with a brand new approach to
the law, especially because it involved direct
application of the European Human Rights in
a concrete case. Thus, the first stage of the
competition was really enriching as it involved
skills in clarity, synthesis and rigour.

The second stage was intensive preparation for
the pleadings, with oral training 3 or 4 times a
week. This enabled the litigant to be more at
ease speaking in front of a jury and to develop
non-verbal communication skills with the legal
advisor who was a centre piece during our
speeches.

During the pleading part of the competition,
team work was absolutely necessary. It was
important, in our opinion, that each member
stayed active and helped the speaker. Thus,
he was able to concentrate on the form of his
speech and to answer the jury's questions.



In addition to the pleadings in themselves,
the pleading stage provided an opportunity
to exchange with members of the jury, as
well as with other participants, in a friendly
atmosphere, far from the competitive spirit we
had been expected. Our trip to Strasbourg was
a great human adventure in a wonderful city.
The official closing ceremony which took place
at the Hôtel de Région, was however, not the
end of this adventure. The idea of a last meal
for the participants was devised by the team
from La Réunion, who wanted to gather us
together one last time. The warm atmosphere
around the competition allowed us to enjoy this
experience without any feeling of competition.

It was with much emotion that we went back
to Saint-Etienne. What a surprise there! A
ceremony was organised for us by our Faculty.

At the end of this adventure, if someone had
asked us to describe in a few words what we
felt, we would, as one, have said "pride" and
"gratitude".

PLEADING COMPETITION IN BUDAPEST

The Fondation René Cassin supported the organization of the 3rd francophone Pleading Competition which took place on 23 November 2018 in Budapest (Hungary). The theme of this competition was "domestic violence". This event was organized by the French Embassy in Hungary, the Institut Français of Budapest and the University Eötvös Loránd with the support of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie. Participants were francophone law students coming from Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the Czech Republic. Two participants were awarded: Clélie EMILE ("students in France" category) and Olivia GHIORGHIU ("students in Central Europe" category).

BOOK PRESENTATION

Russia and the European Court of Human Rights: The Strasbourg Effect

On 7th septembre 2018, the Fondation René Cassin organized the presentation of the book *Russia and the European Court of Human Rights: The Strasbourg Effect*, directed by professors Lauri Mälksoo (University of Tartu, Estonia) and Wolfgang Benedek (Institute of International Law and International Relations, Austria).

OUR 2019 PROGRAMME

From 21 to 26 January 2019 : 1st training session of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

From 11 to 16 February 2019 : 6th training session in Bamako (Mali)

From 3 to 5 April 2019 : René Cassin Pleading Competition 2019

From 29 April to 4 May 2019 : 4th training session of Yaoundé (Cameroun)

From 17 to 28 June 2019 : 22nd intensive training on refugee law (Strasbourg - France)

From 1 to 26 July 2019 : 50th Summer School (Strasbourg - France)

From 2 to 13 September 2019 : 33rd training session of Buenos Aires (Argentina)

From 16 to 27 September 2019 : 10th training session of Dakar (Senegal)

From 28 October to 2 November 2019 : 1st training session of Niamey (Niger)

From 25 to 28 November 2019 : 7th Training Session «Mona Haddad des droits de l'homme» of Beirut (Lebanon)

From 2 to 12 December 2019 : 8th training session of Port-au-Prince (Haïti)





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