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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, over 500 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 2014.

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.

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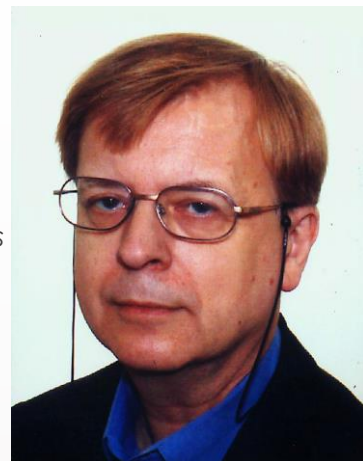


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Gudmundur ALFREDSSON

- *Standard-settings and Main Human Rights Treaties*
- *Civil and Political Rights*
- *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*
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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).

Florence BENOIT-ROHMER

- *Freedom of Religion*
- *European Human Rights Protection Mechanisms*



Prof. Benoît-Rohmer took up the function as EIUC Secretary General on 1 January 2009. Born in Strasbourg, Florence Benoît-Rohmer holds a PhD in Public Law. President of the Université Robert Schuman (URS), Strasbourg, from 2003 to 2008, Florence Benoît-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: "The minority question in Europe for the Council of Europe Publications" (1989); "La question minoritaire en Europe: vers un système cohérent de protection des minorités nationales"; (Strasbourg 1996); "Les minorités, quels droits? ", Council of Europe Publication (Strasbourg 1999); "L'égalité dans la typologie des droits de l'homme", in "Classer les droits de l'homme", edited with Bruylant in 2004. 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). 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.

Brian BURDEKIN AO

- *What are National Institutions to Promote and Protect Human Rights (NHRIs)? Why do they exist? When did they originate? What do they do?*
- *Strategies used by NHRIs to Promote and Protect Human Rights*
- *The Relationship between NHRIs and the Government, the Judiciary and the National Parliament*



Brain Burdekin is currently Visiting Professor at the Institute, teaches in the post-graduate programme at Melbourne University Law School, and is International Adviser to a number of National Human Rights Institutions in Africa, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe. From 1995 to 2003, he was Special Adviser on National Institutions to the first three United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights. he conducted over 200 missions to 55 countries in Africa, the Asian-pacific, Europe and Latin America where governments or civil society had expressed a genuine interest in establishing an independent Human Rights Commission.

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, in 1990-1991, he was one of the key figures involved in preparing the United Nations' principles prescribing the minimum standards for national human right institutions, (the Paris Principles), subsequently adopted by the General Assembly. From 1978 to 1986 he was principal advisor to a former Australian Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Attorney General. Prior to this he was a diplomat and lawyer. In June 1995, Professor Burdekin was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to human rights, both in Australia and other countries. He is generally considered to be the leading international expert on national human rights institutions.

Richard DESGAGNE

- *The Interplay between Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law*



Richard Desgagné is from Quebec (Canada). He has been working for the *International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)*, since 2001.

He has been Regional Legal Adviser for East and South East Asia since July 2008. Based in Kuala Lumpur, he covers 15 countries of East and South East Asia. Within the ICRC's Advisory Service on IHL, a unit of ICRC's Legal department, he mainly works on the implementation of international humanitarian law (IHL) in national legal systems, and on spreading the knowledge and on the promotion of IHL among national authorities and academic circles.

His previous assignments were as Regional Legal Adviser for Central and South Eastern Europe (2006-2008) and Western and Central Africa (2003-2006). He previously worked (2001-2003) as a legal adviser at ICRC's headquarters in Geneva on different files including support to the work of regional legal advisers in Europe and Asia, on national implementation of IHL, on issues related to missing persons and other legal issues.

Before joining ICRC, Richard Desgagné has been working as a legal consultant on different research projects in international environmental law, human rights and humanitarian law with:

- *Asser Institute of International Law* in The Hague (Netherlands) (2000-2001), on international environment law and human rights;
- *New-York University Law School*, (1998-2000), on human rights and international humanitarian law;
- *ICRC*, in Geneva (1997-1998) on international customary humanitarian law.

