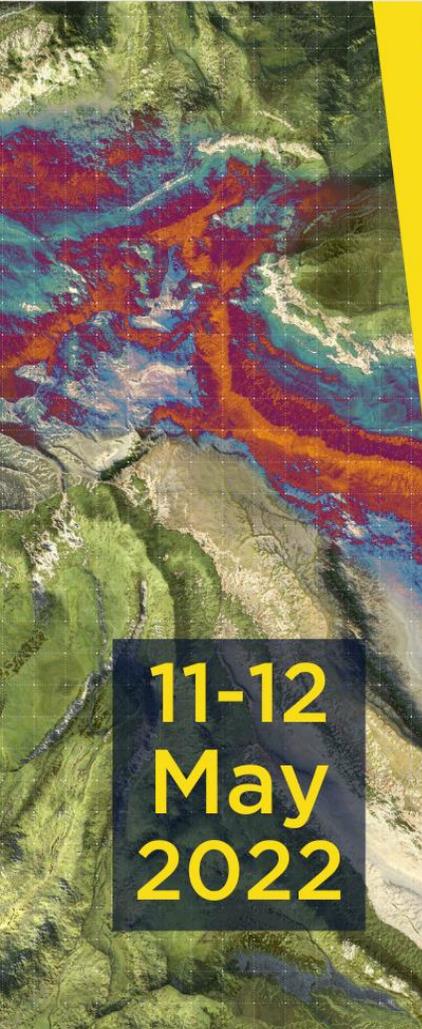


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About the Conference

The Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium (HRRC) provides an international, interdisciplinary, and inter-institutional platform to promote and support academic collaboration on a variety of human rights topics between researchers and research groups at fifteen universities and other research institutions in the partner states of Connecticut (USA) and Baden-Württemberg (Germany). Inspired by the rich exchange within and beyond the University of Connecticut's Human Rights Institute (HRI) and the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), the Consortium aims to advance human rights research, education, public discourse, and political decision-making in ways that build bridges between academia and everyday life.

The 2022 Conference of the Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium focuses on some of the most pressing issues of our time—geopolitics, migration, and climate change—and their consequences for communities and individuals around the globe. The conference sessions explore these topics in depth from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Lively discussion of scholarly research will not only enhance participants' understanding of critical human rights issues, but also generate scholarly synergy and concrete initiatives that engage the public and impact people and their environment in both states and beyond.

The cover image, a fragment of a topographical map, evokes the conference theme in various ways: the earth's surface as terrain that is affected by climate change, as the ground on which human migration takes place, and as geopolitically contested territory.

Sebastian Wogenstein, Katharina von Hammerstein, Silja Voeneky, Bernd Kortmann

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Past Virtual HRRC Conferences:

May 2020:	Inaugural Conference
November 2020:	Human Rights in Times of Crisis
June 2021:	Human Rights and Democracy

Beyond our annual conference, we host a monthly virtual HRRC Salon, a forum for HRRC members to present and discuss their current research projects in an informal setting. We welcome you to join.

For our events and activities, visit hrrc.bwgermany.uconn.edu/events.

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Locations & Parking Information

Maps of the locations for both days are available following the schedule.

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

University of Connecticut – Storrs Campus
Oak Hall – Room 101
365 Fairfield Way
Storrs, CT 06269

University of Connecticut – Storrs Campus
The Dodd Center for Human Rights
405 Babbidge Road, U-1205
Storrs, CT 06269

PARKING INFORMATION:

Please park in the South Campus Parking Garage, located at 2075 Hillside Rd, Storrs, CT 06269. We will provide validation for free parking at check-in.

Thursday, 12 May 2022

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

(Until Lunch)

The Hartford Club
46 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

(After Lunch)

University of Connecticut – Hartford Campus
Hartford Times Building
10 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

PARKING INFORMATION:

Please park in one of the following garages:
Front Street North Garage, Front Street South Garage, or CT Convention Center.
Please bring your parking ticket with you and see Sebastian Wogenstein for parking validation.

