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Dear Everyone,

Welcome each of you to this unique Human Rights law Summer Program at China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing!

In the words of the General Assembly Resolution of United Nations, human rights education is intended to be "a life-long process by which people at all levels of development and in all strata of society learn respect for the dignity of other and the means and methods of ensuring that respect in all society." Accordingly, as H.E. Ms. Mary Robinson (a former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002) pointed out, human rights education efforts should be directed at all people – children as well as adults – since all members of society have a role to play in promoting and protecting human rights.

For those of you, who are privileged to receive many years of higher education, the importance of understanding human rights is even more apparent. Since many of you will one day serve in the public sectors, the primary reasonability of protecting and promoting human rights home and abroad will fall onto your shoulders. For this reason, please allow me to show you my deepest respect for your noble determination to come and share your knowledge and experiences in this forum.

In 2009, with a strong support of many human rights scholars and university leaders of CUPL, the first optional human rights law summer course was successfully carried out in Beijing. Up to now, Almost one thousand students from some 40 Chinese and foreign universities participated in this program. This pilot work further encourages all of us to happily take this human rights education responsibility even more seriously for 2018.

Finally, on behalf of all the professors and staffs, I would like to wish each of you a happy and enjoyable stay at CUPL in Beijing.

Dr. Wei Zhang
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LIST OF INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

- Gudmundur ALFREDSSON
 - Brian BURDEKIN AO
 - Bert LOCKWOOD
 - Florence BENOIT-ROHMER
 - Christophe PESCHOUX
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Gudmundur ALFREDSSON

- *Introduction to International Human Rights Law*
- *Civil and Political Rights*
- *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*
- *Minority and Indigenous Rights*
- *How to get a UN job*



Prof. Gudmundur Alfredsson, Master of Comparative Jurisprudence (M.C.J.) from New York University Law School, 1976; and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School, 1982.

His previous academic position include Professor in the Polar Law Master Program at the University of Akureyri in Iceland, Invited Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Strasbourg, Visiting Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) in Lund, Sweden. He is currently a Guest Professor at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.

He also served as International civil servant with the United Nations Secretariat in New York (Office of Legal Affairs) and Geneva (Centre for Human Rights), 1983-95; He was also the Chairman of the expert consultation meetings that drafted the Lund Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Public Affairs, OSCE, 1998-99; He was the Chairman/Rapporteur of the UN Working Group on Minorities in 2006, and a member of the UN Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, 2004-06; He was a Expert member of the Danish-Greenlandic Self-Governance Commission (2004-08); and he has Lectured on public international law and human rights in about 80 countries.

Prof. Gudmundur Alfredsson is also working as Editor in-Chief of both the International Journal of Minority and Group Rights and of the Yearbook of Polar Law and as Co-Editor of the Nordic Journal of International Law, all published by Brill Academic Publishers in the Netherlands, regular peer reviewer of articles for publication in these and other periodicals. Also service as evaluator/assessor of projects/publications for the Norwegian and Icelandic Research Councils, the Danish Institute of Human Rights, Sida, the European Commission and the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union, and others.

He has been awarded Honorary Member of the Indian Society of International Law, 2009; Knight of the Icelandic Falcon Order (Fálkaorean, awarded by the President in December 1998); Commander - first grade - of the Swedish Polar Star (Nordstjärnan, awarded by the King in November 1998).

Brian BURDEKIN AO

- *National Human Rights Institutions*
- *Business and Human Rights*
- *The Convention against Torture*
- *How to get a UN job*



Brian Burdekin is Visiting Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Sweden, International Adviser to National Human Rights Institutions in Africa, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, and lectures widely on the role of NHRIs. He was appointed Professorial Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales Faculty of Law in 2008.

From 1995 to 2003, as Special Adviser on National Institutions, Regional Arrangements and Preventive Strategies to the first three United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights, he conducted over 200 missions to countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America where governments or civil society wanted to create an independent Human Rights Commission. In the past 25 years he has helped to establish such Commissions in over 70 countries.

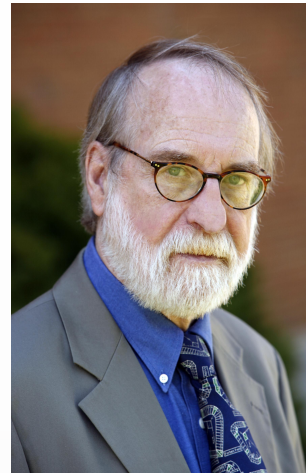
Prior to taking up his appointment with the United Nations, Professor Burdekin was, from 1986 to 1994, the first Federal Human Rights Commissioner of Australia. In this capacity he conducted major national inquiries into the systemic abuse of particularly vulnerable groups – including the homeless, mentally ill and people with disabilities. In 1990-'91 he was one of the key figures involved in drafting the United Nations principles prescribing the minimum standards for National Human Rights Institutions (the “Paris Principles”), subsequently adopted by the UN General Assembly.

From 1976 to 1986 he served as Principal Advisor to a former Australian Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Trade Minister, Minister for Federal-State Relations and the Federal Attorney General. Prior to this he was a diplomat and lawyer.

In 1995, Professor Burdekin was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to human rights both in Australia and in other countries. He is generally considered to be the leading international expert on National Human Rights Institutions.

