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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the annual report of the René Cassin Foundation for 2020

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2020 was a disastrous year.

The pandemic (COVID 19), which emerged earlier this year, has sickened millions of people around the world and killed nearly 3 million. At the time of writing, more than a year after its appearance, the scourge has not been contained. While the great hope of vaccination offers a glimpse of the end of the tunnel, no one can say when it will be reached, or when a ‘normal’ life can be restored. The fight for public health and against the pandemic has led to constraints and measures that infringe on freedoms everywhere, which are no doubt necessary, but perhaps excessive; the debate is open.

Our Foundation has obviously not been spared.

In terms of ideals, Cassin’s dream, which is still ours, – to contribute to world peace through the promotion of rights and freedoms – is affected, if only because of the conflicts between public health order and freedoms, or between different human rights that are equally respectable but difficult to reconcile.

In practical terms, our work has been very much disrupted.

To stick to 2020, we had to give up the vast majority of our teaching sessions, both in Strasbourg and elsewhere (only those in Ouagadougou and Bamako at the beginning of the year and Dakar at the end of the year were able to take place), not to mention the René Cassin pleading competition and other activities.

With great effort, some events were held. I would like to mention particularly the symposium with the University of Poitiers on the prohibition of slavery and trafficking in human beings, in January; the seminar on women’s rights in the 21st century (in partnership with the Japanese authorities and the ECHR), in February; participation in the Court’s colloquium on the 70th anniversary of the Convention, in

September, a small part of the annual session, postponed to October. Also, worth mentioning is the award of the French and English Cassin thesis prizes or the publication of the proceedings of the 2019 seminar on Protocol No. 16. Activity has not been nil, but what regrets...

We are nevertheless continuing the renovation of our headquarters, thanks to our inclusion in the three-year City-State-Region contract. There is a strong symbol here. Isn’t it said that « when the construction industry is doing well, everything is doing well » ?

All that has been preserved has been achieved through collective resilience and the contribution of various actors. First and foremost, we should mention our permanent staff, who have stoically borne the financial burden, albeit mitigated by State aid, but which has been substantial. But also, our Director and our Deputy Director; they have deployed imagination and energy to limit the damage, by resorting to online activities, by diversifying our actions, by seeking resources. We relied on our Bureau and the Board of Directors, which we convened three times and consulted online three times as well, to take difficult social and budgetary decisions. I am not forgetting our accounting firm and our external auditor, whose help goes beyond their duties and is morally comforting. And we have many partners and allies: Universities, Bar Associations, Schools, our teachers, and some patrons too... Despite the harshness of the times, the Friends Association, which has renewed its team, is developing well.

Of course, financially, there was no miracle. But the 2020 financial year was less disastrous than it was likely to be. Of course, it is annoying that after having, through rigorous management, reduced the deficit by half in 2018, after having even achieved a surplus in 2019, we are back in a deficit situation. Could this be the rock of Sisyphus?

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Knowing that this is unfortunately the common lot in these circumstances is only a small and bitter consolation; but it is better to remember the spectacular recovery of the two years before last and to expect a return, as soon as possible, to an upward march! I am convinced that this will be the case, and many avenues have already been sketched out by our fine team to ensure a more serene future.

This is the last word from the President that I will write.

I had long since decided and announced my decision to leave the Presidency of the Foundation. Two events have forced me to postpone it for almost a year and a half: the desire to implement, collectively, the recommendations made by the Court of Auditors at the end of its audit, which has been carry out from mid-2019 to spring 2020; and, of course, my desire not to leave the ship at the height of the COVID storm. Even if the sea is not yet smooth, I am convinced that the pitfalls our boat has overcome are the worst. Moreover, I know that it will be in very good hands, especially with the future President, Director and Deputy Director. I wish them well. I also note that the image of the Foundation around the world is very positive, which helps.

My feelings at the end of this short post and this long mandate are twofold: nostalgia, of course, because leaving the helm after nine years, filled with worries but also with great joys and strong friendships, inevitably stirs me up; and at the same time confidence: I remain convinced - against all odds - that the course of history resembles a sinusoid rather than a straight line, that René Cassin's dream is not completely utopian, and that the institution he launched in the evening of his life will still contribute, for its part, to gradually making this dream a reality. Let us not be afraid!

Jean-Paul Costa, Président
Strasbourg, 8 avril 2021



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

René Cassin Foundation International Institute of Human Rights

The International Institute of Human Rights became a Foundation by virtue of a decree taken in Council of State and published in the Journal Officiel on 13 December 2015. This change in status allows the new Foundation 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 Foundation is as follows:

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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

European Heritage Days

Launched in 1985, in France, by the Council of Europe, the European Heritage Days, organized by the 50 signatory States of the European Cultural Convention, highlight the diversity of local competences, traditions, architectural styles and pieces of art which constitute a common European heritage. Since 1999, the European Heritage Days are a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe. They allow European citizens to explore a wide range of cultural resources through theme events, and show hidden histories of people and places which helped shape Europe's culture and heritage.

Created in 2005, the Label of the European Heritage has been attributed by the European Commission to various locations based on their historical dimension or symbolic importance, incarnating the "values, history, integration and European ideals". Upon receiving the Label, the European neighbourhood of Strasbourg developed for the first time a common programme of activities on the occasion of the European Heritage Days.

Discovering the René Cassin Foundation International Institute of Human Rights:

On Saturday, the 19th of September 2020, the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights, opened its doors to the public for 5 meetings, consisting of an exchange with a Member of the Direction of the Foundation, on the history, activities and objectives of the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights founded in 1969 by René Cassin, Nobel Peace Prize.



