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Item 5 of the provisional agenda

Election, in accordance with articles 28–32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2022

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Note by the Secretary-General*

1. In conformity with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the thirty-ninth meeting of States parties to the Covenant is to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 17 June 2022 for the purpose of electing nine members of the Human Rights Committee from a list of persons nominated by States parties (sect. II) to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2022 (sect. I).

I. Members of the Committee whose terms will expire on 31 December 2022

<i>Name of member</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>
Mr. Yahd Ben Achour	Tunisia
Mr. Arif Bulkan	Guyana
Mr. Furuya Shuichi	Japan
Mr. Dukan Laki Muhumuza	Uganda
Ms. Photini Pazartzis	Greece
Mr. Hernán Quezada Cabrera ^a	Chile
Ms. Vasilka Sancin	Slovenia
Ms. Hélène Tigroudja ^a	France
Mr. Gentian Zyberi ^a	Albania

^a Member eligible for re-election under the Committee's rules of procedure.

* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.



II. Persons nominated by States parties

3. In accordance with article 30 (2) of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 13 December 2021, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with article 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee by 6 April 2022. All curricula vitae received by 6 April 2022 are included in the present document (see annex). Nominations received after that date will be issued in addenda to the present document.

4. Pursuant to article 30 (3) of the Covenant, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee, and the States parties that nominated them.

<i>Name of candidate</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Mr. Hacı Ali Açikgöl	Turkey
Mr. Farid Ahmadv	Azerbaijan
Mr. Sègnitondji Isidore Clément Capo-Chichi	Benin
Mr. Rodrigo A. Carazo	Costa Rica
Mr. Aldo de Campos Costa	Brazil
Mr. Zirignon Constant Delbe	Côte d'Ivoire
Ms. Yvonne Maria Donders	Netherlands
Mr. Laurence R. Helfer	United States of America
Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye	Senegal
Mr. Hernán Quezada Cabrera	Chile
Mr. Alfred Suh Fusi	Cameroon
Ms. Tijana Šurlan	Serbia
Mr. Teraya Koji	Japan
Ms. Hélène Tigroutja	France
Mr. Gentian Zyberi	Albania
Mr. Dainius Žalimas	Lithuania

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Hacı Ali Açıkgül (Turkey)

Date and place of birth: 1 June 1974, Sungurlu

Working languages: Turkish, English

Current position/function

Judge, Head of Department, Ministry of Justice, Department of Human Rights (2015–ongoing)

Chairperson of the Commission, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, (2022)

Main professional activities

Attorney at Law, Ankara (1998–1999)

Candidate Judge and Prosecutor, Ankara Courthouse (1999–2002)

Public Prosecutor, Gürsu Public Prosecutor Office, Bursa (2002–2004)

Public Prosecutor, Kiğı Public Prosecutor Office, Bingöl (2004–2006)

Public Prosecutor, Kaman Public Prosecutor Office, Kırşehir (2006–2006)

Rapporteur Judge, Ministry of Justice (2006–2012)

Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Justice, Department of Human Rights (2012–2015)

Head of Department, Ministry of Justice, Department of Human Rights (2015–ongoing)

Educational background

Bachelor, Ankara University, Faculty of Law (1993–1997)

Master/LLM, Ankara University, Graduate School of Social Sciences (2007)

Doctorate/PhD, Selçuk University, Graduate School of Social Sciences (2015)

Visiting Scholar, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX, USA (2013–2014)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Government co-agent before the ECtHR, (2015–ongoing)

Member of the Steering Committee of Human Rights, Council of Europe, (2015–ongoing)

Member of the Commission, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, (2019–ongoing)

Vice Chairperson of the Commission, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, (2021–2023)

Chairperson of the Commission, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, (2022)

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

The full curricula vitae of the candidates as submitted by the relevant State party can be consulted on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2022/39th-meeting-states-parties-2022-elections>.

Lecturer, Law of the European Convention on Human Rights, Turkish Justice Academy, (2015–2019)

Lecturer, Law of the European Convention on Human Rights, Ankara University, Faculty of Law, (2021–2022)

Publications and other works

Books/ Authorship of Chapters in Edited Book

- Açıkgül E. ve Açıkgül H. A., Teori ve Uygulamada Kredi Kartı Sözleşmeleri (Contracts of Credit Cards in Theory and Practice) Ankara 2007.

Articles

- Açıkgül, H. A., Kredi Kartı Sözleşmelerinde Haksız Şartlar, (Unfair provisions in consumer contracts) Adalet Dergisi, Volume 34, page 2–22, May 2009.
- Açıkgül, H. A., Amerikan Mahkeme Sistemi, (American Court System) 2011, Adalet Dergisi, Volume 43, page 56–84, May 2012.
- Açıkgül, H. A., Amerika Birleşik Devletlerinde İfade Özgürlüğü, Hakaret ve Yasaklama Kararları (Freedom of Speech, Defamation and Injunctions (In USA)), Küresel Bakış Dergisi, Volume 15, page 85–172, October 2014. (Translation).
- Açıkgül, H. A., Bireysel Başvuru Kararlarının İcrasına İlişkin Düzenlemeler ve Kurumsal Yapılanma İhtiyacı (Execution of the Decision delivered in scope of the Individual Applications and the Need of Institutional Reconstruction), Anayasa Yargısı, Anayasa Mahkemesi'nin 54. Kuruluş Yıldönümü Nedeniyle Düzenlenen “Bireysel Başvuru Kararlarının Etkileri” Konulu Sempozyumda Sunulan Bildiriler, Volume 33, page 127–132, April 2016.
- Açıkgül, H. A., Anayasa Mahkemesi Kararlarının AİHM Kararlarına Etkisi (The Impact of the Decisions of the Constitutional Court to the Judgement of the ECHR), Anayasa Yargısı, Anayasa Mahkemesi'nin 56. Kuruluş Yıldönümü Nedeniyle Düzenlenen “Bireysel Başvurunun 5. Yılı'nın Değerlendirilmesi” Konulu Sempozyumda Sunulan Bildiriler, Volume 35, page 119–124, April 2018.
- Açıkgül, H. A., The Role of Judiciary in the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, This study was prepared within the mandate of the OIC – IPHRC, and officially adopted by the Commission at its 17th regular Session held in 28–31 March 2021, (to be published in OIC – IPHRC Journal, issue 2).
- Açıkgül, H. A., Avrupa İnsan Hakları Sözleşmesine Ek Protokoller İle Getirilen Yenilikler (Novelties Brought by Additional Protocols to the European Convention on Human Rights) TAAD, Volume 48, page 109–150, October 2021.
- Açıkgül, H. A., Rights of Migrants from Islamic and Human Rights Perspective, Adalet Dergisi, Volume 67, page 105–150, 2021/2.

