

# **The Domestic Consequences of International Human Rights Treaty Ratification**

New York University School of Law  
Pollack Colloquium Room, Furman Hall 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, 245 Sullivan Street

**Friday, 15 October 2010**

**8:45 am: Welcome and Introduction** (*light continental breakfast available for participants*)

Ryan Goodman and Beth Simmons

## **Session I. 9:15-11:00: Domestic Politics and Treaty Ratification**

Beth Simmons, 'Treaties as Resources in the Domestic Politics of Human Rights: A Conceptual Framework'

Mike Tomz, 'The Domestic (and International) Politics of Human Rights Treaty Ratification: An Experimental Approach'

Discussant: Katerina Linos

**11:00-11:15:** *Coffee Break*

## **Session II. 11:15-1:00: Information and Accountability**

Xinyuan Dai, 'Information and Leverage: The Domestic Effects of International Human Rights Law'

Sally Engle Merry, 'Human Rights Indicators and Global Governance: Effects on Human Rights Compliance'

Discussant: Paul Stephan

**1:00-2:30:** *Lunch available for participants*

## **Session III. 2:30-4:30: Constitutional and National Institutional Consequences**

Beth Simmons, Tom Ginsburg, and Zachary Elkins, 'Getting to Rights: Treaty Ratification, Constitutional Convergence, and Human Rights Practice in the Late Twentieth Century'

Malcolm Langford, 'Refraction? The Constitutional-Regional Variable and the Domestic Effects of International Human Rights Treaties'

Katerina Linos and Thomas Pegram, 'National Human Rights Institutional Reform: Formal Design Principles and Political Function'

Discussants: David Golove and Ryan Goodman

*Dinner* at a Greenwich Village restaurant (for all participants)

**Saturday, 16 October 2010**

**8:45:** *Light continental breakfast available for participants*

**Session IV. 9:00-11:00: Domestic Consequences of Supranational Decision-Making**

Laurence Helfer and Erik Voeten, 'Measuring Judicial Influence: Does the European Court of Human Rights Promote Social and Legal Change?'

Başak Cali, 'Bringing the Elites Back in: The Ideational Mechanism for Compliance with the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights'

Frans Viljoen, 'Compliance and Enforcement Under the African Human Rights System'

Discussants: Tawanda Mutasah and Geir Ulfstein

**11:00-11:15:** *Coffee Break*

**Session V. 11:15-1:15: Compliance Politics and Socialization Effects**

Ryan Goodman and Derek Jinks, 'Socialization and the Effects of Treaty Ratification'

Enrique Peruzzotti and Jean Grugel, 'Human Rights Treaties Have a (Domestic) Life of Their Own: The Politics of Compliance and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Latin America'

Anne Julie Semb, 'The Unintended Consequences of Ratification: Norway, Sweden and Finland and the ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples'

Discussants: José Alvarez and Beth Simmons

**1:15-2:30: Working Lunch -- Wrap Up and Next Steps**