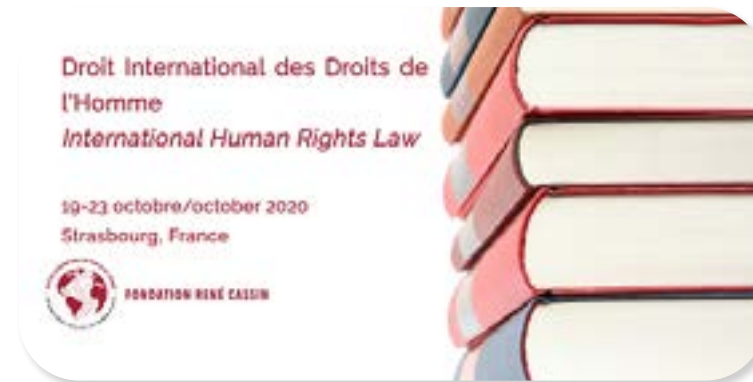
Programme :

- **From 09h45 to 10h30 (am) and from 10h45 to 11h30 (am):**
Presentation by Valérie BAUD-CANAU, Deputy Director of the René Cassin Foundation, former Lawyer
- **From 14h00 to 14h45 (pm) and from 15h00 to 15h45 (pm):**
Presentation by Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the René Cassin Foundation, former President of the European Court of Human Rights

SEMINARS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

This general training on regional and universal human rights protection systems took place from the 19th to the 23rd of October 2020 in Strasbourg. Participants could attend classes in Strasbourg, online or in replay. Professors WACHSMANN and TOUZÉ held general lectures, and seminars on current events were taught. A total of 15 speakers presented to the participants judicial notions attached to specific themes from their respective fields of expertise.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
The European System of human rights protection	Patrick WACHSMANN , Professor emeritus at the University of Strasbourg
Sanitary security and human rights	Christos GIANNOPOULOS , Lecturer at the University of Strasbourg
Personal data protection and the role of the Council of Europe	Sophie KWASNY , Chief of Units on Protection of personal data at the Council of Europe
The non-discrimination principle and International Human Rights Law	Frederic EDEL , Doctor in Law, (University of Strasbourg), researcher at ENA
The protection of asylum seekers in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights	Marion LARCHE , Lecturer, at the University of Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), Associate Judge at the National Court for Right of Asylum

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Human rights and police violence	Anna GLAZEWSKI , Doctor in Law (University of Panthéon-Assas, Paris II), Legal Adviser at the European Court of Human Rights
Hate speech in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights	Anne WEBER , Doctor in Law (University of Strasbourg), Adviser at the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
The interaction between international humanitarian law and the European Convention on human rights	Evangelia VASALOU , Doctoral student at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Research Assistant at the René Cassin Foundation
The notion of « jurisdictional connection » in the recent jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights	Alexandre HERMET , Lecturer at the University of Strasbourg
Interpretation methods of the European Court of Human Rights	Baina UBUSHIEVA , Doctor in Law (University of Bordeaux), Legal Adviser at the European Court of Human Rights
The human rights protection system of the United Nations and its specialized institutions	Sébastien TOUZE , Professor at the University of Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), Vice-president of the United Nations Committee Against Torture, Director of the René Cassin Foundation
The fight against terrorism and human rights protection	Matthieu BIRKER , Doctor in Law (University of Strasbourg), Adviser, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Current case law of the European Court of Human Rights jurisprudence – View of the Judge	Carlo RANZONI , Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
The control exercised by the European Court of Human Rights on national authorities decisions	Paul LEMMENS , Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
Environmental right as a human right	Grazia SCOCCA , Doctor in Law (University of Salerno-University of Strasbourg), Legal Expert, European Cancer Patient Coalition
Test	
Certificate award	

Assessment

A total of 51 participants took part in this training on International Human Rights Law: 45,88% of them were Europeans and 6,12% were Internationals. The training was opened to every interested person: 61% of students took part in the training, so did 6% of lawyers and 33% of other professions. Many participants (51%) attended the courses online due to the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the courses and seminars, each participant passed an online multiple-choice test. Those who succeeded, obtained a training certificate on International Human Rights Law. A certificate of presence was awarded to the participants who did not succeed on the test. The training on International Human Rights Law has known a very good success rate at the test that took place at the end of the training. The success rate is of 85,7%.



LAWYER TRAINING: WHEN THE LAWYER INVOKE'S THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

This training entitled “When a lawyer invokes the European Convention on Human Rights” lasted 4 days and was aimed at lawyers and university students.

The training highlighted precise and concrete informations concerning the procedure, and approached key points of the European jurisprudence in specific domains: family, foreigners, economic and press actors. The courses were provided only in French.

The poster features the logos of the Fondation René Cassin (a globe) and the Ordre des Avocats Strasbourg (stars) at the top. The title is 'QUAND L'AVOCAT INVOQUE LA CONVENTION EUROPEENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME'. Below the title, it states 'Du 23 au 25 novembre 2020'. The central image shows a book titled 'Guide pratique de l'application de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme' resting on a black garment with a white cuff. At the bottom left, a white box says 'Disponible uniquement à distance'. Below that, it lists 'Date limite des inscriptions : 17 novembre 2020' and 'Inscriptions : www.iidh.org'. On the bottom right, a grey hexagon contains the text 'Jusqu'à 24 heures validées'.

Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Litigation strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justiciability of the Convention • Optimization of the internal appeals • Appeals coordination 	Nicolas COHEN, Lawyer at the Brussels Bar
Means of action development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation with NGO's • Synergy among partners • Request of international bodies (exception of litispence) 	Martin PRADEL, Lawyer at the Paris Bar
Methodology of the appeals before the European Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the conditions of admissibility • Development of the argumentation of the request • Interim measures 	Thibaut LARROUTOUROU, Legal adviser at the European Court
Understanding the legal procedure before the European Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the different steps of the legal procedure • Understanding the third-party intervention • The conduct of a procedure 	Ellen PENNINGCKX, Legal adviser at the European Court
The compensation in the european litigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The just satisfaction claim • Developing the satisfaction claim • The compensation means 	Radoslav DIMOV, Legal adviser at the European Court
Execution of ECHR judgments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The execution means • The follow-up of the execution • The lawyer action in the context of the execution 	Radoslav DIMOV, Legal adviser at the European Court
France before the European Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The receiving of European solutions by the Conseil d'Etat • The receiving of European solutions by the Cour de Cassation 	Jean-Luc SAURON, Concillor of State Florence MERLOZ, Legal Advisor at the Cour de Cassation
France before the European Court of Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current case law 	Mattias GUYOMAR, Juge at the European Court of Human Rights

THEMES	SPEAKERS
The European Convention on Human rights and the press <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current case law 	Christophe BIGOT , Lawyer at the Paris Bar
The European Convention on Human Rights and the foreigners litigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current case law 	Julien MARTIN , Lawyer at the Strasbourg Bar Delphine LENEUTRE , Legal Associate - UNHCR
The European Convention on Human Rights and family law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current case law 	Tiffany CONEIN , Lawyer at the Strasbourg Bar Richard SEDILLOT , Lawyer at the Rouen Bar

Assessment

This professional training on “When the lawyer invoke’s the European Convention on Human Rights” theme, was held online from the 23rd to the 26th November 2020, in partnership with the Bar Council of Strasbourg. It welcomed in total 28 participants, among which 7 lawyers from the Strasbourg Bar, 17 lawyers from other french Bars (Paris, Montpellier, Rennes, Nantes...), 1 Haitian lawyer, 1 Professor, and 2 doctoral students. The training has gathered 17 women and 11 men.

COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

This general training on the International Criminal Court and the victims protection lasted 3 days, the 14th, the 15th and the 17th December 2020, and was opened to all interested persons. It was an online training only; the courses were provided on the Zoom platform of the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights by high level experts. 17 participants followed the courses of this training.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
The ICC – Emergence and procedure of exercise	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor at the University of Panthéon Assas Paris II
The representation of victims	Sarah PELLET , Legal Adviser at the International Criminal Court, Office of Public Counsel for victims
The ICC – Judicial practice and current challenges	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor at the University of Panthéon Assas Paris II

TRAINING SESSIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

The start of the Human Rights Clinic in Strasbourg took place in September 2020 for the two promotions composed of 21 students. This training took place over two years and combined theoretical training in international human rights law and practical training through the treatment of litigation matters as well as cooperation with various actors involved in the field of human rights.

Clinicians were 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 attended courses at the Faculty of Law of the University of Strasbourg, and seminars provided by national and international experts.



TRAINING SESSIONS ABROAD

The René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights 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. Due to the sanitary crisis some of our training sessions abroad had to be postponed.



TRAINING SESSIONS ABROAD OF THE FOUNDATION IN 2020:

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Regional Courts Approaches about Human Rights Protection

Bamako, Mali

International Criminal Law

Dakar, Sénégal

Women's Rights and International Human Rights Law

OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

REGIONAL COURTS APPROACHES ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

Presentation and objectives

The second training session in Ouagadougou entitled “Regional Courts Approaches about Human Rights Protection” took place from the 3rd to the 8th of February 2020. The choice of this thematic by the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights and the National School for Magistrates (ENAM) was aiming to propose to the participants a training of excellence in international human rights law, offering tools that may be potentially mobilized for the defense of human rights in a judicial framework.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Welcoming Speeches	Awalou OUEDRAOGO, General Director of ENAM Armand BEOUIDE, Mayor of the municipality of Ouagadougou Anne-Laure MEAR, Officer-in-Charge, Representative of the René Cassin Foundation
Inaugural Ceremony	Djibrihina OUEDRAOGO, Professor at the University of Ouaga II
Universal system of human rights protection	Guillaume LE FLOCH, Law Professor at the University of Rennes
Thematic course: The relationship between the systems of human rights protection	Guillaume LE FLOCH, Law Professor at the University of Rennes
The African System of human rights protection	Ted Rogrigue BILGHO, Judge at the High Court of Ouagadougou and litigation recovery Director
Thematic course: Sub-regional movements in Africa	Sewa Agou AGBODJAN, Doctor in Law at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Thematic course: Universal and regional human rights protection: value of cooperation	Gilles BADET, General Secretary of the Constitutional Court of Benin
Thematic course: The implementation of african instruments in front of the national jurisdictions	Gilles BADET, General Secretary of the Constitutional Court of Benin
Thematic course: The individual appeal and the coexistence of the african Court and the jurisdictions of the regional economic communities	Sewa Agou AGBODJAN, Doctor in Law at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Thematic course: The role of the sub-regional courts in the african human rights system	Gilles BADET, General Secretary of the Constitutional Court of Benin

THEMES	SPEAKERS
International humanitarian Law	Dieudonné KALINDYE BYANJIRA, Professor at the Law School at University of Kinshasa
International Criminal Law	Awalou OUEDRAOGO, Assistant Professor at the international studies department at the University of York and General Director of the National School of Administration and of Magistrates
Final test	
Closing conference : “The democratic principles in front of the African Court of human rights and nations”	Ousséni ILLY, Professor at the University of Ouaga II
Closing ceremony	Pr Seni OUEDRAOGO, Minister for the Civil Service, of Work and Social Protection Awalou OUEDRAOGO, General Director of ENAM Anne-Laure MEAR, Officer-in-Charge, Representative of the René Cassin Foundation