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

University of Connecticut - Storrs Campus – Oak Hall & The Dodd Center

7:45 AM	BUS DEPARTS from Marriott Hartford Downtown Hotel to the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus. For international and out-of-state participants. (Approximately 45 minutes)
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN AND LIGHT BREAKFAST [Outside of Oak Hall]
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME [Oak Hall 101] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Radenka Maric, University of Connecticut• Minister Theresia Bauer, Ministry of Science, Research and Arts of the State of Baden-Württemberg• Consul General Nicole Menzenbach, Consulate General of Germany, Boston• Vice President Daniel Weiner, Global Affairs, University of Connecticut• Silja Voeneky, University of Freiburg, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FIAS)• Kathryn Libal, University of Connecticut, Human Rights Institute <p>Moderators: Katharina von Hammerstein & Sebastian Wogenstein, University of Connecticut</p>
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	KEYNOTE LECTURE [Oak Hall 101] CLIMATIZING RIGHTS: HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE ANTHROPOCENE César Rodríguez-Garavito , Clinical Law, Chair and Faculty Director of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law Moderator: Shareen Hertel , Political Science/Human Rights, University of Connecticut
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK [Oak Hall Lobby]
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	RIGHTS OF HUMANS AND NON-HUMAN PLAYERS IN THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT [Oak 101] Organized by the HRRC Working Group “Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights” Kathryn Libal , Social Work and Human Rights, Director of the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut Community Sponsorship of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States: Acts of Solidarity in Contentious Times Joshua C. Gellers , Political Science, University of North Florida Getting Rights for Non-Humans Right Prakash Kashwan , Political Science, University of Connecticut Elite Responsibilities in a Mal-Connected World: Scrutinizing the UN Framework on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting Moderator: Lynne Tirrell , Philosophy, University of Connecticut

Wednesday, 11 May 2022 (continued)

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12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH [The Dodd Center for Human Rights Lounge]
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	CAMPUS TOUR [Leaves from The Dodd Center for Human Rights]
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	AI, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMON GOOD [Oak 101] Organized by the HRRRC Working Group "Human Rights, Science and Technology" Elisa Orrù , Philosophy and Law, University of Freiburg Emerging Technologies and the Environment: Sustainability in the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Molecular Biotechnologies Anat Lior , Law, Yale University Insurance for Climate Change - The Role of Artificial Intelligence Katrina Geddes , Law, New York University/Yale University The Death of the Legal Subject: How Predictive Algorithms Are (Re)constructing Legal Subjectivity Moderator: Kiel Brennan-Marquez , Law, University of Connecticut
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	COFFEE BREAK [Oak Hall Lobby]
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	DISCOURSES IN MEDIA ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY [Oak Hall 101] Organized by the HRRRC "Graduate Student Human Rights Research Working Group" Isabell Sluka , German Studies, University of Connecticut From Self-Interest to Communities of Interest: Reading Hashtag Activism with Hannah Arendt Tobias Lebens , German Studies, University of Tübingen Remembering as Justice? Representation of Literary Memory in Aleksandar Hemon's <i>The Lazarus Project</i> (2008) Moderators: Nora Hertz , Law, University of Freiburg, & Florian Kastner , German Studies, University of Connecticut
5:45 PM - 7:30 PM	DINNER [The Dodd Center for Human Rights Lounge]
7:30 PM	BUS for international and out-of-state participants back to the Marriott Hartford Downtown Hotel (approximately 45 minutes)