Farid Ahmadov (Azerbaijan)

Date and place of birth: 14 July 1979, Baku, Azerbaijan

Working languages: English, Russian, Turkish, Azerbaijani (native)

Current position/function

Advisor to the Minister of Digital Development and Transport and part-time Associate Professor of Law at “ADA” University

1. Provide strategy advise on digital transformation, data governance and innovation
2. Consult the ministry on issues pertaining to IT and data protection law
3. In the capacity of Associate Professor teach courses on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, Public International Law and Introduction to Law

Main professional activities

2011–present, Assistant Professor of Law, since September 2020, Associate Professor of Law “ADA” University

2009–2011, Tutor in Public International Law, University of Oxford Foreign Service Program, University of Oxford

2016–present, Chairman, National Anti-Doping Committee of Azerbaijan (Quasi-Judicial Body dealing with anti-doping rules violations)

2015–2017, Rector, University of Azerbaijan

2006–2007, Legal Advisor, Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan

2004–2006, Legal Advisor, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Educational background

DPhil (PhD) in Law (Public International Law), 2017, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

PhD in Law, 2009, National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan

LLM in International Human Rights Law, 2004, University of Essex, UK, with distinction

LLM in Public International Law, 2002, Baku State University, Baku, with distinction

LLB, Baku State University, 2000, with distinction

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Recipient of the Winiarski Research Fellowship at the Lauterpacht Centre of International Law, University of Cambridge, research topic, “The Concept of Compelling Reason in the Advisory Proceedings before the International Court of Justice”.

Have extensive experience as an independent expert before courts and tribunals in Azerbaijan, including the Constitutional Court.

Have extensive litigation experience before the courts in Azerbaijan on matters relating to human rights law, law of immunity and public international law in general.

List of most recent publications in the field

The Right of Actio Popularis before International Court and Tribunals (Monograph), 2018, Queen Mary Studies in International Law, Brill/Martinus Nijhoff

Sêgnitondji Isidore Clément Capo-Chichi (Benin)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 16 January 1976, Cotonou, Benin**Working languages:** French, English**Current position/function**

President of the National Human Rights Institution of Benin since 3 January 2019. In March 2022, the Institution was accredited with A status by the Subcommittee on Accreditation of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions with regard to the Paris Principles. In accordance with the statutory missions of national human rights institutions, the Human Rights Commission of Benin is required to: (i) contribute to cultivating a culture of human rights; (ii) harmonize national legislation with international human rights obligations; (iii) cooperate with United Nations human rights bodies; (iv) receive and process complaints and examine situations of human rights violations; and (vii) submit an annual report on the human rights situation to national institutions and present it to Parliament, followed by a debate.

Main professional activities

Expert, Working Group on the Death Penalty, Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa (African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights), since 2014 (https://www.achpr.org/fr_specialmechanisms/detail?id=9)

Expert, Africa Working Group, Global Action against Mass Atrocity Crimes, since 2018 (<https://www.gaamac.org/africa-working-group>)

Expert, International Organization of la Francophonie, as part of the programme to support States with the universal periodic review, 2017–2018

Expert, Working Group on Universal Competence, Baltazar Garzon Foundation (FIBGAR), 2016–2017

Expert, Working Group on Statelessness, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Benin, 2013–2017

Educational background

Doctoral student in public law, with a focus on international criminal law, Doctoral School of Legal, Administrative and Political Sciences (UNESCO Chair), University of Abomey-Calavi, 2016

Thesis (in progress) on the political and judicial future of the International Criminal Court

Master's degree in international and European fundamental rights law, with honours (*mention bien*), University of Nantes (2013)

Master's degree in law, commended (*mention assez bien*), National University of Benin (2000)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Isidore Clément Capo-Chichi is a lawyer and researcher in international criminal law. He has 10 years of advocacy experience in the areas of impunity for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide and in educating the public on civic-mindedness, citizenship and human rights.

Between 2012 and 2017, he served successively as Country Director for Amnesty International, Africa Regional Coordinator for the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and Resident Representative of the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy in Benin and Africa.

He is co-founder of the Institute for Advocacy in Africa, a think tank created in 2014 to establish a bridge for ongoing dialogue between African States and non-governmental organizations for the promotion and defence of human rights, as well as training in non-violence, conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

Mr. Capo-Chichi was the 2015 winner of the Ten Outstanding Young Professionals competition in Benin. He was nominated in the category for contribution to children's rights, world peace and/or human rights.