Assessment

The opening of a training session for the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights was eagerly awaited in Burkina Faso, as evidenced by the 106 listeners who took part in this second session. Indeed, the number of participants, the very good level of the audience, the pass rate on the final exam, the topics covered, the content and the documentary support of the courses, the interactions with the teachers, the logistical support of the session and the richness of the debates, and the ENAM committed to inscribe this session in their annual programme attest to the great success of this session. It should be noted that of the 106 candidates for the final test, 76% obtained the certificate of completion.



testimony

Moussa BASSAN

Judge at the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Bobà-Dioulasso
in Burkina Faso

I am Moussa BASSAN, judge at the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso. I hold a master of rea

I graduated from a Master of resarch in Public International Law under which I defended a master thesis on “The non-jurisdictional control of human rights compliance in the universal system”. From the 3rd to the 8th of February 2020, I had the opportunity to participate to the 2nd training session in Ouagadougou on “the regional courts’ approach of human rights protection”. I was the laureate of this session with a score of 20/20.

During this training session, we took general courses on universal and African human rights protection systems, with some special references to European and inter-American systems. We also participated to thematic courses linked with the general theme of the training session. These courses helped me understand that subregional courts, originally created to manage local economic litigation, became actual human rights jurisdictions. The South African Development Community Court (SADC) and the Court of Justice of East Africa Communities are also involved in human rights litigation.



This training session was a privileged framework for learning and sharing. Participants shared the human rights principles and values that René Cassin held dear. It was a rewarding experience since the theme was relevant and because the courses were of good quality and were provided by high-level experts. It could not have been otherwise for the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights is a reference in the field of both research and training on human rights. Training sessions abroad are a way to reach candidates who, because of financial constraints, are not able to come to Strasbourg to participate to the Summer School.

I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude to the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights for the opportunity to participate to this successful session. The René Cassin Foundation deserves a score of 20/20 for the work they have done. For obvious reasons, I really wish to see the Foundation developing its activites in Damas, Tripoli, Kaboul, Bagdad, Bangui and Islamabad in the coming years. As René Cassin said: “There will be no peace on this planet as long as human rights are being violated, regardless of where in the world it is happening”.

BAMAKO, MALI

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Presentation and objectives

The 7th training session in Bamako took place from the 17th to the 22nd of February 2020. It specialized on International Criminal Law, and was organized in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (DDH-MINUSMA). The aim of this training session was to propose to the participants a training of excellence in International criminal Law, offering tools for the human rights defense in a regional and international judicial framework.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Opening speeches	<p>Mody BERETHE, General Director of the School of Peacekeeping Alioune Blondin Beye</p> <p>Anne-Laure MEAR, Officer-in-Charge, Representative of the René Cassin Foundation</p> <p>Joachim HOLDEN, Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation</p> <p>Paul d'AUCHAMP, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Division of the MINUSMA</p> <p>Ludwig JUNG, First Secretary at the economic and political affairs at the German Embassy in Mali, Representative of the German Embassy in Mali</p> <p>Didier MAZE, Secretray of the principal Foreign Affairs of the French Embassy in Mali, Representative of the French Embassy in Mali</p> <p>Salvador PINTO DA FRANCIA, Representative of the european Delegation</p> <p>Joanne ADAMSON, Special Deputy Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations</p> <p>Malick COULIBALY, Justice and Human Rights Ministry of the Republic of Mali</p>
Inaugural conference	<p>François ROUX, Honorary Lawyer, Former Chief of the Defense Office at the Special Court for Liban</p>
The Universal System of human rights protection	<p>Armand SAMBA SAMALIGUE, Lawyer at the Grenoble Bar and Professor at the University of Grenoble Alpes</p>
Thematic course: Mali and international criminal law	<p>Diachari POUDIOUGO, Teacher-Reasercher in Juridical and Political Sciences at the University of Bamako</p>
International Criminal Law: Criminalizations and the rules of general criminal law provisions	<p>Vaios KOUTROULIS, Professor at the University Libre de Bruxelles</p>
International Criminal Law: Jurisdictional immunity in a International criminal trial	<p>Vaios KOUTROULIS, Professor at the University Libre de Bruxelles</p>

THEMES	SPEAKERS
International Criminal Law: The cooperation in a international criminal trial	Vaios KOUTROULIS, Professor at the University Libre de Bruxelles
International Criminal Law: The prosecutions in front of national jurisdictions	Antoine KABORE, Doctor in Law at the University of Genève and Trainee Lawyer at the Burkina-Faso Bar
The Universal System of human rights protection laws	Armand SAMBA SAMALIGUE, Lawyer at the Grenoble Bar and Professor at the University of Grenoble Alpes
Thematic course: The transitional Justice	Modibo SACKO, Doctor in Law, Magistrate and Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Justice
International Criminal Law: Victims and witnesses in the prosecutions framework of the crime commander in international law	Antoine KABORE, Doctor in Law at the University of Genève and Trainee Lawyer at the Burkina-Faso Bar
International criminal Law: The defense laws in the prosecutions of the crime commander in interational laws	Antoine KABORE, Doctor in Law at the University of Genève and Trainee Lawyer at the Burkina-Faso Bar
International Humanitarian Law	Antoine KABORE, Doctor in Law at the University of Genève and Trainee Lawyer at the Burkina-Faso Bar
Final test	
Closing ceremony	Joachim HOLDEN, Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation Anne-Laure MEAR, Officer-in-Charge, Representative of the René Cassin Foundation Paul d'AUCHAMP, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Division of the MINUSMA Manassa DIANOKO, President of the Constitutional Court of Mali

Assessment

The Bamako session welcomed 117 participants, including 27 women. The participants represented 9 countries: Mali, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Chad, Togo, and other nationalities. 72% of the participants obtained the certificate of achievement of the final test of this session.



