



**International Conference:
The Contribution of Non-Western Legal Systems to
International Human Rights Law**

Brussels 13-14 September 2010

The topic of this international conference is the impact of legal developments at local, domestic and regional levels on international human rights law. The conference will focus particularly on the impact of non-Western legal systems on the international human rights regime.

Three angles are explored:

1. the impact of constitutional and other domestic courts on the development and interpretation of international human rights law;
2. the degree to which the acceptance of pluralism within international human rights law can serve as a response to dealing with diversity within and among societies;
3. the extent to which human rights claims formulated by social movements and other local groups contributes to the interpretation and further development of international human rights law.

Confirmed Speakers currently include: Upendra Baxi (University of Warwick), Mashood Baderin (School of Oriental and African Studies), Rafendi Djamin (Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights). Jude Esquerra (Institute Popular Democracy, Philippines), Mutoy Mubiala (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights).

The **Conference team** consists of human rights lawyers of all law faculties in Flanders:

Prof. Eva Brems (University of Ghent) Prof. Koen De Feyter (University of Antwerp); Prof. Franck Maes (University of Ghent); Prof. Cedric Ryngaert (Catholic University of Leuven), Prof. Stefaan Smis (Vrije Universiteit Brussels), Prof. Stefan Sottiaux (Catholic University of Leuven) , Prof. Wouter Vandenhole (University of Antwerp), Prof. Kim Van der Borght (Vrije Universiteit Brussels), Prof. Jan Wouters (Catholic University of Leuven)

Prof. Stefaan Smis (Vrije Universiteit Brussels) and Prof. Koen De Feyter (University of Antwerp) serve as the principal conference conveners.

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Registration fee: 150 euro (including coffee/drinks, buffet and reception).

Students: 25 euro.

The conference organizers provide a small budget to cover travel and accommodation cost for some persons coming from developing countries. Grants will be attributed on the basis of their cv to be submitted to the secretariat.

Deadline for registration: 1 September 2010. In order to register, please send an email to the conference secretariat and pay the registration fee to bank account 001-0686455-62 and mention CONO 207 + name of the participant.

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Accommodation: The conference team has reserved a number of hotel rooms in Brussels for conference participants. If you wish to book one of those rooms, please visit:
www.resotel.be/humanrightskonference