List of most recent publications in the field

“Comment travailler avec les Institutions nationales des droits de l’homme pour abolir la peine de mort?” (How to work with national human rights institutions to abolish the death penalty), a practical guide to be published by the World Coalition against the Death Penalty, 2021.

“Égalité de droit dans la famille au Bénin: progrès et défis à la lumière de la convention des nations unies sur l’élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l’égard des femmes” (Equal rights in the family in Benin: progress and challenges in light of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women), Research thesis, second Master’s degree, specialization in international and European fundamental rights law, May 2013.

“Quels droits pour les enfants dits sorciers?” (What rights do so-called witch children have?), in *Lueur d’espoir* (informational and educational newsletter on human rights), No. 004, (Amnesty International Benin, Jan–Feb 2002), p. 5.

“Égalité et solidarité: la nouvelle philosophie béninoise de la contribution des époux aux charges du ménage” (Equality and solidarity: the new Beninese philosophy of the contribution of spouses to household expenses), in *Bulletin de Droit et d’information* No. 16–2001.

“La contribution aux charges du ménage dans le Projet de Code des personnes et de la Famille du Bénin” (Contributions to household expenses in the draft Persons and Family Code of Benin), subject of research paper, first Master’s degree in business law and legal professions, August 2000. First Prize, JURISJAM 2000, for quality of research.

Rodrigo A. Carazo (Costa Rica)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1948, San José, Costa Rica**Working languages:** Spanish, English, French**Current position/function**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations

President of the Executive Board, UNICEF

Main professional activities

Ombudsman of the Republic of Costa Rica (1993–1997)

Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica (2002–2006)

University Professor in Costa Rica (1971–1977, 1991–1993, 1997–2001)

University Professor in the United States of America (1987–1990)

International human rights consultant (1997–2002, 2006–2014)

International policy consultant (1997–2014)

Legal consultant (1970–2018, except for periods of civil service)

Consultant in administrative matters (1970–2018, except for periods of civil service)

Notary Public (1971–2014, 2014–2017)

Educational background

Bachelor's degree in law, University of Costa Rica. 1971.

Notary Public, University of Costa Rica. 1971.

Bachelor's degrees in economics and social sciences, University of Costa Rica. 1977.

Certified Public Accountant, relevant professional association. 1977.

Doctorate in political science and international relations, University of Geneva, Switzerland. 1997.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Activist in grassroots organizations.

Campaigner for the establishment of the Ombudsman's Office in Panama, Peru and Bolivia and the Office of the Human Rights Advocate in Nicaragua; campaigner for the strengthening of the Office of the Human Rights Advocate in Guatemala and El Salvador and the Office of the National Commissioner for Human Rights of Honduras.

Founder, Vice-President and President, Central American Council of Lawyers for Human Rights.

Founder, Vice-President and President, Ibero-American Institute of Ombudsmen.

International consultant on human rights for the European Union, the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Development Bank, UNICEF, UNESCO and Fairtrade International (UK).

Representative of Costa Rica to the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, in the area of human rights.

Vice-President of the Executive Board, UNICEF.

Coordinator and/or member of several working groups on human rights in respect of, inter alia, children, women, workers, persons with disabilities, persons of different sexual orientations, older persons, environmental protection and biodiversity promotion, in the United Nations system in New York.

Most recent publications in the field

Annual report of the Ombudsman of Costa Rica, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Dozens of specialist press and magazine articles on a range of human rights issues.

Dozens of speeches and statements on human rights issues in the United Nations system.

Aldo de Campos Costa (Brazil)

Date and place of birth: 5 March 1975, Itumbiara (Brazil)

Working languages: Portuguese, English, French and Spanish

Current position/function

Assistant prosecutor to the Brazilian Prosecutor-General (2020–present)

Federal prosecutor (2014–present)

Main professional activities

Conduct preliminary examinations aimed to determine whether or not state enforcement agencies established the appropriate legal proceedings to protect the rights allegedly violated in order to eventually grant federal jurisdiction over any case involving serious human rights violations. Oversee preliminary examinations, investigations, prosecutions, and when applicable, appeals proceedings related to the President, the Vice-President, the members of the Cabinet, senators, congressmen and other senior civil and military officers. Provide strategic guidance on the investigation and prosecution of situations or cases assigned to the Office of the Prosecutor-General. Dismiss, under the delegation of the Prosecutor-General, claims which are manifestly without legal merit or manifestly outside the jurisdiction of the Brazilian Supreme Federal Court. Advise the Prosecutor-General on each situation and case under his responsibility, when required.

Educational background

University of Coimbra (Doctor iuris candidate), 2021–present; University of São Paulo (Bachelor of Laws), 1995–1999; Escola Superior do Ministério Público da União (Specialist in law applied to the Federal Prosecution Service), 2014–2015; University of Buenos Aires (Diplomado en sistema penal: cuestiones fundamentales), 2004; Harvard Law School’s Program on Negotiation (Certificate in Mediating Disputes), 2015.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

As a member of the Brazilian Amnesty Commission (2002): examined and evaluated pleas for reparation from persons who suffered harm, including physical or mental injury, emotional suffering, economic loss or substantial impairment of their fundamental rights, through acts or omissions by the Brazilian State that constitute gross violations of international human rights law, or serious violations of international humanitarian law, between 18 September 1946 and 5 October 1988, particularly during the authoritarian military dictatorship that ruled the country from April 1, 1964 to March 15, 1985. As a member of the Penitentiary Council of the State of Tocantins (2016): inspected and monitored state prisons to promote the protection of human rights and to prevent torture and ill-treatment; issued opinions to advise the Minister of Justice on whether to grant or not executive clemency.