Thursday, 12 May 2022

The Hartford Club & University of Connecticut - Hartford Campus

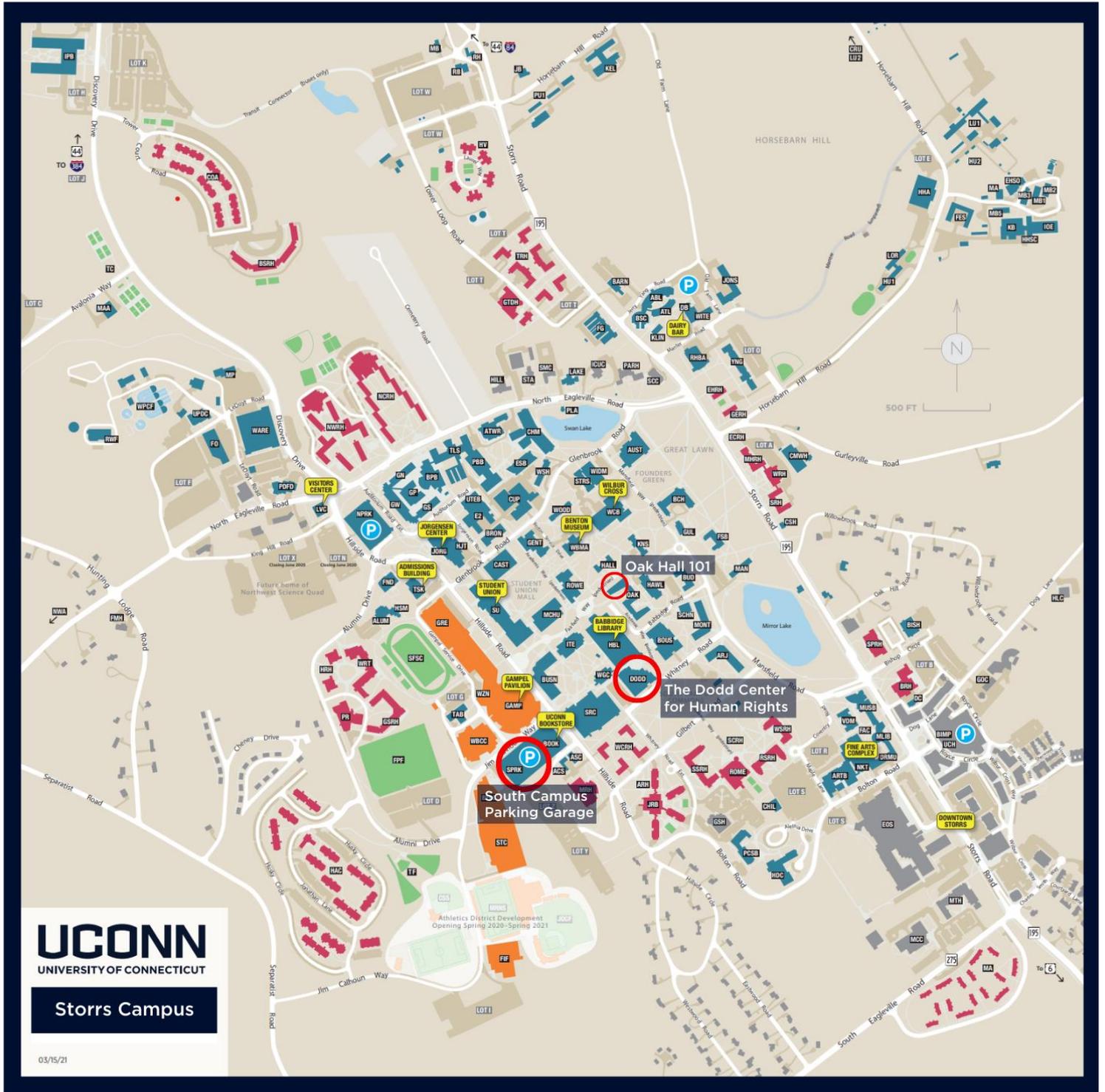
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<p>LIGHT BREAKFAST [The Hartford Club - 46 Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06103, please see enclosed map]</p> <p>WELCOME TO UCONN'S HARTFORD CAMPUS Mark Overmyer-Velázquez, Director, University of Connecticut, Hartford</p>
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<p>THE UNIVERSITY AS SITE OF SOLIDARITY AND REFUGE FOR PERSECUTED AND DISPLACED SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS [The Hartford Club] A roundtable discussion. Organized by the HRRG Working Group "Human Rights Education and Solidarity"</p> <p>Panelists: Thomas Keenan, Comparative Literature, Director, Human Rights Project, Bard College Sandra Sirota, Human Rights, University of Connecticut Ercüment Celik, Sociology, University of Freiburg</p> <p>Moderator: Karin Amos, Education, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Tübingen</p>
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	<p>COFFEE BREAK [The Hartford Club]</p>
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<p>WAR/PEACE [The Hartford Club] Organized by the HRRG Working Group "Human Rights and International Relations"</p> <p>Samuel Moyn, Law/History, Yale University America's Humane War and the Crisis in Ukraine</p> <p>Commentators: Silja Voeneky, Law, University of Freiburg, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies Frauke Lachenmann, Law, Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium</p> <p>Moderator: James Cavallaro, Law, University Network for Human Rights, Yale University, Wesleyan University</p>
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>LUNCH [The Hartford Club]</p> <p>Sessions that follow lunch are located at the UConn Hartford Campus, Hartford Times Building (HTB), 10 Prospect Street, Hartford, CT (see map)</p>