DAKAR, SENEGAL

WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Presentation and objectives

The 11th training session in Dakar was organized together with the René Cassin Foundation – international Institute of Human Rights and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, in partnership with the French Embassy in Senegal, the Delegation of the European Union in Senegal, the Bureau régional Afrique de l’ouest of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Senegalese Human Rights Committee. The training session was held from the 23rd November to the 4th December 2020 on the theme “Women’s Rights and International Human Rights Law”; it was accompanied by side-events alongside prestigious Institutions such as the Supreme Court and the Bar of Senegal.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Monday, November 23rd Welcoming Speeches	<p>Dr. Jo Holden, FNF West Africa Regional Director</p> <p>Prof. Sébastien Touzé, Director of the René Cassin Foundation</p> <p>Me Pape Sène, President of the Senegalese Human Rights Committee</p> <p>M. Andréa Ori, Representative of the West Africa regional office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Madame Aby Diallo, President of the Association of Senegalese Lawyers</p> <p>S.E.M. Stephan Röken, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Senegal</p> <p>S.E.M. Philippe Lalliot, Ambassador of France in Senegal</p> <p>S.E.M. Irène Mingasson, Ambassador Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Senegal</p>
Welcoming Speeches	Ndèye Salimata Diop DIENG, Minister of Women, Gender Family and Child Protection
Inaugural Conference	<p>Amsatou Sow SIDIBÉ, Associate Professor with the chair of private law at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Active member of civil society, First senegalese women associate in legal and political sciences, Author of many publications</p> <p>Fatou Jagne SENGHORE, Regional Director of Article 19 in West Africa</p>
International System of human rights protection	Mactar KAMARA, Associate of Law Faculties, Doctor in Law at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Professor at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) of Dakar and at the National School of Administratio in Senegal (ENA)
European System of human rights protection	Sébastien TOUZÉ, Director of the René Cassin Foundation, Professor at Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture
Tuesday, November 24th African System of human rights protection	Sanwé Médard KIÉNOU, Deputy Director of the African Center for International Criminal Law and Humanitarian Law (CADIPH)

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Wednesday, November 25th European system of human rights protection	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the René Cassin Foundation, Professor at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture
African System of human rights protection	Sanwé Médard KIÉNOU , Deputy Director of the African Center for International Criminal Law and Humani
Seminar – Practical case: Groupe A and B	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas Claire MERIC , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Thursday, November 26th Human rights protection in the west African sub-regions	Sanwé Médard KIÉNOU , Deputy Director of the African Center for International Criminal Law and Humanitarian Law (CADIPH)
Thematic course: The CEDAW and it’s appropriation by the African States	Marie Delphine NDIAYE , Presidente of the National Order of Experts of Senegal
Seminar – Practical case: Groupe A and B	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas Claire MERIC , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Friday, November 27th Thematic course: The CEDAW and it’s appropriation by the African States	Marie Delphine NDIAYE , Presidente of the National Order of Experts of Senegal
Thematic course: The Maputo’s protocol	Fatou Kiné CAMARA , Doctro of State in Private Law and et Lecturer at the University of Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD)
Thematic course: The Maputo’s protocol	Nafissatou DIOUF MBODJ , Lawyer at the Senegal Bar

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Seminar – Practical case: Groupe A and B	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas Claire MERIC , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Monday, November 30th International Criminal Law	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
The GBV and the international courts taking into account the GBV's	Aminata KEBE et Marion VOLKMAN
Seminar – Practical case: Groupe A and B	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas Claire MERIC , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Tuesday, December 1st International Criminal Law	Julian FERNANDEZ , Professor at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
International Humanitarian Law	Eric DAVID , Professor emeritus at the University libre de Bruxelles
Thematic course: Women, peace and security	Diago NDIAYE, AGBOTON-JOHNSON, et Ndèye Marie THIAM
Seminar – Practical case: Groupe A and B	Sontia NKENKEU-KECK , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas Claire MERIC , Doctoral student at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Wednesday, December 2nd International Humanitarian Law	Eric DAVID , Professor emeritus at the University libre de Bruxelles
Special conference: Women, and human rights defense	Fatou Sow SARR, Toufah JALLOW
Thematic course: The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on women's rights	Zeinaba KANE , Teacher-Researcher in Public Law at the University of Alioune Diop de Bambey Sénégal

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Thursday, December 3rd Debate: The establishment of a rape law	Dior FALL SOW , Magistrate, former Attorney of the Republic of Senegal Alassane NDIAYE , Magistrate, Deputy Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons at the Ministry of Justice in Senegal
Special conference: countering forced marriages	Aïssa Ngatansou DOUMARA , Cameroonian Militant co-founder of the association to combat violence against women/Extreme North of Cameroun
Friday, December 4th Test	
Closing conference: Political participation of women	Zeinaba KANE , Teacher-Researcher in Public Law at the University of Alioune Diop de Bambey Sénégal
Closing ceremony and certificate awarding	

Programme & agenda of side-events

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Monday, November 23rd Welcoming Reception at the Residence of the German Embassy	
Tuesday, November 24th Special conference: Impunity and the right to Justice	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the René Cassin Foundation, Professor at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture Monsieur Mbacké FALL , Advisor at the Supreme Court of Senegal, former General Attorney of the Extraordinary African chambers in the senegalese Courts in the Hissène Habré Case
Thursday, November 26th Workshop: Interpretation of human rights conventions	Sébastien TOUZÉ , Director of the René Cassin Foundation, Professor at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Tuesday, December 1st Human Rights Event / Reception	
Wednesday, December 2nd Public conference: Womens rights and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic	Demba SEYDI, Aminata KÉBÉ, Abdoulaye MAR, Pape SENE

Assessment

This training session was aimed in priority at magistrates, lawyers, clerks, and other members of the judicial family, at governmental officials, law enforcement agencies (army, police), at members of international organizations, non-governmental organizations for human rights protection, journalists, actors of civil society, specialized researchers, and students form 3rd cycle. The training gathered 117 participants and 22 speakers. 78% of the participants succeeded the final test of knowledges and received a certificate of achievement.