List of most recent publications in the field

“Normas de sobredireito para a resolução de conflitos de direitos humanos” (2015); “O processo de escolha e designação de defensores públicos interamericanos” (2014), “Legitimidade para exigir o cumprimento de decisões internacionais” (2013), “A proteção internacional dos direitos humanos e a reforma do Poder Judiciário no Brasil” (2004); “O encarceramento da mulher e a mulher encarcerada: aspectos críticos e fáticos acerca da Individualização da pena” (1998).

Zirignon Constant Delbe (Côte d'Ivoire)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 6 October 1968, Gagnoa, Côte d'Ivoire

Working languages: French, English

Current position/function

I am the Director of Human Rights at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. My responsibilities include:

- Supporting efforts to promote and protect human rights
- Ensuring the proper implementation of human rights legislation
- Ensuring the implementation of international commitments on human rights

Main professional activities

Since June 2021: Director of Human Rights

2018–2021: Technical Adviser to the Minister for Justice and Human Rights

Since July 2018: Member of the Board, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority

2013–2018: Director of Rural Land, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

2010–2013: Adviser to the Court of Appeal of Abidjan

2009–2010: First Vice-President, National Human Rights Commission

2004–2009: Adviser to the Court of Appeal of Abidjan

1999–2004: Deputy Public Prosecutor, Bouaké Court of Appeal

1996–1999: Judge, Sassandra Court Division

Educational background

2003–2004: Inter-university diploma of specialized studies in international human rights law, Belgium

July 2002: Diploma from the International Academy for Constitutional Law, Tunis

1994–1995: Diploma from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (National School of Administration), Judicial Section

1991–1992: Master's degree in law (public service stream)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

2021: Member, Group of Governmental Experts on Torture-Free Trade

2019–2020: Representative of Côte d'Ivoire before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in respect of 28 applications to the Court

2012–2014: Consultant, updated study on customary international humanitarian law, International Committee of the Red Cross

2007–2012: Member, National Human Rights Commission

Since 2006: Lecturer in international crimes, international criminal justice and international humanitarian law at the Judicial Academy and various other schools

2008–2015: Member, Board of Directors, Ivorian League for Human Rights

2004–2008: Member, National Executive Board, Ivorian League for Human Rights

Yvonne Maria Donders (Netherlands)

Date and place of birth: 17 January 1972, Haarlem, the Netherlands

Working languages: Dutch, English, French

Current position/function

Yvonne Donders is [Professor International Human Rights and Cultural Diversity](#) (since November 2011) and Head of the Department of International and European Law (since September 2015) at the University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, the Netherlands. She is also Commissioner at the [Netherlands National Institute for Human Rights](#) (since July 2019).

Main professional activities

Prof. Donders teaches courses on International Human Rights Law at various universities (Amsterdam, Tilburg, Barcelona, Florence, Rome). She conducts research on international human rights law, coordinates research projects on human rights and supervises PhD candidates at the University of Amsterdam. As a Commissioner she is involved in monitoring human rights at the national level, including advise to the Dutch government and parliament on the human rights dimensions and implications of legislation and policies. She also contributes to monitoring processes at international level, for instance the Universal Periodic Review and the reporting procedures for the United Nations Treaty Bodies. She further handles equal treatment cases where individuals can file a complaint concerning alleged discrimination in employment, services or education.

Educational background

Prof. Donders holds a PhD from the University of Maastricht, Faculty of Law (2002). Her PhD is entitled “Towards a Right to Cultural Identity?” and is published by Intersentia, Antwerp, 2002. Supervisors were Prof. mr C. Flinterman and Prof. dr. A.P.M. Coomans. She graduated from Utrecht University in International Relations (1996) with a specialization in international organisations and human rights.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Member of the International Law Association ([ILA](#)) International Committee on Participation in Global Cultural Heritage Governance (since May 2018)

Chair of the Steering Committee of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research ([NNHRR](#)) (since January 2017)

Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([AIV](#)) (since June 2013)

Member of the Editorial Board and Executive Editor of the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights ([NQHR](#)) (since May 2013)

Member of the Board of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law ([KNVIR](#)) (since November 2012)

Chair of the Advisory Board of the “[Shelter City](#)” project coordinated by Justice and Peace Netherlands (since 2012)

List of most recent publications in the field

Yvonne M. Donders, “The right to science in practice: a proposed test in four stages”. Book chapter with Sebastian Porsdam Mann and Helle Porsdam in [The Right to Science. Then and Now](#). (Cambridge University Press November 2021) <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108776301>

Yvonne M. Donders, “Diversity in Europe: From Pluralism to Populism?” in: J. Vidmar (ed.) *European Populism and Human Rights* (Koninklijke Brill NV Leiden January 2020) pp. 52–71. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004416017_004

SSRN (last unedited version) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3635996

Yvonne M. Donders, “Cultural Rights in International Human Rights Law: From Controversy to Celebration”, *Japanese Yearbook of International Law*, Vol. 62 (2019) International Law Association of Japan (February 2020), pp. 61–84. SSRN (last unedited version) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3635993

Yvonne M. Donders, “The Enjoyment of Cultural Rights by Women on an Equal Basis with Men” in: Lucky Belder and Helle Porsdam (eds.), *Negotiating Cultural Rights: Issues at Stake, Challenges and Recommendations* (Edward Elgar Publishing 2017), pp. 100–120. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781786435422>

Yvonne M. Donders, “Universality, Diversity and Legal Certainty: The Cultural Diversity Argument in the Dialogue between CEDAW and States Parties” (with Vincent Vleugel) in: Machiko Kanetake and André Nollkaemper (eds.), *The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels: Contestations and Deference* (Oxford: Hart Publishing March 2016) pp. 321–351. (Last unedited version: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2466894>).

