The René Cassin Foundation

The René Cassin Foundation was created in 1969 under the status of local Law by René Cassin who received the Nobel Peace Prize. The International Institute of Human Rights is destined to defend and promote the Human Rights and the fundamental freedoms.

In order to be faithful to René Cassin’s opinion and to help his activities along making easier donations, the International Institute of Human Rights became in December 2015 a foundation reputed for its public usefulness: The René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights.

This Foundation is chaired by Jean-Paul COSTA, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, and headed by Sébastien TOUZÉ, Professor at the University of Paris II Panthéon -Assas and Member of the United Nations Comity against Torture. In 2019, Valérie CANDAU joined the René Cassin Foundation as Deputy Director.

The René Cassin Foundation aims at developing the teaching and the research related to Human Rights to make them thrive and more efficient.

In brief · Support our activities in 2020!

The Fondation René Cassin works daily to develop its training and research activities. As a consequence, the number of training session abroad is increasing to contribute to the effectiveness of the International law of Human Rights. However, to do so, the Fondation needs your help. You have now the possibility to help us through online donations. Those donations allow a tax reduction.

To support our project, go on our website https://www.iidh.org/ and click on : Donate
**Schedule of our sessions 2020**

3 - 8 February 2020 - 2nd training session in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

17 - 22 February 2020 - 7th training session in Bamako, Mali

20 - 25 April 2020 - 5th training session in Yaoundé, Cameroon

15 - 20 June 2020 - 1st training session in Niamey, Niger

15 - 26 June 2020 - 23rd Intensive Training on Refugee Law, Strasbourg, France

29 June - 24 July 2020 - 51st Summer School, Strasbourg, France

**September 2020** - 4th training session in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**September 2020** - 11th training session in Dakar, Senegal

**December 2020** - 9th training session in Port-au-Prince, Haiti
From June 29 to July 24, 2020, the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights will organize its 51st Summer School on International Human Rights Law & International Criminal and Humanitarian Law. This annual Summer School will take place in Strasbourg and is an unique opportunity for human rights defenders, academics, students and practitioners to meet, discuss and learn from the best experts’ trainings and experiences.

The Summer School offers to participants the choice to take part to Unit 1, Unit 2 or both.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- have at least a four-year university degree (master’s degree, LL.M or equivalent)
- by exceptionally possess any person which have a sound experience in the field of human rights, gained in governmental entities, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations or possess similar experience.

Working languages: French and English.

No simultaneous translation is provided.

Registration deadlines
- 6 April 2020 for applicants with financial assistance request
- 15 May 2020 for all other applicants

For any information request, please contact:
  session@iidh.org

Please read the brochure carefully before registering
23rd Training Session on Refugee Law

Lasting two weeks, this **23rd Intensive Training on Refugee Law** will take place from **June 15 to 26, 2020** in Strasbourg. The courses will be taught in French by academics and UNHCR experts. This training session is organized in partnership with the UNHCR and Horizon Amitié.

The training is intended for persons whose professional or research activity contributes to strengthening the protection mechanisms of persons of concern to UNHCR, including representatives of local and central authorities (including military), lawyers and magistrates, professors and Ph.D. students, or staff of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

**The admission of candidates is subject to the following conditions:**
- hold a diploma of four years of university studies or equivalent in a relevant field;
- have extensive experience in the field of refugees or human rights;
- have a command of the French language, oral and written.

Registrations are made exclusively on the website of the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights: [WWW.IIDH.ORG](http://WWW.IIDH.ORG).

**Registration deadline:** 4 April 2020 11:59pm French time
Our upcoming sessions

Training session in Yaoundé 2020

From 20 to 25 April 2020, the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights of Strasbourg will organize its 5th training session in Yaoundé, in partnership with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (CNUDHD-AC) and the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC) and the support of the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy in Cameroon.

This training session in international human rights law will focus on the theme “Transitional Justice and Reconciliation”

**Deadline for registration : March 20, 2020**

**Conditions of participation :**

- have at least a four-year university degree (master’s degree, LL.M or equivalent)
- have a sound experience in the field of human rights
- mastering the french and english languages

Registration fees : 80,000 FCFA (120 EUR)

*We do not provide scholarships for this training session.*

The previsonal programme will be available soon.

**Attention !** Courses will be provided by french-speaking and English-speaking experts without any translation service. Participants have to master both languages.

The final knowledge test will be available in french and in english (choice of participant)
Session in Ouagadougou 2020

The second training session in Ouagadougou focused on «Regional Courts Approaches about Human Rights Protection» and took place from February 3 to 8, 2020. This theme can be justified by the will of the René Cassin Foundation and the Ecole Nationale d’Administration et de Magistrature to offer a high-level trainings in international human rights law to participants by proposing a concrete set of tools which can be used to the defence of human rights in a regional legal framework.

Building on the success of the first training session which took place in January 2019 on Transnational Organized Crime and International Human Rights Law, the René Cassin Foundation and the ENAM wanted to give an answer to the growing need of specialized training for human rights actors in Burkina Faso and subregion.

