René Cassin Foundation

Created in 1969 by René Cassin, the Fondation René Cassin - International Institute of Human Rights contributes to the promotion and the protection of human rights. True to the vision of René Cassin and to develop its activities thanks to sponsorships, the International Institute of Human Rights became a state-approved foundation in December 2015: the Fondation René Cassin - International Institute of Human Rights.

This Foundation is chaired by Jean-Paul COSTA, former President of the European Court of Human Rights and led by Sébastien TOUZÉ, Professor at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas and Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture. The objective of René Cassin

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

In order to simplify registrations and payments, the René Cassin Foundation modernised its website. Now, all registration to our training sessions and scientific events should be done through your personal account. This account will allow you to manage your personal information, to modify it easily but also to pay online, by bank transfer, on the spot or by cheque your registration fee to participate to our events.

To create your personal account, please read the instructions available on the homepage’s website by clicking on the button:
49th Summer School « Human Rights Defenders »

The 49th Summer School of the René Cassin Foundation will take place from **2nd to 20th of July 2018** and will focused on the theme « Human Rights Defenders ». To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and as a tribute of the Fondation’s founder, René Cassin, the Summer School will highlight the work of human rights defenders and will focus on the challenges of this specific status.

Registration is open until **May 11th, 2018**

More information on [our website](#).

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**21th Intensive Training on Refugee Law**

The former Summer Course on Refugee Law became the Intensive Training on Refugee Law. Organised by the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights and the French Representative of the UNHCR for 20 years. This two weeks training will take place from 18th to 29th of June 2018.

This training aims to promote training in international refugee law and to develop the knowledge of international principles about the international protection of persons under the care of the UNHCR. It also seeks to develop a common understanding of new challenges of the international protection of refugee and asylum seekers and actions which
Our next training sessions abroad

5th training session in Bamako (Mali)

The international Criminal Trial

*From 5 to 10 February 2018*, the René Cassin Foundation, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, the MINUSMA and the National Institute of Judicial Training in Mali will organize a 5th training session of international criminal law and international human rights law in Bamako (Mali).

This training session will address the theme « The International Criminal Trial ».

**Registration fees**: 100 euros

**Deadline for registration**: 17 January 2018

2nd training session in Lima (Peru)

Interamerican Human Rights Protection System and public policies for vulnerable groups

The René Cassin Foundation and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú will organize a 2nd training session in Lima which will take place *from 19 February to 9 March 2018*. The theme of this training session will be « Interamerican Human Rights Protection System and public policies for vulnerable groups ».

1st training session in Tunis (Tunisia)

International Human Rights Law and Migration

The René Cassin Foundation et the Laboratory of international law, international jurisdictions and comparative constitutional law - thanks to the support of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the House Hermès, the Caisse d’Epargne Alsace Lorraine Champagne and the Adenauer Stiftung, Tunisia/Algeria Office - will organized a 1st training session in Tunis. The theme will address « International Human Rights Law and Migration ». This training session will take place *from 30 April to 5 May 2018*.

**Registration fees**: 100 euros / 282 TND

**Deadline for registration**: 23 February 2018

2nd training session in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

International Human Rights Law and Women’s Rights

The René Cassin Foundation and the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires will organize a 2nd training session which will take place *from 18 to 29 June 2018*. This training session will address the theme « International Human Rights Law and Women’s Rights ». This training session is organized thanks to the support of the French Embassy in Argentina, the Institut Français de Buenos Aires, the House Hermès, the Caisse d’Epagne Alsace and the Banque Populaire Alsace Champagne Lorraine.

**Registration fees**: 300 euros

**Deadline for registration**: 20 May 2018
Our past training sessions

6th training session in Haïti

Human Rights and Detention

The René Cassin Foundation and the Initiative de la Société Civile (ISC) - with the support of the French Embassy, the Delegation of the European Union, the Caisse d’Epargne d’Alsace and the Banque Populaire d’Alsace Lorraine Champagne organized a 6th training session in Haiti from 4 to 14 December 2017 on the theme “Human rights and detention”.

73 participants took part to this training session, including 29 women. This training session was reserved for haitian citizens to answer to a specific need of these participants who cannot come to Strasbourg to participate to our Summer School.

Schedule of training sessions 2018

From 5 to 10 February 2018 : 5th training session in Bamako (Mali)

From 5 to 9 March 2018 : 2nd training session in Lima (Peru)

From 4 to 6 April 2018 : René Cassin Pleading Competition

From 2 to 7 April 2018 : 3rd training session in Yaoundé (Cameroon)

From 30 April to 5 May 2018 : 1st training session in Tunis (Tunisia)

From 7 to 10 May 2018 : 6th training session « Mona Haddad for Human Rights » in Beirut (Lebanon)

From 18 to 29 June 2018 : 2nd training session in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

From 18 to 29 June 2018 : 21th Intensive Training on Refugee Law in Strasbourg (France)

From 2 to 20 July 2018 : 49th Summer School on « Human Rights Defenders » in Strasbourg (France)

From 17 to 28 September 2018 : 9th training session in Dakar (Senegal)

From 15 to 19 October 2018 : 2nd training session in Tbilisi (Georgia)

From 22 to 26 October 2018 : 2nd training session in Pretoria (South Africa)

From 19 to 24 November 2018 : 5th training session in Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire)

From 3 to 13 December 2018 : 7th training session in Haïti
P.h.D. Candidates in international public law, we had the honour to be responsible for the practical seminar of the René Cassin Foundation’s 8th training session organized in Dakar from 18 to 29 September 2017. This experience was particularly rewarding for several reasons.

