

# The European Convention on Human Rights turns 70

## Taking Stock Thinking Forward

International conference, 18-20 November 2020, Ghent University, Belgium

The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, better known as the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), was opened for signature in Rome on 4 November 1950. The Convention will thus be 70 next autumn.

Ghent University's Human Rights Centre (HRC) wishes to take the opportunity of this anniversary to take stock of the history of the Convention system and to think about its future.

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### Call for papers

The Conference's format is devised to facilitate reflections that celebrate achievements without ignoring challenges. The aim is to create a panorama of the most important features of the ECHR system, in a critical perspective that is socially, historically and politically aware.

The Conference wants to be a meeting place for the scholarly community researching the ECHR, in addition to reaching out to practitioners and civil society.

Confirmed plenary speakers include Professors [Başak Çali](#), [Marie-Bénédicte Dembour](#), and [Mikael Madsen](#). The closing plenary session will feature European Court of Human Rights' President [Sicilianos](#) and Vice-President [Spano](#) in conversation with Professor [Eva Brems](#).

An innovation of the Conference will be a *Strasbourg Observers Live* format. In a variation on our [Strasbourg Observers blog](#), we encourage scholars in this conference stream to briefly yet critically discuss a single ECtHR judgment. In addition, the Conference will feature more classical academic papers. Papers will be selected for the reflective value they provide on the ECHR system, and with an eye to composing coherent panels.

We welcome submissions by junior as well as senior scholars on any ECHR-related topic, including, but not restricted to, the following research interests currently being pursued within the HRC:

- Non-legal approaches to the ECHR
- Historical analysis of legal reasoning by the ECtHR
- The ECHR in comparative perspective
- The ECHR in interaction with domestic law
- National perspectives on ECHR history
- The impact of ECtHR judgments in detention cases
- Evidence in the ECHR system
- The ECHR and (digital) technologies
- Migration and the ECHR
- Children's rights in the ECHR
- Gender and/or LGBTIQ\* rights in the ECHR
- Rights of (members of) cultural/religious minorities under the ECHR

Submissions should be made in [Easychair](https://www.easychair.com) by Wednesday 15 April 2020 and include:

- Title of the submission
- Abstract of up to 300 words
- If intended for the 'Strasbourg Observers Live' stream, please specify
- Contact details and brief biography (up to 50 words) for each author

We will respond to all submissions by 17 June 2020.