Bert LOCKWOOD

- ▶ *Human Rights and the United States*
- ▶ *Women's Human Rights*
- ▶ *Human Rights NGOs*



Professor Lockwood is the Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the renowned Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, the first endowed institute at an American law school devoted to the study of international human rights. He has been involved in international human rights for over 40 years,

Since 1982, he has been Editor-in-Chief of the Human Rights Quarterly, a multidisciplinary academic journal published by The Johns Hopkins University Press. HRQ is widely acknowledged to be the leading journal in the field. In addition, Professor Lockwood has been Series Editor of the Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, a book series published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, since 1988. Over 140 books have been published in the Series. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Essex.

Among his professional activities Lockwood has served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA, submitted amicus curiae briefs to a number of courts, served for 20 years as the Rapporteur of the Annual Colloquium on "The Role of Government Departments in the Formulation and Implementation of Human Rights Considerations in Foreign Policy" convened by the American Association of the International Commission of Jurists. In 1994 he was a monitor for the International Commission of Jurists for the South African Elections. He has been actively involved with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and provided the contents for their first exhibit on "The Struggle Continues" focusing upon current human rights issues. He serves on the Board of Overseers, Human Rights Institute of the University of Connecticut.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including being named Distinguished Service Professor, an appointment given only three times in the history of the University of Cincinnati.

Florence BENOIT-ROHMER

- Freedom of Religion
- European Human Rights Protection Mechanisms



Prof. BENOIT-ROHMER took up the function as EIUC Secretary General on 1 January 2009. Born in Strasbourg, Florence Benoit-Rohmer holds a PhD in Public Law. President of the Université Robert Schuman (URS), Strasbourg, from 2003 to 2008, Florence Benoit-Rohmer is Professor at the Law Faculty in Strasbourg.

She is the Director of the Master program in Human Rights at the University of Strasbourg and has served as Vice-President of EIUC from 2002 till 2008 and as French national director of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) since its inception in 1997. Prof. Benoît-Rohmer is acting as human rights expert for the Council of Europe, was member of the European Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights set up by the European Commission, and is currently the President of the Scientific Committee of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the EU. She is also member of the scientific committees of several international journals specialized in human rights, and in particular minority rights.

Prof. Benoît-Rohmer's research interests range from the study of Fundamental Rights in the EU, the Council of Europe, the European Convention on Human Rights and other conventions, and Constitutional Law including national minority rights. Among her numerous publications may be mentioned:

1. "The minority question in Europe for the Council of Europe Publications" (1989);
2. "La question minoritaire en Europe: vers un système cohérent de protection des minorités nationales"; (Strasbourg 1996);
3. "Les minorités, quels droits? ", Council of Europe Publication (Strasbourg 1999);
4. "L'égalité dans la typologie des droits de l'homme", in "Classer les droits de l'homme", edited with Bruylant in 2004.
5. For the collection of the Robert Schuman University - Institut de recherches Carré de Malberg, she published in 2003 "Les droits sociaux ou la démolition de quelques poncifs" (edited with Constance Grewe).
6. In 2005 she published for the Council of Europe a work titled "Council of Europe Law: Towards a Pan-European Legal Area", co-edited with Heinrich Klebes, (Strasbourg 2005), which is going to be re-edited in 2009.

Christophe PESCHOUX

- *Introduction to UN human rights mechanisms: Special Procedures*
- *Introduction to UN human rights mechanisms: Universal Periodic Review*
- *Human Rights and Cultural Values*



Christophe PESCHOUX, French. He Studied political and moral philosophy; history and civilizations of Southeast Asia; and rural development in the universities of Montpellier, Paris VII and Geneva (1977-1980). Christophe Peschoux has been working for the past 30 years in the fields of humanitarian, human rights and refugee protection.

Since January 2014, he is the head of the section of the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights supporting the work of six special procedures mandate holders: torture, executions, disappearances, arbitrary detention, freedom of religion and belief and human rights protection and counter-terrorism.

From May 2011 to December 2013 he was leading and coordinating the Universal Periodic Review work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. From 2007 to 2011 he was the High Commissioner's Representative in Cambodia, the only country office in Asia. Prior to this, he coordinated protection/prison work with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for 4 years (Iraq, 2003; Central Asia, 2004-2006; and Ethiopia (2006-2007). From 1993 to 2003 he served in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia (as head of the investigation and monitoring unit, 1993-1999) and at Headquarters (1999-2003) where he contributed to the office's work in Afghanistan, Togo, Palestinian Occupied Territories, and East Timor, and developed a methodology on witness protection. Prior to joining the OHCHR, he worked in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) and as a senior protection officer with UNHCR (Khmer rouge-controlled refugee camp, along the Thai-Cambodian border. From 1981 to 1991, he worked with several non-governmental organizations in the fields of humanitarian, human rights and refugee protection (Ecolessans Frontières, Médecins du Monde and Amnesty International, and conducted independent field research.

He published a book in 1992 on the history of the Khmer rouge following their overthrow by Vietnam in 1979 (*Les "nouveaux" Khmers rouges – Reconstruction du mouvement et reconquête des villages, 1979-1991*, L'Harmattan éditeur, Paris, 1992, 300 pages. A second book will be published in the course of the year, based on a series of interviews conducted prior to his arrest in 1999 with Duch, the former commander of S-21, the Khmer rouge regime's central interrogation and execution center where 14-16,000 people were tortured and executed: *Entretien avec Duch: itinéraire d'un tortionnaire ordinaire*, Les Indes Savantes éditeur, Paris (In French and English), foreword by David P. Chandler.



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