

## HUMAN-RIGHTS RELATED ACTIVISM, ADVOCACY, AND HUMANITARIANISM IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Human rights have stirred numerous debates about their legitimacy and applicability at a global scale to the point that their greatest critics consider them an instrument for colonisation whereas their most avid proponents see them as a solution to global inequalities. Stepping aside from such polar oppositions, this workshop aims to provide a perspective on human rights focusing on their practical application in doing activism, advocacy, and humanitarianism. Looking at Southeast Europe – a region that is seldom addressed in international anthropological and other humanities’ research on human rights – the workshop brings together scholars in the humanities, activists, and advocates. It aims to trace the intertwining of local laws, politics, and socio-cultural norms with pursuits for legal, social, and political change that draw on transnational human rights treaties and rights discourses. On a broader level, through the Southeast European examples the workshop invites speculation on the directions in which theories and applications of human rights are going and could go.

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### VENUE

**JurGrad** (Kettlerscher Hof) | Conference room K1  
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## KÄTE HAMBURGER KOLLEG

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Einheit und Vielfalt im Recht | Legal Unity and Pluralism” (EViR) at the University of Münster has been funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) since 2021. Fellows from all over the world, together with scholars from Münster, examine the dynamic tension between legal unity and pluralism from antiquity to the present. This is the first attempt to systematically investigate the phenomenon in its entire historical depth and across disciplinary boundaries. In addition to (legal) history, many other disciplines such as ethnology and sociology, as well as literature and religious studies, are involved in the Kolleg.

### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Register online at:  
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# NOTES FROM THE MARGINS HUMAN RIGHTS-RELATED ACTIVISM, ADVOCACY, AND HUMANITARIANISM IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

**INTERNATIONAL  
WORKSHOP**  
27–28 JUNE 2024

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 27 June 2024

14.00–14.30  
*Coffee & Tea*

14.30–15.00  
**Dorothea Schulz (University of Münster) & Kostadin Karavasilev (Käte Hamburger Kolleg Münster)**  
Welcome and Introduction

15.00–16.30  
**Keynote**  
Chair: Dorothea Schulz

**Čarna Brković (University of Mainz)**  
Humanitarian Aid and Complex Differences  
in a 'Global East'

16.30–17.00  
*Coffee Break*

**Section 1: Approaching Social Justice through Women's and LGBTQIA+ Rights in Greece**  
Chair: João Figueiredo (Käte Hamburger Kolleg Münster)

17.00–17.45  
**Eva Xevgeni (Greece)**  
"Who is Afraid of Human Rights?" Political Activism,  
Human Rights and Law-Making in Greece

17.45–18.30  
**Eirini Avramopoulou (Panteion University)**  
The Cruel Temporalities of Rights in the Field of Gender  
Based Violence

19.00  
*Dinner*

### Friday, 28 June 2024

9.00–9.30  
*Coffee & Tea*

**Section 2: Post-Socialist Legacies and the Rights of People with Disabilities**  
Chair: Olaf Zenker (Käte Hamburger Kolleg Münster)

9.30–10.15  
**Teodor Mladenov (University of Dundee)**  
Barriers to Realising Disabled People's Rights in the  
Postsocialist Region of Central and Eastern Europe

10.15–11.00  
**Aneta Genova (Bulgaria)**  
Psycho-Social Disabilities and Human Rights.  
Strategic Litigation in Bulgaria

11.00–11.30  
*Coffee Break*

**Section 3: The 'Other' of Human Rights-Based Justice**  
Chair: Irina Savu-Cristea (Freie Universität Berlin)

11.30–12.15  
**Cyrille Cartier (University of Zadar)**  
The Inevitability of Othering? How the Geo-Political  
Meets the Local in an Arts-Based Organization in Croatia

12.15–13.00  
**Jelena Kupsjak (University of Zadar)**  
Free to Sue: Exploring the Limits of Human Rights Dis-  
course in Mental Health and LGBTQ Legislation in Croatia

13.00–14.30  
*Lunch Break*

14.30–16.00  
**Section 4: Roundtable**  
Moderator: Kostadin Karavasilev

Contributors:  
**Nadja Bobičić (University of Belgrade) &  
Ivo Gruev (Academy for European Human Rights  
Protection)**

Discussant:  
**Mark Goodale (University of Oxford/  
University of Lausanne)**

16.00–16.30  
Final Discussion

16.30  
Farewell and Outlook