Thursday, 12 May 2022 (continued)

The Hartford Club & University of Connecticut - Hartford Campus

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	<p>CONCURRENT WORKING GROUP PLANNING MEETINGS [UConn Hartford Campus, Hartford Times Building, rooms listed by working group]</p> <p>Topics to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Future of your Working Group (virtual meeting plans, topics for these meetings, in-person working group workshop, faculty visits, scholarly and/or teaching collaborations)2. Applicability of your human rights scholarship beyond academic settings3. Identify/explore funding sources for specific projects <p>Working groups & rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Rights, Science and Technology, Hartford Campus HTB 208• Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights, Hartford Campus HTB 210• Human Rights and International Relations, Hartford Campus HTB 212• Human Rights Education and Solidarity, Hartford Campus HTB 214• Graduate Student Working Group, Hartford Campus HTB 219
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<p>PLENARY MEETING: BRIEF WORKING REPORTS AND PLANNING THE HRRC FUTURE [UConn Hartford Campus, Hartford Times Building, Zachs Atrium]</p>
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>CLOSING REMARKS [UConn Hartford Campus, Hartford Times Building, Zachs Atrium]</p>
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<p>BUS TO OLD SAYBROOK Departure at 4:00 PM sharp outside Hartford Times Building Main Entrance</p>
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	<p>DINNER AT SAYBROOK POINT RESORT AND MARINA (Preregistration required)</p>
7:30 PM	<p>BUS RETURN to the Marriott Hartford Downtown Hotel (approximately 60 minutes)</p>

University of Connecticut – Storrs Campus Map



University of Connecticut – Hartford Campus Map



Abstracts

Keynote

Climatizing Rights: Human Rights for the Anthropocene

César Rodríguez-Garavito (New York University)

Abstract: The climate emergency poses an existential challenge to the human rights project. If human rights are to remain relevant in the Anthropocene, budding theoretical, doctrinal, and advocacy efforts from within the field to address the climate emergency need to be deepened and expanded. The task of urgently advancing climate action through rights-based concepts, frames and norms is what I have called ‘climatizing’ human rights. In this talk, I outline the challenges that the climate emergency raises for conventional concepts and tools in human rights scholarship and practice. I then lay out two complementary routes to the climatization of human rights. The first route involves applying the existing human rights conceptual and legal tools to the climate emergency. This route entails both addressing the impacts of global warming on the enjoyment of human rights and ensuring that climate policies follow human rights norms regarding substantive and procedural equity. The second route entails adapting and updating human rights to the Anthropocene’s realities and challenges. In addition to a concern with guaranteeing at least a minimum of individual freedoms, material welfare and equity compatible with human dignity, this goal requires protecting the planetary boundaries that make life on Earth possible. Drawing on developments in life sciences, ecology, regenerative economics, and moral philosophy, I argue that, in addition to protecting present-day humans’ rights, this approach requires advancing what I have called “more-than-human rights,” that is, the rights of future generations and non-humans.