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCE – WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW

The European Court of Human Rights in cooperation with the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights had the pleasure to organize the conference on “Women’s Human Rights in the Twenty-First Century: Developments and Challenges under International and European Law”. The conference took place at the European Court of Human Rights on the 14th of February 2020 and was organized at the initiative, and under the generous sponsorship of Mr. Akamatsu TAKESHI, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe and Consul General of Japan in Strasbourg. The conference took place at the European Court of Human Rights.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Opening Speeches	<p>Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS, President of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Akamatsu TAKESHI, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe, Consul General of Japan in Strasbourg</p>
Introduction by the Organizers	<p>Ganna YUDKIVSKA, Judge, European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Iualia MOTOC, Judge, European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Ivana JELIC, Judge, European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Elena BRODEALA, Yale Law School’s Robina Fellow at the Council of Europe</p>
Keynote Speaker	<p>Yoko HAYASHI, Lawyer and Partner of Athena Law Office, Tokyo, Japan, Former President of the UN CEDAW Committee</p>

THEMES	SPEAKERS
In Pursuit of the Universal Value: Complementary of International, Regional and Domestic law	Gabriele KUCSKO-STADLMAYER, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
An analysis of the ECtHR’s Case Law on Gender Equality	Alexandra TIMMER, Associate Professor at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights
Taking gender seriously: Substantive Equality and the ECHR	Sandra FREDMAN, Rhodes Professor of the Laws of the British Commonwealth and the USA at Oxford University
Courting Gender Justice: Russia, Turkey, and the European Court of Human Rights	Valerie SPERLING, Professor at Clark University, United States of America Lisa McINTOSH SUNDSTORM, Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia, Canada
Another side of Gender Equality: fathers in the ECtHR Jurisprudence	Alice MARGARIA, Research Fellow in the ‘Law and Anthropology’ Department of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Plenary Session Session II. Violence Against Women in International and European Law	Christine CHANET, Honorary Adviser to the French Court of Cassation, Former President of the UN Human rights Committee
Gender Violence and Female Genital Mutilations: is there a European Court of Women’s Rights?	Diane ROMAN, Professor of Public Law, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
The EU’s Actions in combating Violence Against Women	Mathias MÖSCHEL, Associate Professor, the Legal Studies Department of Central European University (CEU) Budapest
Domestic Violence as Humanitarian Crisis	Maria BUCUR, Professor of Gender Studies at Indiana University Bloomington
Parallel Session Session III. Violence Against women and the Council of Europe	Ksenija TURKOVIC, judge, European court of Human Rights
Violence Against Women under the European Social Charter	Luis Jimena QUESADA, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Valencia, Former President of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Positive Obligations of the State on Domestic Violence: Remarks on the Case-law of the ECHR	Ayşe Isil KARAKAS, Professor at Kadir Has University, Turkey and Former Judge, European Court of Human Rights
Building synergies: Violence against Women and the Istanbul Convention in the Case-law of the ECtHR	Maria-Andriani KOSTOPOULOU, GREVIO Member, Council of Europe
Child Contact, Domestic Abuse and the European Convention on Human rights – progress and Future Challenges for the European Court of Human rights	Shazia CHOUDHRY, Professor of Law at Queen Mary, London
Parallel Session Session IV. Gender and Decision-Making	Armen HARUTYUNYAN, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
Of Sticky Floors and Glass Ceilings: Why is it so difficult to significantly enhance the number of women judges in International Courts?	Stéphanie Hennette VAUCHEZ, Professor of Law at Université Paris Nanterre
Gender Bias in Judge’s Decision-Making	Ivana KRSTIC, Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law
Participatory Constitution-Making and Women’s Rights : Two Distinctive Agendas?	Silvia SUTEU, Lecturer in Public Law, University College London
Barriers during Peace; Opportunities after War	Christie S. WARREN, Professor of the Practice of International and Comparative Law and founding Director of the Center for Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding at William & Mary Law school in the US
Plenary Session Session V. Challenges to Reaching Gender Equality at International and Local Level	Miheala MIROIU, Professor, National School for Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania
Gender Equality, Human Rights challenges	Vladimira PEJHALOVA GRUNWALDOVA, Lecturer, University of West Bohemia, and Business Institute in Prague
Gender ideology, Women’s Rights and Right-Wing Populism. Can International Law Provide Remedies?	Anna SLEDZINSKA-SIMON, Assistant Professor, the University of Wrocław, Poland

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Challenges to Implementing ECtHR Judgments at Domestic Level: The Case of Violence Against Women	Raluca BERCEA, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, West University Of Timisoara, Romania
Gender and the Judiciary. A Case Study on Romania	Oana BALUTA, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest, Romania
Conclusions	Robert SPANO, Judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human rights Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the Foundation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights, Former President of the European Court of Human Rights, Organiser



CONFERENCE “THE PROHIBITION OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING”

The conference “The prohibition of slavery and human trafficking” was organized under the direction of Fabien MARCHADIER, Professor at Université de Poitiers and under the partnership of the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights, the 23rd and 24th of January 2020 at the Law and social sciences School of Poitiers.