He has also taught European law at McGill University in Montreal (1998). He has published several articles in environmental law and human rights, and co-authored/edited a book on international environmental law (1998, reedited in 2005).

He obtained his Law Degree from the University of Montreal (1990) and his Master of Laws' Degree from McGill University (1992) (Canada). He also holds a degree in Business Administration (University of Quebec, 1992) and a Diploma of Graduate studies in international relations (international law) (D.E.S.) from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva, 1994). He is a member of the Bar of Quebec (Canada).

Jonas GRIMHEDEN

- ▀ *Human Rights in the European Union*
- ▀ *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Europe*

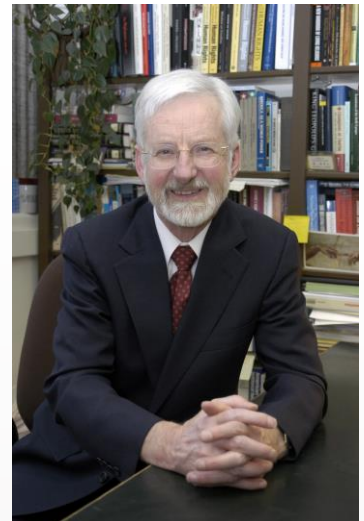


Dr Jonas Grimheden is Head of Sector Access to Justice at the European Union's human rights advisory body, the Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna, Austria. He is presently working on studies related to victims support services; fundamental rights indicators and the freedom to conduct a business. He is a specialist in international human rights law, with an example of a publication being *INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING MECHANISMS*, edited with G. Alfredsson, B. Ramcharan, and A. de Zayas (Brill 2009).

Before joining the FRA in 2009, Jonas Grimheden was a researcher and teacher based at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), Lund University, Sweden where he was the Deputy Head of the Academic Department. Earlier he worked for the RWI with human rights development cooperation where he established and headed an office in China, 1999–2000. In 2004 he was a 'Thunberg-scholar' at Niigata, Nagoya, and Waseda law schools in Japan. 2005–2006 he was a visiting assistant professor at Cornell Law School, and 2006–2007 a part-time visiting professor at China University of Political Science and Law. He has conducted research and taught at both academic and practitioner levels, for longer and shorter stints mainly in the US, Europe, and Asia. In addition to international human rights law, he has also taught comparative law and Chinese law. In 2009 he was appointed Associate Professor (*Docent*) of International Human Rights Law at the Law Faculty, Lund University.

Paul GORDON LAUREN

- *The History of Human Rights: Dynamic Forces of Change*
- *The Future of Human Rights: Challenges and Hopes*



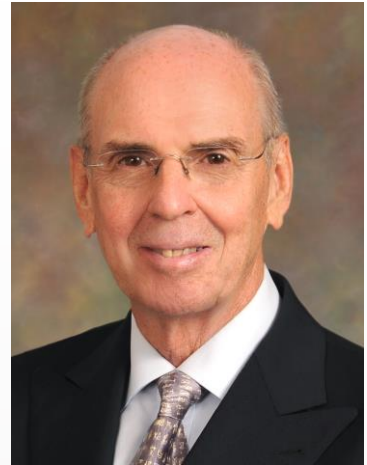
PAUL GORDON LAUREN is an internationally-recognized teacher and scholar of diplomacy, world politics, and human rights. He is the first person to ever be named as a Regents Professor at The University of Montana where he also served as the Founding Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and as the Mansfield Professor of Ethics and Public Affairs. He earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University where he also has served on the faculty on three separate occasions. At The University of Montana he has received the Distinguished Scholar Award, the Most Inspirational Teacher Award, the Distinguished Service to International Education Award, the Pantzer Award for Fostering a Humane Learning Environment, the Outstanding Faculty Advising Award, the Montana Professor of the Year Award by the Carnegie Foundation and the U.S. Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and the Governor's Humanities Award.