Yvonne M. Donders and Tarlach McGonagle (eds), *The United Nations and Freedom of Expression and Information, Critical Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press June 2015). <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781316018552>

Laurence R. Helfer (United States of America)

Date and place of birth: 13 August 1965 – New York, NY, USA

Working languages: English

Current position/function

Duke University: Harry R. Chadwick, Sr. Professor of Law

Research, teach, and lecture on a wide range of issues in international law, international human rights international courts and tribunals, treaties and international organizations, and international law in U.S. courts

Main professional activities

Permanent Visiting Professor, iCourts Center of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen

Co-Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of International Law

Co-Director, Center for International and Comparative Law, Duke University

Author, co-author or editor of six books and author or co-author of more than 100 other publications on international law, international human rights, international courts, international organizations, and international law in U.S. courts

More than 200 academic and professional presentations on these topics

Law Clerk, Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Associate Attorney, Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman, New York, NY

Educational background

University of Copenhagen: Honorary Doctorate in Law (2014)

New York University School of Law: J.D. *magna cum laude* (1992)

Princeton University: M.P.A. (1992)

Yale University: B.A. *magna cum laude* (1987)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Advance international human rights education and promote compliance with international human rights law by organizing lectures, panels and other activities

Panellist, Violence and Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity, UN Human Rights Council

Presentations to UN treaty bodies on LGBT rights & rights of persons with disabilities

Advisory Committee on International Law, Member, U.S. Department of State

Lectured on international law and human rights to appellate judges in the U.S. and Ghana

Research includes interviews of government and international organization officials, judges, bar associations, and civil society organizations in Africa, South America & Europe

Held several leadership positions in the American Society of International Law

List of most recent publications in the field

Closing International Law's Innocence Gap, 95 Southern California Law Review (2021)

Rethinking Derogations from Human Rights Treaties, 115 American J. Int'l Law (2021)

Populism & International Human Rights Institutions: A Survival Guide (book chapter 2020)

Walking Back Human Rights in Europe? 31 *European J. Int'l Law* 797 (2020)

INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY (co-editor 2018) (Oxford University Press)

Bacre Waly Ndiaye (Senegal)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 8 September 1952, Saint Louis**Working languages:** French, English, Wolof**Current position/function**

Lawyer

Arbitrator and Mediator

Chair, team of international experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Human Rights Council

Main professional activities

Secretary-General, Senegalese Bar Association

President, Practical Ethics Commission

Director, Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division (including the universal periodic review, human rights treaty bodies and research), New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Deputy Special Representative, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (Rwanda genocide alert)

Educational background

Master's degree in commercial law (with distinction), Dakar, 1975

Research work on expatriate workers, banana cooperatives in Casamance and conflicts between traditional and modern law

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Commissioner in Haiti and transitional justice consultant

Vice-President, Executive Committee, Amnesty

Elections and trial observer

Consultant on implementation of the universal periodic review, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and on treaty body reform, International Organization of la Francophonie

Editor, Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law

Moderator for the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Islam and human rights

List of most recent publications in the field

Duty of remembrance and policies of forgiveness

African mechanisms for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities

Human rights implementation

Hernán Quezada Cabrera (Chile)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 15 December 1951, Santiago, Chile**Working languages:** Spanish, French**Current position/function**

Member of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations (2019–2022)

Visiting Professor, Diploma in litigation and contemporary issues in international law: human rights, environment and international crimes. Faculty of Law, University of Chile (2022)

External legal consultant in constitutional law and human rights for the NGO Chilean Human Rights Commission (2019–present)

Legal expert at the Directorate of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2018–present)

Main professional activities

Director of Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (March 2014–March 2018). Lawyer in the Directorate of Legal Affairs (1998–2007 and 2011–2014) and Head of the Department of International Law (2002–2003) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Legal adviser at the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations (2008–2010). Lawyer in the Human Rights Programme at the Ministry of the Interior (1996–1998). Lawyer at the National Compensation and Reconciliation Board (1995–1996). Consultant with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Chile (1992–1995). Lawyer with the Fundación Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas (Christian Churches Social Assistance Foundation, FASIC) representing the relatives of victims of the dictatorship before the courts (1993–2007). Head of the Exile-Return Programme, Vicaría de la Solidaridad (1992). Lawyer for the Committee for the Defence of the People's Rights, responsible for defending political prisoners before the military and civil courts (1982–1985). Lawyer at Vicaría de la Solidaridad, responsible for defending political prisoners and relatives of executed persons and disappeared prisoners before the military and civil courts during the military dictatorship (1978–1985).

Educational background

Doctorate in law (major in public law), University of Strasbourg III, France (1993)

Doctorate in law, University of Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany (1990)

Specialist diploma in international relations, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (1978)

Bachelor's degree in legal and social sciences, University of Chile (1978)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Professor in the human rights master's programme, University of Arts and Social Sciences, Chile (2012–2013). Professor of international public law, Christian Humanism Academy University, Chile (1998–2007 and 2010–2013), University of Arts and Social Sciences, Chile (1993–2005), and Andrés Bello University, Chile (1996–1999). Head of the delegation of Chile to the XXIX meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights, MERCOSUR, Buenos Aires (2017). Member of the delegation for the review of the fourth periodic report of Chile at the fifty-fifth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2015). Head of the delegation of Chile to the XXVI meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights, MERCOSUR, Brasilia (2015). Head of the delegation of Chile to the XXV meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights, MERCOSUR, Buenos Aires (2014). Member of the delegation for the review of the sixth periodic report of Chile at the 111th session of the Human Rights Committee (2014).