Programme

THEMES	SPEAKERS
Opening Speeches	Sylvie O'DY, President of the Committee Against Modern Slavery (CCEM)
Introduction: The slavery abolitions and the persisting issues of the phenomenon	Fabien MARCHADIER, professor at the University of Poitiers
I. Comprehension of slavery and human trafficking	David SZYMCZAK, Professor at Science Po Bordeaux
Slavery, servitude and forced labour	Michel ERPELDING, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law
Questioning about trafficking	Frédéric KURZ, Member of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)
The voluntary servitude: what value for the consent ?	Amélie DIONISI-PEYRUSSE, MCF-HDR at Université de Rouen

THEMES	SPEAKERS
II. Assuming the responsibility of the past of slavery and human trafficking	Sébastien TOUZE, Professor at the University of Panthéon-Assas, Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture
A/ Remembering Recognition, apology, negationism	Thomas HOCHMANN, Professor at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne
B/ Judging Reparation of the slave trade	Kelly PICARD, Lecturer at the University Jean Monnet se Saint Etienne
Cases of “comfort women”	Muriel UBEDA SAILLARD, Professor at the University of Lille
The consequences of slavery in front of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights	Laurence BURGORGUE-LARSEN, Professor at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
III. Facing the contemporary reality of slavery and human trafficking	Sylvie O’DY, President of the Committee Against Modern Slavery (CEM)
A/ Repression The obligation to punish	Jean-Paul COSTA, President of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the René Cassin Foundation
Identification of modern slavery situations and the prosecution of the perpetrators	Nicolas LE COZ, Officer of the gendarmerie nationale, former President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)
B/ Compensation Civil immunity of the owner	Laure MILANO, Professor at the University of Montpellier
The (mostly)universal competence of the french judge	Etienne FARNOUX, Professor at the University of Strasbourg
The recourse of the american judge	Patrick KINSCH, Professor at the University of Luxembourg

THEMES	SPEAKERS
The harm of the victim of slavery in front of the french social jurisdictions	Jean-Philippe LHERNOULD, Professor at the University of Poitiers
C/ Protection The protcetion of the victim of slavery by the asylum judge	Philippe LAGRANGE, Professor at the University of Poitiers
Chaining, dislocation, commodification: slavery in global value chains	Horatia MUIR WATT, Professor at Sciences Po Paris
Involvement of FIFA (Influence of general guidelines on companies and human rights)	Franck LATTY, Professor at the University of Paris Nanterre
Conclusions	Emmanuel DECAUX, Professor at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas

THESIS PRIZE

In order to develop and promote the publication of research works relating to human rights issues, the René Cassin Foundation – International Institute of Human Rights annually awards the René Cassin Thesis Prize. The French-Speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize was created in 2006. The English-Speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize was created in 2012.

Eligible candidates are those who have defended their doctoral thesis in one of the following areas: international human rights law, regional human rights law, comparative human rights law, legal theory of human rights. The prize-winning thesis will be published by Pedone Editions in the collection “Publications de l’Institut International des Droits de l’Homme”. These Prizes are awarded during the opening ceremony of the Summer School. The English section of the Prize was created in 2011.

René Cassin Thesis Prize 2020

In 2020, the René Cassin Foundation awarded a french-speaking René Cassin Thesis Prize:

Christina KOUMPLI, « Les données personnelles sensibles. Contribution à l’évolution du droit fondamental à la protection des données à caractère personnel. Etude comparée : Union européenne, France, Grèce, Allemagne, Royaume-Uni », Université Paris I, Sous la direction de Otto PFERSMANN, Professeur, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

A special mention was awarded to:

Marion LARCHÉ, « Les fonctions du droit international dans la jurisprudence de la cour européenne des droits de l’homme », Université Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne, Sous la direction de Laurence BURGORGUE-LARSEN, Professeure à l’Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Membre de la Cour constitutionnelle d’Andorre.

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PUBLICATION

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Under the direction of M. AFROUKH and J.-P. MARGUÉNAUD, preface by J.-P. COSTA: *Le Protocole N°16 a la Convention Européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, Pedone 2020

A product of the seminar organized by the European Law Institute of Human Rights (Institut de droit européen des droits de l'homme, IDEDH) in April of 2019, the present book— the Protocol 16 to European Convention of Human Rights— covers an issue that is both important and topical, namely the relations between human rights protection systems.

This Protocol, which came into effect on 1st August 2018 following its tenth ratification by France, allows the highest courts of a State party to request the European Court of Human Rights to give advisory opinions on “questions of principle relating to the interpretation or application of the rights and freedoms defined in the Convention or the protocols thereto”.

Based on the assumption that the protocol 16 puts the national judge back at the heart of the protection of rights and freedoms and that it calls to rethink the role of the European Convention of Human Rights in the national legal order, the goal of this book is to correctly assess its effects on the European system of human rights protection and its potentialities with regard to judicial dialogue. Thus, the book, which is engaged with the latest developments, in particular the recent activation of the mechanism in a particularly sensitive case, allows to compare the different perspectives on the way in which the supreme courts approach this new advisory procedure and its articulation with other judicial reviews as well as with the preliminary ruling before the European Court of Justice. The first assessment of this optional mechanism for advisory opinion underlines its usefulness, its specificities and ambiguities.

