In brief - New procedure of registration for our training sessions and academic events

In order to simplificate registrations and payments, the René Cassin Foundation modernised its website. Now, all registration to our training sessions and scientific events must be made through your personal account. This account also allows you to simply edit your personal data and to pay the registration fees online, by check, by bank transfer or in cash to participate to our training sessions and scientific events.

To create your personal account, please read the guide available on the homepage of our website by clicking on the button:

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Our next training sessions

48th annual study session - Health and International Human Rights Law

The 48th annual study session of the Fondation René Cassin will focus on the theme « Health and International Human Rights Law » and will take place from July 3 to 21, 2017 in Strasbourg (France).

Registration are open until May 15, 2017.

Created in 1970, the annual study session last three weeks and consists in courses and conferences provided by international experts.

This training session allows to participant to deepen their knowledge in international and comparative human rights law but also to familiarize themself to specific issues linked with the topical subject of the annual study session.

You can find all the information about registration and archives on our website.

Registration on our website.

20th Summer Course on Refugee Law

The French Representation of the UNHCR and the Fondation René Cassin will organise a 20th Summer course on Refugee Law. This two weeks course will take place from June 6 to 17, 2017 at the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France.

Courses will be provided in french by UNHCR experts and institutional, academics and judicial specialists.

You can find the timetable of our training sessions in 2017 online.
5th international training session « Mona Haddad » of Human Rights in Beirut, Lebanon

From 22nd to 25th of May 2017, the René Cassin Foundation and the Human Rights Department of the Jinan University, supported by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, will organise a 5th international training session « Mona Haddad » of Human Rights at the Hotel Commodore in Beirut, Lebanon. Simultaneous translation of courses.

Participants of this training session will develop their knowledge on human rights protection systems but also to deepen their knowledge in the field of international humanitarian law and refugee law. An additional perspective will be provided through arabic issues.

Deadline for registration : 30th April 2017
Registration fees : 250$

1st training session in Tbilisi, Georgia

From 19th to 23th June 2017, the René Cassin Foundation, in partnership with the European Teaching University of Tbilisi and with the support of the French Institute is organizing its first training session abroad on International Human Rights Law in Tbilisi. Courses will be provided in english and the theme of this session will be international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law and refugee law.

Deadline for registration : 28th May 2017
Registration fees : 100€

Timetable of training sessions abroad 2017

From 7th to 17th of March 2017 : 1st training session in Buenos Aires (Argentina)
From 10th to 15th April 2017 : 2nd training session in Yaoundé (Cameroon)
From 22nd to 25th May 2017 : 5th international training session “Mona Haddad” of human rights in Beirut (Lebanon)
From 19 to 23 June 2017 : 1st training session in Tbilisi (Georgia)
From 25th September to 6th October 2017 : 8th training session in Dakar (Senegal)
From 16th to 20th October 2017 : 1st training session in Pretoria (South Africa)
From 13th to 18th November 2017 : 5th training session in Abidjan (Ivory Coast)
December 2017 : 6th training session in Port-au-Prince (Haiti)
Our past training sessions

1st training session in Buenos Aires, Argentina

The first training session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, took place from 7th to 17th March 2017 and was organised with the support of the University of Buenos Aires, the French Regional Cooperation for the Southern Cone, the Regional Delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France and the French Institute in Argentina. This session welcomed 55 participants coming from Argentina, Mexico, Brasil, Colombia, Equator and France.

Courses were provided in french and spanish.

2nd training session in Yaoundé, Cameroon

The René Cassin Foundation, with the support of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, the MINUSMA and the Ecole Citoyenne et Politique de Yaoundé, organised a second training session abroad in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The theme of this session was « the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights » and took place from 10th to 15th April, 2017 at the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon. This training session welcomed 103 participants coming from Cameroon, République Démocratique du Congo, République Centrafricaine and Senegal.
Memory of the first training session of International Human Rights Law, Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law in Buenos Aires.