Abstracts

Panels/Roundtables

Rights of Humans and Non-Human Players in the Global Environment

Organized by the HRRC Working Group “Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights”

Kathryn Libal (University of Connecticut)

Community Sponsorship of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States: Acts of Solidarity in Contentious Times

Abstract: Acts of ‘solidarity’ on behalf of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants gained attention in Europe following the start of the Syrian civil war nearly a decade ago; in recent months the Russian invasion of Ukraine has resulted in several million refugees crossing borders into Europe, again drawing attention to the role of private citizens in welcoming refugees in the 21st Century. Volunteers in the United States have long provided support for refugees through the UNHCR-based refugee resettlement program, as well as for asylum seekers and other undocumented migrants through local community or faith-based organizations. Individual and collective acts of solidarity on behalf of those seeking sanctuary, asylum seekers, and refugees have recently increased, reflecting public reactions to increasingly restrictive U.S. immigration policies, and, more recently, heightened concern for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. Community and private sponsorship of refugees is also poised to be a signature approach of the Biden administration to “rebuild” the refugee resettlement program. This presentation highlights the potential role of voluntarism in fostering a broader political movement to support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, even as it examines the limits of civic engagement in the current social and political context.

Joshua C. Gellers (University of North Florida)

Getting Rights for Non-humans Right

Abstract: Under what conditions might non-humans be deemed eligible for moral or legal rights? In this presentation, I draw together insights from several disciplines in order to respond to this inquiry. First, I discuss what scholars get wrong about rights, especially when considering the status of technological forms like AI. Second, I compare approaches to assessing rights for humans and non-humans and demonstrate how they are intellectually incoherent. Third, I describe three analytical keys that can help to overcome this incoherence. Fourth, I present a multi-spectral framework that can be used to determine the conditions under which certain non-humans might be eligible for moral or legal rights. I close with thoughts about the future of rights in an increasingly technological world.

Prakash Kashwan (University of Connecticut)

Elite Responsibilities in a Mal-Connected World: Scrutinizing the UN Framework on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting

Abstract: Popular moves toward green consumerism in the industrially-advanced world rely on extractive industries situated primarily in the global South. The pursuit of progressive ideals is related directly to the continuation of extractive industries that are almost always associated with environmentally destructive and socially discriminatory practices, such as land and water grabs, hazardous working conditions, exploitative wages, and child labor. This is what I mean by a mal-connected world, as the pursuit of the apparent good is tied directly to bad outcomes in other parts of the world that are often invisible to the consumers in the global North. The UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative and the UN Global Compact have sought to address this problem by developing Principles for Responsible Investment (UN-PRI). The UN-PRI aims to understand the investment implications of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors and support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions. My research uses theories of institutions and governance to analyze the pursuit of ESG via six core principles adopted by the PRI signatories. It investigates the multifaceted ways in which the UN-PRI may be deployed as a means to various ends by powerful economic elites to demonstrate their commitments to the protection of human rights and the environment. My analysis sheds light on the broader implications for human rights praxis in this era of multiple intersecting crises in a mal-connected world.

AI, Emerging Technologies and the Promotion of the Common Good

Organized by the HRRC Working Group “Human Rights, Science and Technology”

Elisa Orrù (University of Freiburg)

Emerging Technologies and the Environment: Sustainability in the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Molecular Biotechnologies

Abstract: Environmental sustainability is a relevant principle of AI and molecular biotechnology ethics. A comparison between the two fields of technology ethics, however, also reveals differences. Generally speaking, ethics of molecular biotechnologies (MB) adopts a long-term focus, while the ethics of AI tends to concentrate on short-term effects of technology applications. Moreover, while sustainability has been an established principle in the ethics of MB for a long time, in the field of AI ethics, the importance of sustainability has just begun to be recognized. A strong take on sustainability in the field of AI, however, is not only crucial to limit the negative effects of AI on the environment but can also play a propulsive role in valorizing and enhancing promising approaches to AI development that are so far relatively marginal. These so-called small-data approaches can additionally have a positive impact on other ethical values such as justice, non-discrimination, and privacy.

Anat Lior (Yale University)

Insurance for Climate Change – The Role of Artificial Intelligence

Abstract: The insurance industry has an important role in providing a risk-hedging mechanism to the threats presented by climate change. These include, among others, insurance policies covering floods and wildfires. A vital tool the insurance industry has started to utilize in this context is the emerging technology of artificial intelligence (AI).

