René Cassin Foundation

Created in 1969 by René Cassin, Nobel Peace Prize, the association 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 Panthéon-Assas and Member of the United Nations Committee against Torture. The objective of René Cassin Founda-

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:
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 closed.

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.

Public Conference - Raphaël PITTI - July 10th, 20h30 - L’Aubette, Strasbourg

In the framework of the 48th Annual teaching session, the Fondation Renée Cassin will organize a free public conference opened to everyone. This conference will be host by Raphaël PITTI, medicine professor, municipal deputy councillor “Sanitary and social urgencies” and Humanitarian doctor. This conference will allow Raphaël PITTI to express himself on the subject of his choice linked with the annual teaching session thematic “Health and International Human Rights Law”.

Dr Raphaël Pitti is an Emergency and natural disasters specialist doctor who developped his career first for the French Armed Forces then as head of Emergency Units in various French public service hospitals while also teaching. His field experience spans countries on several continents, from the Middle East to Africa, Maghreb, Brazil or ex-Yugoslavia.

His expertise has led him to become an official advisor for a variety of national and international institutions such as the Baghdad Relief Center Restoration programme, NATO’s Emergency Medicine WorkGroup or the International Civil defence Organisation in Geneva.

Most of his experience over the last ten years has focused on humanitarian action across the world, both in fieldwork and training missions such as, among other things, taking part for 3 years in the medical follow-up of migrants in Lampedusa (Italy). His major achievement and commitment since 2012 has been setting up an emergency medicine training programme for doctors, doctor students and nurses/midwives in Syria which has involved over 1,500 people to date. This implied 14 trips to Syria to create several training centers and training the future trainers despite the constant bombings and hospital destructions. The next step will be setting up a new training center in Jordan. He’s also part of his town’s elected city council, in charge of relief and inclusion issues, and has been awarded a number of prestigious awards, including the Légion d’Honneur.
8th training session abroad in Dakar, Senegal

International migration and International Human Rights Law

The 8th training session in Dakar in Senegal will hold from 18th to 29th of September and will focus on “International migration and International Human Rights Law”. This session will be organised in partnership with the Foundation Friedrich Naumann for Freedom.

This session will combine theoretical training on different human rights protection systems, international penal law, international humanitarian law and refugee law and will include a thematic course about African Commission’s action concerning Human and People’s Rights regarding to the migratory phenomenon, but also a practical training. In fact, two practical seminars on/about/relation to fictive cases will be organized and will allow participants to train their oral arguments.

Deadline for registration : 28th July 2017
Registration fees : 100 euros

Adjournment of the first training session in Tbilissi, Georgia

The first Tbilissi training session which would have been organized from 19th to 23rd July has been adjourned to a later date. All information will be communicated as soon as possible.

2017 training sessions abroad calendar

From 18th to 29th of September 2017: 8th training session in Dakar (Senegal)

From 16th to 20th October 2017: 1st training session in Pretoria (South Africa).

November 2017: 5th training session of Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

December 2017: 6th training session in Port-au-Prince (Haiti).
Our past training sessions

20th Summer Course on Refugee Law

French Representation to the UNCHR both with the Fondation Renée Cassin have organized, for 20th consecutive year, a summer course about Refugee Law. This 2 weeks course has been held from 6th to 17th June 2017 in the Council of Europe European Youth Center in Strasbourg, France. It consists in a training in Refugee Law given in French. Trainings was provided by experts from the UNCHR, as well as specialists from academic, institutional and judiciary areas. 58 participants have attended this training and 25 nationalities were represented. 79% of participants passed the final test of this summer course.

Programme

5th international training session « Mona Haddad » of Human Rights in Beirut, Lebanon

5th international training session “Mona haddad” of Human Rights has taken place at the Commodore Hostel of Beirut from 22nd to 25th May 2017. This session was organized both by the Fondation Renée Cassin and Jihan University department of Human Rights and supported by University Agency of Francophonie. Courses were given both in French language and Arabic.

This session had as object to allow participants to developing their knowledges about the different Human Rights protection systems but also to develop their knowledge regarding International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law linked with Arabic World’s problematics.

25 participants participated to this training session, 11 women and 14 men. 5 nationalities were represented with a majority of Lebanon citizens. Participants from Syria, Sudan, Yemen and Tunisia were also present.

Programme
Every time I am invited to intervene in a training session of the René Cassin Foundation—International Institute of Human Rights, I feel it both like a privilege and an honour. I could be integrated in this huge network of professionals intervening during the Foundation training sessions, and in my opinion, every session is always rich of intense emotions, in several respects:

First, it is always a unique occasion to share my convictions, my experience and my point of view regarding Human Rights. The meeting with colleagues and practitioners is an exceptional occasion to meet them, to exchange with them and measure the degree of professional symbiosis which linked people who work on Human rights promotion around the globe. An implicit bond arises between all training session speakers who immediately understand that we are working mutually for the same cause: the integration of the globe through human rights. It is an objective cause, founded on the more rational basis to sharing values that they are defending, in their own vision. During these sessions, Human Rights have an added value, they became universal shared values, and their considerations make the cement which units, beyond participants and speakers, every human being around the globe.