Professor Lauren actively publishes in four disciplines: History, International Law, Political Science, and Philosophy. He has published many articles, chapters, and fifteen books, including the widely-read classic of *Force and Statecraft*, the highly acclaimed *The Evolution of International Human Rights: Visions Seen*, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and the award-winning *Power and Prejudice*. His publications, either in whole or in part, have been translated into seven different languages. Professor Lauren has delivered invited addresses at The Smithsonian Institution, the Nobel Peace Institute, and before the United Nations where he has been described as the world's leading authority on the history of international human rights.

He has lectured widely in Europe, North America, Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, and North Africa before a wide variety of audiences, including academic audiences of students and professors, the general public, professional diplomats, military and intelligence officers, judges and attorneys, legislators, policy makers, and NGO activists. He has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellow, a National Peace Fellow, a Senior Fulbright Fellow, a Distinguished Fulbright Lecturer, and a Fulbright Senior Specialist, and a Distinguished Lecturer for the U.S. Department of State.

Peter MALANCZUK

- *Freedom of Information and Communication*
- *Data Protection and the Right to Privacy*



Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk currently is C.V. Starr Professor of Law at the Peking University School of Transnational Law. He is an External Fellow of the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law and a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the University of Heidelberg.

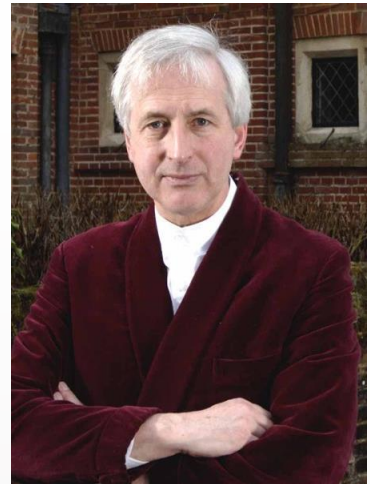
His previous positions include Dean and Chair Professor of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong; Professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Amsterdam; Legal Assistant to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague; Research Fellow at the Max-Planck Institute in Heidelberg; Lecturer at the University of Exeter, England; and Academic Assistant at the University of Giessen, Germany.

He also served as Legal Counsel to Iraq before the UN Compensation Commission for Claims against Iraq arising from the Kuwait War (UNCC). He was Special Legal Advisor to Ethiopia regarding border issues and compensation claims in the war with Eritrea, and was appointed by Ethiopia as arbitrator of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission. He is also an international arbitrator and member of a number of panels of arbitral institutions (HKIAC, CIETAC, BAC, GZAC, CAA Taipei, KLRCA, SCIA). He is a Council Member of the new Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration in China. He served as a member of the Hong Kong Telecommunications (Competition Provisions) Appeal Board and the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Review Board.

He has been awarded honorary professorships from Peking University; People's (Renmin) University of China; Nankai University, China University of Politics and Law; Nanjing University; and Shenzhen University. He has been a Visiting Professor at many places throughout the world, including Michigan Law School; Boalt Hall Law School (University of California at Berkeley); Moscow State (Lomonosow) University; Addis Abba University, Ethiopia; and Hebrew University Jerusalem.

Hugo VICKERS

- ▀ *The Queen & the Constitution*
- ▀ *The British Parliamentary System*



Hugo Vickers is a biographer, lecturer and broadcaster, and an acknowledged expert on the British Royal Family. He has written biographies of many famous 20th century figures, including *Elizabeth*, *The Queen Mother*, *Alice*, *Princess Andrew of Greece*, *Cecil Beaton*, *Vivien Leigh*, and two works on the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

He has lectured all over the world, notably in the United States, Australia, France, Italy and Denmark. As a royal commentator, he has been called upon by the BBC, ITN, Sky, and many international television and radio companies to discuss royal events. He was a studio guest, assisting with the commentary, at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and The Queen Mother. He was also a studio guest for the weddings of Prince Charles and more recently Prince William. For some years he made regular appearances on CNN's *Larry King Live*.

He is Chairman of the Outdoor Trust which is in the process of putting Walkways into Commonwealth countries, following ten years as Chairman of the Jubilee Walkway Trust. As such he was instrumental in creating a 60km route round London to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

He serves as a Deputy Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire.



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