This presentation aims to explore the role AI could and should have in the insurance industry as a mechanism to combat climate change. The insurance industry has the potential to harness the power of AI as a predictive tool to better respond to the threats, risks, and damages associated with climate change. For example, Japan and the USA have used AI-based algorithms to predict future natural disasters, such as the path of a Hurricane, more accurately than traditional tools. Using the predictive power of AI, insurers will be able to provide loss prevention services to better equip their policy holders to handle current and future damages associated with climate change.

Insurance, however, is not a panacea for the many menaces presented by climate change. Its ability to combat climate change is limited to its ability to channel the behavior of its policy holders, which sometimes may be ineffective or inaccurate due to lack of data. This presentation calls to forge partnerships between government agencies, private businesses and the insurance industry to offer a holistic approach to combat climate change, while utilizing the power of AI in the process.

Katrina Geddes (Yale University)

The Death of the Legal Subject: How Predictive Algorithms Are (Re)constructing Legal Subjectivity

Abstract: This paper explores the epistemological differences between the socio-political legal subject of Western liberalism and the algorithmic subject of informational capitalism. It argues that the increasing use of predictive algorithms in judicial decision-making is reconstructing both the nature and experience of legal subjectivity in a manner that is incompatible with law's normative commitments to individualized justice. Whereas algorithmic subjectivity derives its epistemic authority from population-level insights, legal subjectivity has historically derived credibility from its close approximation of the underlying individual, through careful evaluation of their mental and physical autonomy, prior to any assignment of legal liability. With the introduction of predictive algorithms in judicial decision-making, knowledge about the legal subject is increasingly algorithmically produced, in a manner that discounts, and effectively displaces, qualitative knowledge about the legal subject's intentions, motivations, and moral capabilities. This results in the death of the legal subject or the emergence of new, algorithmic practices of signification that no longer require the input of the underlying individual. As algorithms increasingly guide judicial decision-making, the shifting epistemology of legal subjectivity has long-term consequences for the legitimacy of legal institutions.

Discourses in Media on Human Rights in the 21st Century

Organized by the HRRRC “Graduate Working Group”

Isabell Sluka (University of Connecticut)

From Self-Interest to Communities of Interest: Reading Hashtag Activism with Hannah Arendt

Abstract: In this paper, I analyze and discuss hashtag activism as a political practice and an act of solidarity in two recent social media campaigns, both dealing with forced migration: #RefugeesHaveRights (2015) and #LeaveNoOneBehind (2021). Drawing primarily upon the notion of the “right to have rights” as well as the theory of “inter-est” developed by Hannah Arendt (1951, 1958, 1963), I argue that both campaigns exemplify how, as a society, we can move from self-interest, and acts of compassion, to establishing communities of “inter-est” in which we acknowledge that migration, and especially forced migration, is a topic of common interest. With this conceptual move, we accept, first and foremost, that migration affects societies as a whole and subsequently all of its members, no matter if they have experienced migration themselves or not. Furthermore, this leads to a shift in the conceptions of solidarity and political action which are no longer a matter of benevolence but an essential component of active citizenship. What is particular about the digital realm, and especially hashtag activism, is that it makes participation easy. It is even more important to also critically assess if this participation is limited to the online world only, or if hashtag activism can also empower outside of the digital realm and thus bring substantial change to the way we think about communities and their interests.

I seek to show (a) that hashtag activism can be understood as a practice of building communities of “inter-est” in the Arendtian sense, and (b) that both campaigns, #RefugeesHaveRights and #LeaveNoOneBehind, have the potential to forge new alliances and coalitions between refugees and non-refugees that go beyond mere solidarity and slacktivism.

