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:

How to create an account and register for an event
The 49th Summer School of the René Cassin Foundation will take place from 2nd to 20th of July 2018 and will focus 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.

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

1st training session in Tunis (Tunisia)

International Human Rights Law and Migration

The René Cassin Foundation and 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

Registration is open

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’Epargne Alsace and the Banque Populaire Alsace Champagne Lorraine.

Registration fees: 300 euros

Deadline for registration: 20 May 2018

Our ongoing training sessions abroad

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 organize a 2nd training session in Lima which take place from 19 February to 9 March 2018. The theme of this training session is « Interamerican Human Rights Protection System and public policies for vulnerable groups ». 
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 organized a 5th training session of international criminal law and international human rights law in Bamako (Mali). This training session addressed the theme « The International Criminal Trial ». This training session welcomed 75 participants coming from 14 countries.

Schedule of training sessions 2018

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: 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
Developing a passion for human rights during my licence degree's courses, I decided to focus my university studies on this matter. During the summer between my master 1 and my master 2, I went to Togo to promote human rights with a local NGO specialized in prison environment. After passed my Master 2, I wanted to deepen my knowledge in the field of human rights so I came in Strasbourg to take part to the Human Rights Clinic and to begin my doctoral studies. The first year of the diploma proposed courses at the Faculty of Law of the University of Strasbourg and seminars on various themes provided by professional and specialized speakers. The theoretical training of this first year was completed by our participation to the Annual Study Session of the René Cassin Foundation. The theme of this 48th Annual study session was “Health and International Human Rights Law”. This event was an opportunity to deepen my knowledge but also to discover the special theme of health. Participating to this training session was an unique opportunity to meet human rights practitioners coming from all over the world.

During the 2016-2017 year, Human Rights Clinic and I worked on a report on prison overcrowding to the UN Committee against Torture (CAT). I was very interested by this project thanks to my experience in Togo, my researches of Master (“The right to access to administrative justice for French inmates”) and my volunteering to the CIMADE at the prison of Strasbourg. I am seriously involved in prison environment issues. On 7 and 8 August 2017, I had the memorable chance to go to Geneva with some other students of the Human Rights Clinic to assist and participate to discussions relating to prison overcrowding and to present our report during the CAT’s session. This first year was conducive to reflection on different projects. For example, I participate to a project of legal monitoring with the association ECPAT. My current second year is dedicated to a practical approach. Taking part to the Human Rights Clinic is not only a personal experience, our class aims to develop some partnerships which can continue in the future for the next classes of the Human Rights Clinic, that I recommend.
Symposium - Comparative Human Rights - Researching the universality of Human Rights

The René Cassin Foundation, the European Court of Human Rights and the International Academy of Comparative Law organize a symposium on « Comparative Human Rights - Researching the universality of Human Rights ».

This symposium will take place on 8 and 9 March 2018 at the European Court of Human Rights. The programme will address the following themes: Human Rights: a regional concept ?, Human rights: What universality ?, Enforcement and effectiveness of Human Rights and The relevance of a world court of Human Rights?

Registration: https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/billets-les-droits-humains-comparez-comparative-human-rights-41601649654
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
crié, par l’article 67, paragraphe 1, du traité sur le fonctionnement de l’Union
européenne, une obligation pour l’Union et les Etats membres de respecter
les droits fondamentaux dans la construction de l’espace de liberté, de sé-
curité et de justice. Parce qu’il vise chacune des normes composant cet es-
pace, 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’impose l’espace judiciaire européen.
Aussi conviendrait-il de la compléter par un mode d’articulation plus souple,
là 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**

**January**

10 January : Meeting with Mr. Giakoumopoulos, Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law (Council of Europe)

18 January : Meetings in Paris with Mrs. Laurent, President of the Agence Française de lutte contre le dopage, and with a representative of the Fondation de France

19 January : Symposium « Refonder les droits de l’homme », University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

25 January : Meeting with the Representative of Russia to the ECHR, Mr. Galperine and Mr. De Salvia

25 January : Solemn Reassembly of the ECHR

26 January : Meeting with the Deputy Consul General of Japan

30 January : Meeting with M. Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg, Founding Member of the Fondation René Cassin

31 January : Meeting with the Alsace-Moselle Notaries Interregional Council

**February**

2 February : Participation to a round table of the European bioethics forum

10 February : Inauguration of the Human Rights Sports Centre

13 February : Participation to a round table of the Parliamentary Association « regards croisés sur une Europe en crise »

14 February : Administrative board of the BNU Strasbourg

27 February : Workshop of the Fondation on enforced disappearances organised at the Council of Europe on the initiative of the Consulate General of Japan

28 February : Lunch with the Prefect of Haut-Rhin

**Agenda of the Director**

**January**

9 January : Round table on « La prévalence des droits fondamentaux dans l’élaboration du droit », National School for Magistrates

18 and 19 January : Symposium « Refonder les droits de l’homme », University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

26 January : Conference on the UN Convention against Torture, University Rennes I

**February**

4-6 February : 5th training session of the Fondation in Bamako, Mali
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