

ESIL 14th Anniversary Conference on International Law and Universality
European Society of International Law Interest Group on International Human Rights Law Workshop

The Universality Challenge to Human Rights Law: A Sword, A Shield, or Neither?

Thursday, 13 September 2018, 09.30-12.00
Room: tba

9.30-10.30 Session 1: On Universality and Rights

Chair: Pierre Thielboerger

What if Universality Does Not Matter? On the Normative Force of Human Rights, *Lea Raible, University of Maastricht*

The Ambivalence of Universality – Human Rights of Migrants at the European Court of Human Rights, *Janna Wessels, Justus Liebig University Giessen*

Demarcating the Boundaries of Constructive Universality: A Study on Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe, *Tsvetelina Johannes van Benthem, University of Oxford*

10.45-11.45 Session 2: The Universality Challenge to Institutions

Chair: Valentina Azarova

Current Challenges to Universalism: The United Nations and the Politicisation of Human Rights, *Christen Broecker, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights & Rosa Freedman, University of Reading*

Universality and Human Rights: The Challenge from Southeast Asia, *Catherine Renshaw, Thomas More Law School, Australian Catholic University*

Jurisdictional Black Holes: The Failure of International Human Rights Remedial Claims, *Hassan Ahmad, University of Toronto*