List of most recent publications in the field

Judgment of the Supreme Court in the case concerning *Prats*. In *Anuario de Derechos Humanos 2011*, University of Chile. Santiago, 2011.

Memoria, para qué y por qué (Memory, what for and why). In regional seminar *Memoria, Verdad y Justicia de Nuestro Pasado Reciente*, MERCOSUR. Montevideo, 2006.

Chile y el derecho internacional de los refugiados. International Studies. University of Chile, 1993.

Chile und der Schutz der Menschenrechte auf Internationaler Ebene. HBS. Düsseldorf, 1990.

Alfred Suh Fusi (Cameroon)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 30 May 1958, Bafut**Working languages:** English and French**Current position/function**

Judge, Supreme Court of Cameroon

Temporary teacher, National Civil Service and Judiciary Training School

Main professional activities

I have 33 years of professional experience and have held various positions in district courts and courts of appeal. For example, I was Public Prosecutor, a position where I was responsible for investigating and prosecuting offenders. As a judge, I have been called upon to rule on a wide range of cases, including those related to human rights.

At the Supreme Court, my first post was as Advocate-General. In that role, I assisted the Public Prosecutor in ensuring the correct application of the law. Since August 2020, I have been a Supreme Court Judge. I rule on appeals in respect of lower court decisions and ensure consistency in the judicial system.

Since 2016, I have been a temporary teacher at the National Civil Service and Judiciary Training School, where I teach courses on criminal investigations and public prosecutions to legal trainees.

Educational background

1988: Diploma in judicial studies, National Civil Service and Judiciary Training School

1983: Master's degree in private anglophone law, University of Yaoundé

1982: Law degree, University of Yaoundé

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Driven by my passion for human rights, I have had several opportunities to develop my skills in this area, notably by taking part in the drafting of the annual report of the Ministry of Justice on the situation of human rights in Cameroon and the periodic reports of Cameroon to the human rights treaty bodies and the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council. I also participated in the drafting of the conclusions of Cameroon in respect of complaints against it submitted to the human rights treaty bodies.

In addition, I have participated in training on human rights issues where I have made presentations, including on the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons, children and prisoners, and on trafficking in persons. These training activities took place in Cameroon and abroad, including in Arusha, Tanzania, Livingstone, Zambia, and Pretoria, South Africa.

List of most recent publications in the field

La lutte contre la traite des personnes au Cameroun (Fighting trafficking in persons in Cameroon), presented at the Seminar on international cooperation and the fight against trafficking in persons, held in Livingstone, Zambia, in September 2015

La question du travail des enfants au Cameroun (Child labour in Cameroon), presented at the Seminar on the rights of the African child, held in Pretoria, South Africa, in September 2016

Tijana Šurlan (Serbia)

Date and place of birth: 8 July 1972, Belgrade, Serbia

Working languages: English (reading, writing, speaking), Russian (reading, writing, speaking) and French (reading, basic writing and speaking), and Serbian (native language)

Current position/function

Professor of International Public Law and International Human Rights Law, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies, Department of Criminalistics (UCIPS, DC) in Belgrade; Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia; Lecturer of International Law at the Diplomatic Academy “Koca Popovic”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Serbia.

Main professional activities

Professor of PIL and IHRL at graduate, master and doctoral studies at UCIPS, DC; Lecturer at seminars Forum on Diplomacy and International Relations, and Theory and Practice of Legal Reasoning at Law Faculty, University of Belgrade; Creator of the Syllabus International and National Mechanism for Protection of the HR, on behalf the Office for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Serbia; Vice-Dean for Postgraduate Studies and International Cooperation, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies, Department of Criminalistics; President of the Chamber, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia.

Educational background

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law, Belgrade, Serbia: PhD in PIL, “*summa cum laude*” 2010; LL.M. in PIL, “*summa cum laude*” 2001; LL.B. 1996; Seminar in Human Rights and Ethics Training for Police Trainers in Serbia, Council of Europe, 2004; Seminar in Human Rights Trainers Development Course, OSCE, 2003; Seminar in International Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Standards in Law Enforcement, UN and ICRC, 2003.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Legal Advisor for the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor, Republic of Serbia, 2012–2013; President of the Management Board of the Agency for Restitution, Republic of Serbia, 2013–2016; Member of the Working Group for drafting of the Act on the Restitution of the Heirless Property of the Holocaust Victims, Ministry of Justice, Government of Serbia, 2015–2016; Editor-in-Chief of the Bulletin of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia; Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “Bezbednost”; Judge at the National “Moot Court” Competition in IHL, ICRC, 2002–2005; Judge at the Regional “Moot Court” Competition – Simulation of the Procedure before the ECHR, Civil Right Defenders, 2019; member of organisational boards and participant in numerous international and national conferences; member of the European Society of International Law (ESIL); member in the International Law Association (ILA), Serbian Branch.

List of most recent publications in the field

Books: M. Kreca, T. Surlan, International Public Law, Belgrade, 2016, 2019; T. Surlan, Universal International Human Rights – Control Mechanisms, Belgrade, 2014; T. Surlan and oth., Towards better protection of family violence victims: response of justice, Belgrade, 2012; T. Surlan, Crimes Against Humanity in International Criminal Law, Belgrade, 2011.

