



## GOLDSMITHS LAW SYMPOSIUM

### ‘WHAT HAS THE ECHR EVER DONE FOR THE UK?’

Tuesday, 27 November

The British Academy  
10-11 Carlton House Terrace

**09:15 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**09:45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Prof Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos** (Goldsmiths University of London)

**10:00 PANEL 1 – EQUALITY, PRIVACY, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

**Chair: Prof Merris Amos** (QMU)

**Prof Colm O’Cinneide** (UCL): ‘Equality: The unexpected cutting edge of HRA jurisprudence’

**Prof Paul Johnson** (The University of York): ‘Sexual orientation equality in the UK - the role of the ECHR’

**Dr Dimitrios Kagiarios** (University of Exeter): ‘From *Malone* to *Big Brother Watch*: the ECtHR on surveillance and privacy in the UK’

**Prof Julian Petley** (Brunel University): ‘Privacy and human rights: why the law isn’t an ass’

**11:30 PANEL 2 – THE RIGHT TO LIFE, FREEDOM FROM TORTURE**

**Chair: Shoaib Khan** (SMK Law Solicitors; Human Rights Lawyers Association)

**Dr Natasa Mavronicola** (University of Birmingham): ‘The unpopular (and) Article 3 ECHR’

**Prof Merris Amos** (Queen Mary University of London): ‘The positive duty to protect life’

**Prof Philip Leach** (Middlesex University): ‘Upholding the right to life – operational obligations and the duty to investigate’

## **12:45 LUNCH**

## **13:45 PANEL 3 - LIBERTY, FAIR TRIALS AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

**Chair: Eleanor Hourigan** (Counsel to the Joint Committee on Human Rights)

**Dr Ed Bates** (University of Leicester): ‘The right to liberty: human rights common sense for the common law?’

**Prof Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos** (Goldsmiths, University of London): ‘Fair trial rights at the police investigation stage: living harmoniously with Strasbourg?’

**Prof Javaid Rehman** (Brunel University; UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran): ‘ECHR and the freedom of thought, conscience and religion’

## **15.00 PANEL 4 – WHAT HAS THE UK EVER DONE FOR THE ECHR?**

**Chair: Dr Natasa Mavronicola** (University of Birmingham)

**Clare Brown** (Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR, Council of Europe): ‘Implementation of the European Court’s judgments against the United Kingdom: a successful example of “shared responsibility”?’

**Eleanor Hourigan** (Counsel to the Joint Committee on Human Rights): ‘What has the UK done for the ECHR?’

## **15.45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Chair: Sir Geoffrey Nice QC** (Visiting Professor, Goldsmiths, University of London)

**Prof Conor Gearty (LSE)**: ‘States of denial: what the search for a new Bill of Rights tells us about post-Brexit rights protection’

## **16.45 – NEXT STEPS AND CLOSE**

**Prof Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos** (Goldsmiths, University of London)

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