106 participants have assisted to this training session - of whom 27 women and 79 men. This training session welcomed a large majority of civil servants from Burkina Faso.
OUR PAST SESSIONS

Session in Bamako 2020

The 7th training session in Bamako took place from **February 17 to 22, 2020** and focused on **International Criminal Law**.

The objective of the Bamako session is to offer access to education of excellence in the field of international criminal law and human rights to a French-speaking public, from the Sahel-Saharan zone and mainly composed of students and professionals from the judicial family, human rights organizations and law enforcement agencies, as well as government officials. It also contributes to the promotion of these in the context of national institutions in this case judicial. This training aims to strengthen the participants’ common understanding of both the new challenges that affect the international protection of human rights and the actions that make it possible to strengthen the protection mechanisms for them and, more broadly, for the State of law in Africa. Indeed, the reinforcement of legal reflexes and knowledge of international legal instruments allow a better knowledge and a better appropriation of the human rights by the targeted groups, essential condition to the full enjoyment of these rights by all.

117 participants took part to this training session and mainly were civil servants and members of judicial professions. It should be noted that journalists were amongst the participants.
CONFERENCE - Women’s Human Rights in the Twenty-First Century: Developments and Challenges under International and European Law

The European Court of Human Rights and the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights had the pleasure to organize a conference “Women’s Human Rights in the Twenty-First Century: Developments and Challenges under International and European Law”. The conference took place at the European Court of Human Rights on 14 February 2020 and was organized at the initiative and under the generous sponsorship of Mr. Akamatsu Takeshi, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe and Consul General of Japan in Strasbourg. This event welcomed more than 100 participants.

Videos of the debates:

Part 1:
https://vodmanager.coe.int/cedh/webcast/cedh/2020-02-14-1/lang?
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Part 2:
https://vodmanager.coe.int/cedh/webcast/cedh/2020-02-14-2/lang?
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During an armed conflict and in its aftermath, measures must be undertaken in order to ascertain the fate of the missing and to address the emotional distress of families from the lack of news on their relatives. In the same contextual settings, cases of missing persons may involve criminal accountability, thereby triggering actions directed to answer questions like ‘who is responsible?’ and ‘what are the circumstances of the crime?’ These courses of action respond to two different needs, i.e., the need of families to know the fate and whereabouts of their missing relatives, and the societal and individual need for accountability. The book examines how the international legal framework meets these two distinct, but intertwined, needs. It captures the diversity of international rules concerning the issue of persons reported missing in armed conflict, as well as the complexity of their implementation in the transition from an armed conflict to peace. The book shows that the duty to account for missing persons has a temporal cross-cutting nature, since its implementation requires measures before, during, and after an armed conflict. Dealing with the issue of the missing across phases – i.e., durante bello and post bellum – entails a complex interplay of international norms. Affirming the relevance of the dialectic between International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) in the transition from conflict to peace, the book analyzes the simultaneous application of IHL and IHRL rules on missing persons in post-conflict and proposes a set of criteria that should govern their interplay. Measures that respond to the right of families to know the fate of their relatives cannot substitute those that are required to establish responsibility for IHL/IHRL violations and international crimes, and vice-versa. Examining specific examples, the book unveils the role that international law plays in the attempts of the international community to articulate humanitarian and accountability-driven efforts vis-à-vis post-conflict claims for information on the missing. In light of this analysis, the book explores the legal and policy aspects of how to build linkages between such efforts.

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Once again this year, the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights will organize the René Cassin European Human Rights Competition which will take place from March 25 to 27, 2020 in Strasbourg on the theme « Predictive Justice ». On March 25 and 26, 32 teams are expected at the Council on Europe to face each other in mock trial in front of a jury composed of academics and practitioners.

The two best teams will participate to the final of this competition at the European Court of Human Rights before a prestigious jury chaired by the great lawyer Henri Leclerc. The final will be organized on March 27, 2020.

Last year, the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II’s team won the René Cassin Pleading Competition against the Catholic University of Lille’s team. The jury was chaired by Louis Schweitzer, President of the Fondation Droit, Animal, Ethique et Sciences (LFDA) and former CEO of Renault. The theme was Company and European Human Rights Law.
# Agenda of our President

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February

06 February : Conference at Le Mans University on the UN Committee against Torture
10 February : Seminar at the Grenoble Alpes University on the prohibition of torture in the universal system
11 February : Meeting with the representatives of the Ecole de la Paix
27 February : Training at the ENM

Agenda of our Deputy Director

January

06 January : Meeting in Paris - Partnership project with an University in Beirut
09 January : Meeting with the Société WPI CONSEIL
14 January : Meeting with the Representative of the City in charge of the three-year contract
21 January : Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation
24 January : Solemn Reassembly of the Judicial Court of Strasbourg
24 January : Meeting at the SERS Strasbourg
29 January : Wishes of the Mayor of Strasbourg, Mr. Roland Ries
31 January : Meeting with the Chef of Cabinet of the President of the Region Grand Est

February

04 February : Meeting with HORIZON AMITIE Strasbourg
05 February : Meeting with the association Citoyenneté Cinéma
07 February : Meeting at the Rotary Schiltigheim
25 February : Meeting with the Bâtonnier of the Bar of Strasbourg
“There will be no peace on this planet as long as human rights are being violated, regardless of where in the world it is happening” René Cassin