Articles: T. Surlan, The duty to protect the right to life, NBP – Journal of Criminalistics and Law, Vol. 26, Issue 2, 2021, pp.19–30; T. Surlan, Freedom of Religion and the Legal Status of Churches: A Case Study from the Serbian Constitutional Court, in: Rosamond McKitterick, Charlotte Methuen, Andrew Spicer (eds.), Studies in Church History, 56, The Church and the Law, Cambridge University Press, 2020; T. Surlan, Prohibition of Discrimination – principle, doctrine, legal norm, in: Položaj i uloga policije u demokratskoj državi, Belgrade, 2013, 139–154; T. Surlan, International Law Protection of the Right to Privacy, Srpska

pravna misao, no.47/2014, 47–73; T. Surlan, Prohibition of Torture: Absolute or Relative?, Bezbednost, 3/2016, 5–24; T. Surlan, Right to Liberty, NBP, 1/2018, 89–100.

Teraya Koji (Japan)

Date and place of birth: 17 August 1969, Otaru, Japan

Working languages: English and Japanese

Current position/function

Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo (2011–present)

Member, Executive Council of the International Law Association (2019–present)

Councillor, Chairperson of the Committee for Expert Comments on International Affairs, Japanese Society of International Law (2020–present)

Member of the Executive Board (2016–present) and Chief of the Planning Committee (2019–2021), International Human Rights Law Association

Main professional activities

Served as a member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and substantially contributed to the activities of the Committee, working toward the promotion and protection of victims' rights and prevention of enforced disappearances and combatting impunity for the crime of enforced disappearance. Served as a rapporteur of the Committee (2017–2021).

Over 25 years of experience of teaching and researching in the areas of International Law, International Human Rights Law, and International Humanitarian Law both in Japan and internationally. Has published a large number of publications, including on the role of international human rights treaties and human rights-based approaches to global challenges.

Educational background

Bachelor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo (1994)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Expert Member, International Forum on Criminal Justice, Ministry of Justice (2018–present)

Member, National Bar Examination Commission, Ministry of Justice (2021–present)

Member of various international academic associations, including: the Japanese Society of International Law, the American Society of International Law, the Asian Society of International Law, the European Society of International Law, and the International Human Rights Law Association (served as an executive board member).

Previously served as a Co-Rapporteur of the International Human Rights Law Committee of the International Law Association (2012–2016).

List of most recent publications in the field

“A Consideration on the Interpretation of International Human Rights Treaties: From the Perspectives of Holism, Process Theory and Constitutionalism”, *Journal of International Law and Diplomacy*, Vol. 119, No. 4, 2021. (Japanese)

“Criminal Control in International Human Rights Protection”, Koji Teraya and Kazuyori Ito (eds.), *International Law at Present: the Possibility of Law in the Ever-changing World*, Nihonhyōronsha 2020. (Japanese)

“Effectiveness and Fairness in International Human Rights Treaties: A Note on Institutional Condition for Constructive Dialogue”, *International Affairs*, No. 680, the Japan Institute of International Affairs, 2019. (Japanese)

“Japan: Implementation of International Human Rights by Japanese Courts” in S. Kadelbach et al eds., *Judging International Human Rights: Courts of General Jurisdiction as Human Rights Courts*, Springer, 2019. (English)

“The Impact of the International Covenants on Human Rights on the Rights of Foreigners in Japan”, Japanese Yearbook of International Law, Vol. 59, 2017. (English)

Hélène Tigroudja (France)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 19 July 1975, Lille**Working languages:** French (mother tongue), English and Spanish (excellent command)**Current position/function**

Professor of public international law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law at French and American universities.

Ad hoc expert in the field of human rights, reparations for serious violations of humanitarian law and crimes under international law; gender-based violence and the elimination of discrimination against women; the rule of law and counter-terrorism; and freedom of expression for various international organizations, inter alia, the International Criminal Court, the European Union, the Council of Europe, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.

Main professional activities

Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Human Rights Law at the University of Aix-Marseille, France, since 2012; Hauser Global Professor at New York University, 2021–2022; Teaching international humanitarian law at the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University, Washington D.C.

Independent expert, United Nations Human Rights Committee, since 2019

Appointed to the list of experts on reparations by the Registry of the International Criminal Court

Outreach missions on the work of the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Honduras (2019), Peru (2019), El Salvador (2019) and Kenya (2022): Implementation of the Committee's concluding observations, including on women's rights, gender-based violence and gender equality

Educational background

Public civil service competitive examination in public law, 2004

Doctorate in international public law, University of Lille 2, 2001. Thesis: Contribution to the study of the status of the victim in international human rights law

Master's degree in constitutional law and public law, University of Lille 2, 2000

Master's degree in international and European law, University of Lille 2, 1997

Graduate, Institute of Political Studies, Lille, 1996

Master's degree in philosophy, University of Lille 3, 1996

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

A specialist in civil and political rights, Hélène Tigroudja has recognized legal expertise in international human rights law, coupled with solid field experience from numerous missions in Africa, North America, Latin America and the Middle East. She has acquired and demonstrated a capacity for constructive dialogue with a range of stakeholders, inter alia, governments, judges, academics and NGOs.

On joining the Human Rights Committee in March 2019, Hélène Tigroudja was elected as focal point for the European Court of Human Rights. In that capacity, she has worked to align the jurisprudence of the two bodies with the aim of strengthening the Committee's cooperation with regional bodies.

She has also been appointed to represent the Human Rights Committee on the working group on COVID-19 established in July 2020, which brings together representatives of all of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies. As Rapporteur of the working group, she drafted the statement on human rights during the pandemic, published on 10 December 2021.

List of most recent publications in the field

Treaties of International Human Rights Law (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2022 (awaiting publication)).

The American Convention on Human Rights. A commentary (Oxford/New York, Oxford University Press, 2021/January 2022).

“Procedural Developments at International Human Rights Courts and Bodies”, *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals*, 19 (2020), pp. 304–341.