The first session of education the Foundation Rene Cassin delivered in Buenos Aires in March 2017 was, in many ways, a extremely rich experience. Personally, it enable me to met men and women working towards Human Rights, with different perspectives, from academics, researchers, teaching staff, civil servants to university students, and more. I have held fruitful exchanges with them and their views, in lesson spaces as well as on resting time. This relationship was also well developed by the course tutors. Opportunities for interactions were caused by their human quality as well as their academic level expressed in their exposures. Those bargains increased the deep knowledge about International Law. On the other hand, the variety of courses that we were able to achieve provided specific contents with a high academic standard in International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law and in Humanitarian Law. The topics were exposed by academic staff with proven records in addressing such issues. Lastly, it should be noted the workshop’s organization, which was faultless and where the coordination was always at our disposal. Continuing with these training areas belonging to International Law competence, is and extraordinary contribution to pursue expanding the values that inspired facilitators of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Laura Giosa
The René Cassin Foundation organised, with the support of the Faculty of Law, Political Sciences and Management, the University of Strasbourg, Sciences Po Strasbourg, The Edition LexisNexis, the Bar Council of Strasbourg, Média Droit, the European Court of Human rights, the Council of Europe, the Région Grand Est, the City of Strasbourg, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France and the Ministry of Justice of the Grand Duché of Luxembourg, the 32nd Edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition.

This contest took place from 22th to 24th of March 2017 and welcomed 30 french-speaking teams coming from french, swiss, belgium, russian, belorussian and luxembourger universities. The theme of this 32nd Edition was « Health and European Human Rights Law ».

The semi-final were held in the Council of Europe and the final in the courtroom of the European Court of Human Rights.

Members of jurys of the semi-final were lawyers, academics and civil servants of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights.

The jury of the final was comprised of Florence Benoit-Rohmer, Professor at the University of Strasbourg, Christophe Darbois, Lawyer and Representative of the President of the Bar Council of Strasbourg, Peggy Ducoulombier, Professor at the University of Strasbourg and President of the Scientific Council of the René Cassin Pleading Competition, Christos Giakoumopoulos, Human Rights Director of the Council of Europe, Florence Merloz, Human Rights Deputy Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France, Pere Pastor Vilanova, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Géraud Sajust de Bergues, State Councillor, Françoise Sichler-Ghestin, President of the Administration Appeal Court of Nancy, Patrick Titiun, Head of the President Office of the European Court of Human Rights, Jeanne-Marie Tufféry-Andrieu, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law, Political Sciences and Management of Strasbourg, Patrick Wachsmann, Professor at the University of Strasbourg, Sébastien Touzé, Professor at the University of Panthéon Assas Paris II and Director of the René Cassin Foundation and Wołtyczek Krzysztof, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights. The President of the Jury was Ledi Bianku, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights.

The winning team of this 32nd Edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition is the team of the College of Europe of Bruges (Applicant). The final matched this team and the team of the University of Aix Marseille.
**Half-Day of Training : The Procedure before the European Court of Human rights**

On 15th June 2017, the René Cassin Foundation will organise a half-day of training on the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights which will take place at the E.R.A.G.E. of Strasbourg. This day is organised thanks to the support of the Bar Council of Strasbourg and the Regional Lawyer School of Grand-Est (E.R.A.G.E.).

The programme will address the perspectives of lawyer, registry and judge.

Deadline for application: 8th June 2017

Registration fees:
- Lawyers and other: 100€
- Lawyers (two first years of experience): 50€

This training is validated for the continuing education of lawyers.