The practical case has been written from the perspective of the organization of a moot-court and covered the emerging issue of relationships between refugee law and the African human rights protection system. As for the very first hours, participants have demonstrated a remarkable commitment through the richness of debates, the quality of the interventions and the collective curiosity. All this shows their declared will to acquire a better understanding of the African system (some of them just discovered it), while integrating potential development of international law and regional litigation of human rights protection. It is difficult not to notice that this training experience was so valuable and stimulating from educational and human perspectives thanks to this wide audience – composed of civil servants, NGOs members, magistrates, lawyers or P.h.D. Candidates coming from many African States.

On a practical level, the implementation of the practical case was greatly facilitated by the daily frequency of the seminars which allows a regular follow-up with participants and to continue the practical study on points addressed by other speakers, while raising specific issues, such as the competence, the admissibility or some legal technique points. The main advantage of the final pleading was to involve each participant in each three roles: applicant, defendant and judges of the African Court on Human and People’s Rights. Enthusiasts to participate to the pleading, participants have followed a rigorous approach and have showed necessary imagination to ensure the success of all fictional legal exercise – some of them shown a remarkable determination in their pleadings.

For our part, we can now only hope, with optimism, that our audience will be able to take advantage of this seminar. Our participation convinced us about the great interest of training sessions abroad organized by the René Cassin Foundation.
Des droits subjectifs fondamentaux de l’individu jusqu’au droit objectif régissant la société toute entière, les questions liées à la sexualité font l’objet d’une activité juridique diversifiée en droit interne mais aussi en droit international et européen des droits de l’homme. Sexe et norme ne sont pas étrangers. Du micro-juridique au macro-juridique, l’ouvrage décline cette dialectique en trois axes. Il s’agit d’abord d’envisager la question sous l’angle de la liberté de l’individu, acteur de son intimité, de sa sexualité et de la manière dont il la pratique. Il existe à cet égard une similitude singulière entre la carte des Etats qui favorisent la liberté sexuelle subjective et la carte des sociétés démocratiques. La thématique est ensuite envisagée sous l’angle de la protection de l’individu victime, dans son intimité, de pratiques violentes.

Certaines formes sont prohibées car nuisibles à autrui. Enfin, le troisième axe, appréhendant la sexualité en droit international à l’échelle la plus large et envisage les modalités par lesquelles une société toute entière cherche à protéger ses valeurs. La protection de cette dernière implique alors des restrictions à la sexualité pour des raisons d’ordre public, de santé publique ou de moralité publique. D’une part, certaines sociétés organisent des ingérences dans la capacité génésique des individus, afin de favoriser ou endiguer la procréation. D’autre part, toutes les sociétés s’interrogent face au phénomène croissant de marchandisation et d’entrepreneuriat du sexe.

En même temps que le traité de Lisbonne conférait valeur juridique contrai gnante à la charte des droits fondamentaux de l’Union Européenne, il a créé, par l’article 67, paragraphe 1, du traité sur le fonctionnement de l’Union européenne, une obligation pour l’Union et les États membres de respecter les droits fondamentaux dans la construction de l’espace de liberté, de sécurité et de justice. Parce qu’il vise chacune des normes composant cet espace, ce commandement interroge particulièrement dans l’espace judiciaire européen en matière civile et commerciale où les règles de coordination des ordres juridiques nationaux sont partiellement réfractaires à l’influence des droits fondamentaux. Toutefois, la polysémie de la notion de respect permet d’envisager divers modes d’articulations de la charte et du droit de l’espace judiciaire européen en matière civile et commerciale. Si le principe hiérarchique paraît la modalité la plus évidente pour assurer le respect de la charte, il s’avère inapte à y parvenir, tant par lui-même que par le contexte spécifique d’application de la charte qu’il impose l’espace judiciaire européen. Aussi conviendrait-il de la compléter par un mode d’articulation plus souple, la combinaison, afin de parvenir à conformer la construction de l’espace sous l’étude à l’article 67, paragraphe 1, du traité sur le fonctionnement de l’Union européenne.
Agenda of the President

November

8 November: Seminars at the Council of Europe
14 November: Meeting with the Ambassador of Moldova to the Council of Europe
23 November: Participation to the inauguration of the Maison du Barreau of Strasbourg
24 November: Meeting with the Prof. Esguadillas and Mrs. Bingler
26 November: Meeting with Mr. Stéphane Fratacci, Directeur de Cabinet of the Interior Ministry
26 November: Ceremony of presentation of the book dedicated to the Prof. Emmanuel Decaux at the University Paris II Panthéon Assas
27 November: Meeting with Mr. Patrick Gérard, Director of the ENA
28 November: Meeting with Mr. Pierre Geissler, Regional Director of the BNP Parisbas and Mr. Adam
30 November: Meeting with Mr. Strozda, Directeur de Cabinet of the President of French Republic and Mrs. Djemni-Wagner, Justice Adviser of the President
30 November - 2 December: Speeches at the Comparative Law Congress of the Legislation Institute of the Russian Federation of Russia

December

5 December: Meeting with the Ambassador Sellal, President of the Fondation de France
6 December: Meeting with M. Lobov, Administrator, Head of Office of the Council of Europe
7 December: Meeting with Mme Kubicki, Director of the Region Prefecture
8 December: Meeting with two senior officials of the Consulate General of Japan and Mrs. Vasalou
13 December: Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation
14 December: Meeting with the Judge Pastor Vilanova
19 December: Meeting with Mrs. Cutajar, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

Agenda of the Director

November

6 November—December: Session of the UN Committee against Torture
21 November: Diner at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations—Geneva

December

4 December: Meeting between the UN Committee against Torture and the regional Human Rights Courts—Geneva
8 December: Defense of the thesis of Mrs. Julie Tavernier—University Paris II
“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