Tobias Lebens (University of Tübingen)

Remembering as Justice: Representations of Memory in Aleksandar Hemon’s *The Lazarus Project* (2008)

Abstract: This presentation will focus on a literary text—Aleksandar Hemon’s *The Lazarus Project* (2008)—and reflect upon its specific and formally challenging mode of reading and remembering histories of state violence. It suggests that we ought to understand this text as a contribution to efforts and concerns in the name of ‘human rights’ in its focus on the precarious fate of individuals that are targeted by state violence as well as the particular challenges that the acknowledgment and memory of these crimes face. One of this text’s contributions lies in pointing to, and taking seriously, tensions in how we take notice of human rights violations. The novel not only presents some of these tensions—such as questions about medial representations or competing ideological frames—it also provokes related tensions in its readers as the events are ‘told’ and ‘shown’ through a variety of competing perspectives, marked by time-lapses, different layers of narration, and ruptures in the form of black-and-

white photographs. Another contribution lies in its articulation of a subjectivity that is reflective of its entanglement in seemingly distant times and places. Lastly, my presentation underscores the text's awareness for how public memory is not only highly politicized and functionalized in present day conflicts, but also how the memory of victims of state violence is often subjected to speech acts and other practices that try to transform them –be they 'dehumanizing,' 'martyrizing,' or various other ways of turning 'humans' into 'examples' or 'cases'. The presentation will end by putting the text in conversation with Jacques Derrida's challenging idea that literary writing can, under certain circumstances, be conceived of as a form of justice.

The University as Site of Solidarity and Refuge for Persecuted and Displaced Scholars and Students (Roundtable)

Organized by the HRRC Working Group "Human Rights, Education and Solidarity"

Panelists: **Thomas Keenen** (Bard College), **Sandra Sirota** (University of Connecticut), and **Ercüment Çelik** (University of Freiburg)

Roundtable Abstract: In the past two decades, networks of universities and colleges around the world have formed to provide advocacy and temporary relocation to scholars who have been targeted by governments for their research and teaching. The Phillip Schwartz Initiative supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/Foundation, the international Scholars at Risk Network, Threatened Scholars Integration Initiative of the Open Society University Network, and New University in Exile Consortium are just a few national and international initiatives created to build capacity for a global response to supporting persecuted or displaced scholars and students. Participants in this roundtable discussion offer insights into the prospects and challenges of the university as a site of solidarity and refuge for threatened scholars and students, drawing on lived experience as scholars at risk, educators in advocacy seminars, and advocates for universities to prioritize such work as central to higher education.

War/Peace

Organized by the HRRC Working Group "Human Rights and International Relations"

Samuel Moyn (Yale University):
America's Humane War and the Crisis in Ukraine

Abstract: This talk will review the arguments about the humanization of US war in recent decades, and the reorientation of prevalent discourse about war, offered in my recent book *Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War*. It will then reflect on what the Russian intervention in Ukraine suggests about the uses and limits of the arguments.

Biographies

Conference Organizers

Katharina von Hammerstein is Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Emerita of German Studies at the University of Connecticut. She is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium (HRRC). Her research is located at the intersections of Literary Criticism, Postcolonial Studies, Gender Studies, War Studies and Human Rights. Her twelve book publications and many articles investigate German and Austrian literature, art and nonfictional texts from the eighteenth through the twenty-first centuries and focus on: human rights issues and collective conflict/war; white authors' representations of Black people in German-language texts and Black authors' perspectives on Germany around 1900; nineteenth-century women authors' self-writings as political practice; representations of female happiness from the Enlightenment to 1900; and German Romanticism around 1800. Currently, she is investigating Ovaherero and German, nonliterary and literary, oral and written testimonies about the German-Ovaherero Colonial War and Ovaherero Genocide (1904-1908) in the former colony of German Southwest Africa (today's Namibia) and its aftermath.

Sebastian Wogenstein is Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature at the University of Connecticut. He is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium and Faculty Associate of the Human Rights Institute and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life. His research focuses primarily on German Jewish literature and the intersection of literature and human rights. He is the author of *Horizonte der Moderne: Tragödie und Judentum von Cohen bis Lévinas* and co-editor of *Globale Kulturen – Kulturen der Globalisierung* and *An Grenzen: Literarische Erkundungen*. He has published articles in *The Germanic Review*, *Monatshefte*, *Gegenwartsliteratur*, *Naharaim*, *Telos*, *Prooftexts*, the *Journal of Human Rights*, *Jewish Social Studies*, the *Rosenzweig Yearbook*, and the *Yearbook for European Jewish Literature Studies*.