**Human Rights Clinic**

**Niki Aloupi**, Professor at the University of Strasbourg and judge advocate among the National Court of Asylum Rights have provided a seminar on the **National Court of Asylum Rights**. At the same time, students of the Human Rights Clinic work together on various themes such as the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, the third-party intervention or the UN and Interamerican Human Rights Protection System.
Depuis octobre 2012, la France a initié une vaste campagne mondiale pour l'abolition universelle de la peine de mort. Si celle-ci n’est plus appliquée en Europe, bien des nations, et notamment certaines grandes puissances démocratiques comme les États-Unis, l’Inde ou le Japon, la pratiquent encore. A ce jour, 99 États ont aboli la peine de mort pour tous les crimes, 8 l’ont aboli pour les crimes de droit commun, et 33 respectent un moratoire sur les exécutions, soit 140 États au total ne la pratiquent plus. Pourtant, 58 États et territoires l’appliquent toujours malgré la pression internationale. La coopération et le dialogue avec ces derniers États ainsi qu’une action efficace et pragmatique sont donc indispensables.

Dans ce contexte et face à ce défi, la Fondation René Cassin - Institut International des Droits de l’Homme, à l’initiative de la Représentation permanente de la France auprès du Conseil de l’Europe, a organisé, en octobre 2014 au Costa Rica, une conférence mondiale réunissant de nombreux spécialistes de plusieurs pays. Focalisée sur les concepts des droits de l’homme liés à l’abolition de la peine de mort, cette manifestation avait plus largement pour ambition de participer à une prise de conscience de l’opinion publique et du rôle que les praticiens du droit ont à jouer dans l’abolition “du plus prémédité des meurtres”. Ainsi, cette manifestation a permis de mener une réflexion sur le sens et la fonction des peines alternatives et, plus globalement, sur le fonctionnement du système pénal et judiciaire.

Le système européen des droits de l’homme a été et se voit actuellement confronté à plusieurs défis majeurs cristallisés par une opposition de plus en plus sévère et ferme portée par plusieurs gouvernements européens.

Si le défi de l’« efficacité » et de la rationalisation de la gestion du contentieux devant la Cour est en passe d’être gagné après des années d’efforts, d’autres, plus redoutables, pointent à l’horizon. Ces défis se rapportent tous, bien que formulés dans des expressions diverses et des cadres internes distincts, au thème de la souveraineté tel qu’il est perçu au niveau judiciaire, et singulièrement par les cours suprêmes et constitutionnelles nationales, ainsi qu’au niveau politique dans de nombreux États.

L’objectif de cet ouvrage qui rassemble les réflexions de juges européens, d’avocats, de conseils des États et d’universitaires, est d’identifier de manière précise les causes de ces positions juridiques et politiques et de contribuer à la réflexion sur des solutions permettant de pérenniser le système de contrôle et de restaurer une confiance nécessaire pour l’affirmation de l’autorité de la Cour européenne et de sa jurisprudence.
Agenda of the President

March

1st March: Welcoming of a Japanese students group in the René Cassin Foundation
6th March: Speech at the round table on Human Rights and Society organised by the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
8th March: Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation
9th March: Visioconference with the MP Le Borgn’ and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development on the judge selection process of the ECHR
16th March: Meeting with the Consul General of China
17th March: Meeting with the Consul General of Spain
17th March: Administrative Board of the BNU of Strasbourg
20th to 31th March: Conferences in Kyoto and in Tokyo to the invitation of the University Ritsumeikan of Kyoto

April

1st April: Conference in Strasbourg during the Spring University of the European Houses
4th April: Presentation of my Russian translation book « La CEDH - Des juges pour la liberté » at the Permanent Representation of Russian Federation
7th April: Presentation of Légion d’Honneur to M. Dominique Adam, President of Chamber and Dean of the Appeal Court of Colmar

Agenda of the Director

March

8th March: Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation
14th to 19th March: 1st training session in Buenos Aires and public conference on the absolute character of the prohibition of torture in Alliance Française of Buenos Aires.
22th to 24th March: 32ème Edition of the René Cassin Pleading Competition
31th March: Lecture on the provisional measures before the European Court of Human Rights during the colloquium on Emergency before the supreme jurisdictions, University Panthéon-Assas Paris II

April

18th April to 12th May: Session of the UN Committee against Torture
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