Under the direction of Mustapha Afroukh et Jean-Pierre Marguénaud, the book, prefaced by former President of the European Court of Human Rights Jean-Paul Costa, brings together the contributions of Peggy Ducoulombier, Mustapha Afroukh, Aurélia Schahmaneche, Thierry Fossier, Julien Bonnet, Thibaut Larrourou, Laurent Coutron, Catherine Gauthier et Jean-Pierre-Marguénaud.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

The René Cassin Pleading Competition

The Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights co-organizes with the Faculty of Law, Political Sciences and Management of the University of Strasbourg, the René Cassin Pleading Competition on Human Rights. Created in 1984, this moot-court is a French speaking competition based on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. Over the years, it has become the most renowned French Speaking Competition in the field of European human rights law. It gives an opportunity to students coming from all over the world to face each other in mock trials. The aim is to promote human rights within universities and to pay a tribute to René Cassin, founder of the Fondation René Cassin – International Institute of Human Rights and eminent Human Rights Defender.

This pleading competition aims at students of Master 1 and Master 2. The semi-finals take place on the Council of Europe and the final is organized at the European Court of Human Rights. The teams, which are selected on a submitted writing work, defend their point of view in front a jury composed of experts.

The René Cassin Pleading Competition 2020

Due to the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 edition of the René Cassin pleading competition was canceled. The 2020 edition of the René Cassin pleading competition was supposed to take place from the 25th to the 27th of March 2020 on the Theme “Predictive Justice and European Human Rights Law”.

The René Cassin Pleading Competition 2021

This year this 36th edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition, will focus on the protection of the rights of the child. The René Cassin pleading competition of 2021 will take place from the 23rd to the 27th of March 2021 in Strasbourg.



OUR POSTPONED SESSIONS AND TRAININGS

TRAINING SESSIONS

Intensive Training on Refugee Law

The 23rd Intensive training on refugee law, in partnership with the UNHCR Representation in France and the Horizon Amitié Association, was supposed to take place from the 15th to the 26th of June 2020, but it was postponed for Autumn 2021.

Summer School: International Human Rights Law & International Criminal and Humanitarian Law

The 51st Summer School was supposed to take place from the 29th of June to the 4th of July 2020, but it was postponed due to the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic. This year a Summer Course online will take place from the 5th to the 23rd of July 2021.

TRAINING SESSIONS ABROAD

Cameroun, Yaoundé: Transitional justice and reconciliation

The 5th training session in Yaoundé in partnership with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, l'Institut des relations internationales du Cameroun and the French Embassy, was supposed to take place from the 20th to the 25th of April 2020, but it was postponed.

SEMINARS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Course on International Humanitarian Law

The course on International Humanitarian law, which was scheduled to take place from the 26th to the 30th of October 2020 in Strasbourg, was postponed.

Training day of the employees of Horizon Amitié: Introduction to International Law and focus on foreigner's law in France

This training, which was reserved to employees of the association Horizon Amitié, was supposed to be given by the Professors Alexis MARIE, Professor in Public Law at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne and Thibault FLEURY GRAFF Professor in Public Law at the University of Paris Saclay (UVSQ). The seminar was supposed to take place on the 2nd of November 2020, but it was postponed.

Conference : The state of the Rule of Law in Europe

The conference of the state of the Rule of Law, which was scheduled to take place on the 11th December 2020 in Strasbourg, was postponed.

OUR 2021 PROGRAMME

From the 15th to the 18th February 2021

1st Cycle of videoconferences, on the theme “The control of the respect of Humans Rights by transnational companies”.

From the 8th to the 11th March 2021

2nd Cycle of videoconference, in Spanish, on the theme “Sistema Interamericano de protección de los Derechos Humanos”.

From the 8th to the 26th March 2021

3rd training session in Lima, organized online by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Spanish courses on the theme “Economic, social and cultural laws”.

From the 23rd to the 27th March 2021

36th edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition, will focus on the protection of the rights of the child. Strasbourg (France).

From the 13th to the 16th April 2021

3rd Cycle of videoconference, in Spanish, on the theme “Líneas de jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos”.

May 2021

Assessments and reports of the René Cassin Thesis Prize.

From the 17th to the 21st May 2021

1st special session in Dakar, on the “Justice and State of Law”. Aimed for Members of the Supreme Court of Senegal, magistrates and lawyers. In partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the French Embassy in Senegal.

From the 31st of May to the 5th of June 2021

3rd training session in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), on the theme “combatting Human Trafficking”. In partnership with the National School for Magistrates in Burkina Faso.

From the 14th to the 19th June 2021

8th Training session in Bamako (Mali), specialized in Criminal Law. In partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

From the 5th to the 23rd July 2021

Summer Course 2021, organized online. In partnership with the City of Strasbourg, the Région Grand Est, the Marangopoulos Foundation for human rights.

From the 13th to the 25th September 2021

12th Training session in Dakar, in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the French Embassy in Senegal.

October 2021

4th training session in Buenos Aires, in partnership with the French Embassy in Argentina.

23rd Intensive training on refugee law, in partnership with the French Representation of the UNHCR and the Association Horizon Amitié.

Conference on the theme “Human rights in digital sphere – questions in daily life” (online or on-site). In partnership with the General Consulate of Japan in Strasbourg, the European Council, the European Court of Human Rights.

OUR 2021 PROGRAMME

Autumn 2021

Autumn trainings, online courses for International human rights law and Criminal law.

2nd session of vocational training aimed for lawyers (online or on-site). In partnership with the Bar Council of Starsbourg.

November 2021

5th training session in Abidjan, specialized in international humanitarian law. In partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.

1st training session in Mozambique. In partnership with the French Embassy in Mozambique.

December 2021

Annual Conference on the “state of the Rule of Law in Europe” (online or on-site). In partnership with the City of Strasbourg.



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