Speakers and Moderators:

S. Karin Amos is Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Professor of Education at the University of Tübingen. She graduated from the Goethe-University in Frankfurt/Main in 1986 with a first state exam in History and American Studies, served as a teaching assistant at Mills College from 1986 to 1988, took her Ph.D. in American Studies and her habilitation in Education in 2002. She has been a member of the Tübingen faculty since 2006 and served as Equal Opportunity officer before she joined the rectorate in 2013. She served as editor and on the editorial board of various (international) journals and represented the German comparative education community on the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. Her research focus is on international and comparative education with a focus on processes of inclusion and exclusion and societal contexts of education.

Kiel Brennan-Marquez teaches courses in constitutional law, policing, evidence, and law and technology at the University of Connecticut, and he directs the [Center on Community Safety, Policing, and Inequality](#). Prof. Brennan-Marquez's research explores how the legal system organizes and processes information, from surveillance and data collection to the use of evidence at trial. He is interested in the nature of human judgment, as we confront the possibility—in the legal system and elsewhere—of powerful machines capable of outperforming human experts.

James Cavallaro (Yale University, Wesleyan University, University Network for Human Rights) is the Executive Director of the University Network for Human Rights, based on the campus of Wesleyan University, where he now teaches. He has taught human rights at Yale Law School (2020-present), Stanford Law School, (2011-2019) and Harvard Law School (2002-2011). In June 2013, he was elected to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. He served as President of that body from 2016-2017. Cavallaro has authored or co-authored scores of reports, articles, and books on human rights issues. He is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Ercüment Çelik is a sociologist, a precarious academic labourer, and a scholar at risk, holding a Philipp Schwartz Initiative Fellowship at Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg, Germany. His current research interests focus on the following areas: critical engagement and public sociology, academic freedom and human rights, biography research, and education against antisemitism, historical and global circulation of anti-racist knowledge, and human rights and decent work in the global supply chains.

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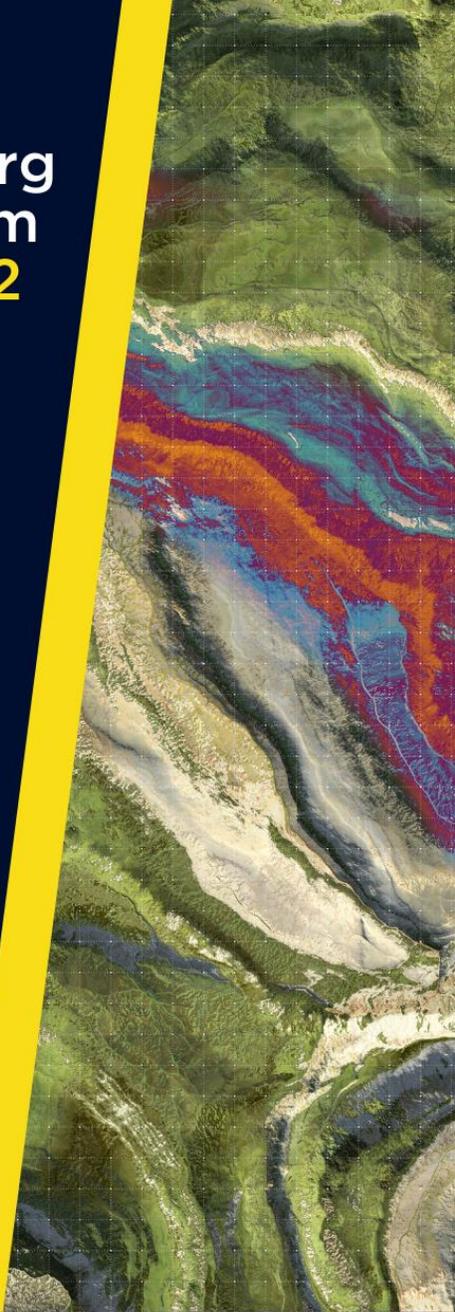
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