“Freedom to manifest one’s religion, cross discrimination and restrictions by the state. Observations on the Views adopted in 2018 by the Human Rights Committee concerning France and Turkey,” *Revue Trimestrielle des droits de l’Homme*, 2019.

“Chronicle of Decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2015–2017)”, *Revue Trimestrielle des droits de l’Homme*, 2018.

Traité de droit international des droits de l’homme, (International Human Rights Treaties) (co-authored with L. Hennebel), 2nd ed. (Paris, Pédone, 2018), pp. 1,727.

Gentian Zyberi (Albania)

Date and place of birth: 1 August 1977; Dajç, Lezhë, Albania

Working languages: English (preferable), French

Current position/function

Member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2019–2022). Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, the Netherlands. Chairperson of the Albanian branch of the International Law Association. Editor-in-chief of the Nordic Journal of Human Rights.

Main professional activities

Over the last about 20 years, researching, publishing, and teaching in the areas of international human rights, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and public international law for leading universities in the Netherlands, Norway, the US, China, and Albania. Developing curricula and teaching materials at Master and PhD level in the field of human rights and international law. Leading research and educational cooperation with various universities in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Coordinating the Faculty Research Group on Human Rights, Armed Conflicts, and the Law of Peace and Security, at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. Since 2019, editor-in-chief of the Nordic Journal of Human Rights, a well-renowned multi-disciplinary human rights journal. Member of the ILA Committee on Human Rights in Times of Emergency. Member of the Albanian Bar Association since 2006. Advising States and NGOs on international law issues.

Educational background

PhD in International Law, Faculty of Law, Utrecht University, the Netherlands (2003–2008); the doctoral dissertation was *awarded the second Max van der Stoep Prize* by the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research in 2008. Master of Laws (LL.M), specialization International Law, Faculty of Law, Utrecht University, the Netherlands (2001–2002, with *honorable mention*). Bachelor of Law (jurist), Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania (*cum laude*, 1996–2000).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Have successfully combined academic work with the practice of international law at the highest levels. Through working as legal assistant and interpreter in two cases at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and acting as legal adviser and coordinator of the Albanian legal team in a case before the International Court of Justice, gained invaluable teamwork experience and knowledge of various aspects of international law and human rights that have been very useful in working for the Human Rights Committee (2019–2022). Member of various professional organizations, including the European Society of International Law, the Executive Committee of the International Law Association and of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI). Current research focuses on the development of international human rights law by key human rights mechanisms and the protection of community interests under international law. Participated in many international conferences and published a monograph, a textbook on human rights, three edited volumes, and around 30 peer-reviewed book chapters and articles on international law and human rights with renowned publishers (Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Intersentia, and Routledge). Actively disseminating the work of the Human Rights Committee and other important human rights mechanisms through social media and blogs.

List of most recent publications in the field (for a full list, please see my work webpage):

G. Zyberi and Q. Qerimi, “International Law of Human Rights” (university textbook in Albanian), second edition (February 2015). G. Zyberi (ed.), “Protecting Community Interests through International Law” (Intersentia, 2021). G. Zyberi, “The Interpretation and

Development of International Human Rights Law by the International Court of Justice”, in Martin Scheinin (ed.), *The Relevance of Human Rights Norms before ‘Other’ International Courts and Tribunals* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), pp. 28–61. G. Zyberi, “Responsibility of States and Individuals for Mass Atrocity Crimes”, in André Nollkaemper and Ilias Plakokefalos (eds.), *The Practice of Shared Responsibility in International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 236–262.

Dainius Žalimas (Lithuania)

Date and place of birth: 22 May 1973, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Working languages: English, Russian

Current position/function

Dean and professor at the Law Faculty, Vytautas Magnus University (Kaunas, Lithuania; from 09/2021); Substitute member at the European Commission “Democracy through Law” (Venice Commission; from 04/2018); part-time professor at Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania; from 02/2019)

Main professional activities

Academic experience (since 1996): professor at the Law Faculty of Vytautas Magnus University and part-time professor at the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University; previously – lecturer and professor at Vilnius University.

Judicial experience – 10 years (03/2011–06/2021): Judge and President (03/2014–06/2021) of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania.

Other relevant experience: substitute member of the Venice Commission (since 04/2018); 6 years (03/2005–03/2011) – member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; 10 years (2001–2011) – chairperson at the National Commission on Implementation of International Humanitarian Law under the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania.

Educational background

1996 – Master’s degree in law (specialization – international law) at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University.

2001 – Doctor’s degree (Ph. D., law, social sciences) at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University. Theme of the dissertation – The International Legal Grounds and Consequences of the 11 March 1990 Restoration of the Independence of the Republic of Lithuania.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

At Vytautas Magnus University and Mykolas Romeris University – lectures in constitutional law and public international law, which cover human rights law and the competence of the Human Rights Committee. Some of those issues were also covered in lectures of the law of international organizations and international humanitarian law at Vilnius University.

The judicial activities at the Constitutional Court of Lithuania included consideration of cases (including individual constitutional complaints) and drafting of rulings on such human rights related issues as constitutionality of constitutional amendments, interpretation of the Constitution in line with international human rights law, non-discrimination and the protection of human dignity, pluralistic democracy, electoral rights, etc. Similar activities are continued in considering opinions and studies of the Venice Commission.

List of most recent publications in the field

In 2016–2021: two monographs on Lithuanian constitutional law and constitutional disputes; 18 scientific articles on topics such as the following: fundamental values as an inviolable core of the Constitution, the openness of the Constitution to international law, the impact of the ECtHR case-law on the jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court, regional challenges in implementation of ECHR, the concept of democracy as safeguarded by the Constitution, etc.