Then, this training session of the René Cassin Foundation offers to speakers unique opportunities to create professional relations and even sustainable friendships. Integrating this network of professionals which was woven along Foundation’s training sessions was very rewarding. I could expand my address book and the good relationships with my colleagues have allowed me to be invited teaching in other universities.

Finally, the emotion is still lively and intense when I give a speech before this multiple and always divert auditory, whose selection is such specific to the Foundation. I am always learning a lot thanks to participants’ questions, and I measure the deepness of everyone expectations regarding human rights. During every training session, I am learning a lot from the experience of everyone and I understand that it is difficult having enough experience to do without it. Sometimes it is this experience which allows me to better prepare other interventions, for other session or somewhere else.
Continuing training

Half-day training: The procedure before the European Court of Human Rights - June 15th, 2017

On 15th June 2017, the René Cassin Foundation has organised an half day training about the Procedure before the European Court of Human Rights which was hold in the E.R.A.G.E’s buildings in Strasbourg. This half day was organised in partnership with the Bar of Strasbourg and the Lawyer Regional School of the “Grand-Est” (E.R.A.G.E).

The half day program allowed to deal with the lawyer, judge and registry’s perspectives.

34 participants were present during this training, they were – for the main part of them - lawyers or students.

This half day training was validated at the title of lawyers continuing training.

Annual Symposium of the René Cassin Foundation

From 1st to 2nd of June, the René Cassin Foundation organised its annual symposium on « International and European Human Rights Law and Bioethic » in Bordeaux.

This event was organised thanks to the partnership between the René Cassin Foundation, the « Centre de recherche et de documentation européennes et internationales », the University of Bordeaux and the Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine.

Human Rights Clinic

Pascal CRÉHANGE, Head of the Bar of Strasbourg, has given a seminar dealing with lawyer’s ethic in front of the clinicians on 12th May 2017.

Clinicians were also invited to follow a half-day training organized by the Foundation about the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights which was hold at the E.R.A.G.E on the 15th of June.
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 euro- péenne, 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 judi- ciaire européen en matière civile et commerciale. Si le principe hiérarchique parait 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, 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 euro- péenne.


Il s’agit, dès lors, d’approfondir la réflexion sur les protections que peuvent ré- clamer les investisseurs privés dans les deux systèmes. Après un regard croisé portée sur la compétence, la procédure et le fond dans les deux branches, les interactions entre les deux disciplines sont examinées. Droit des investisse- ments et droits de l’homme peuvent entretenir des rapports de complémenta- rité, d’inspiration mutuelle et d’emprunt ou de conflit. Principalement, il con- vient de s’interroger sur les problèmes que posent le cumul de la saisine des juridictions des droits de l’homme avec les tribunaux d’arbitrage, sur l’usage des mêmes techniques et méthodes par l’arbitre et le juge des droits de l’homme ainsi que sur la confrontation éventuelle des deux systèmes.

Cette publication, inspirée par l’actualité, offre aux spécialistes de deux branches la possibilité de se retrouver en vue d’une réflexion transversale ayant à la fois un intérêt théorique et pratique.
Agenda of the President

May

10th to 11th May: Speech on the Institut des Etudes Avancées of Paris’s symposium on the theme « neurosciences and the Law »

12th to 13th May: Participation to the meeting of the panel on the election of the ECHR’s judges in Vienna

17th to 19th May: Teaching in Syracuse for the International Institute of Criminal Law (Lawyers’ training)

June

1st to 2nd June: Participation and Chair of the Annual Symposium of the René Cassin Foundation in Bordeaux on « International and European Human Rights Law and Bioethic »

6th June: Opening Ceremony of the Summer Course on Refugee Law of the René Cassin Foundation in Strasbourg

8th June: Reception of the Russian Federation for national holiday

14th June: Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation

15th June: Half-day training about “The Procedure before the European Court of Human Rights” organized by the Fondation Renée Cassin

22th June: Chair of the Ethics Committee on videoprotection of the Eurométropole

23th juin: Annual Dinner of the President of the ECHR

23th June: General Assembly of the Fondation’s friends Association

Agenda of the Director

May

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

22th to 25th May: 5th international training session « Mona Haddad » of Humùan rights organised by the Foundation René Cassin in Beirut Lebanon

June

1st to 2nd June: Annual Symposium of the René Cassin Foundation in Bordeaux on « International and European Human Rights Law and Bioethic »

13th June: Round table about the HCR Representation’s activities in Strasbourg with European representatives in the framework of the summer course about Refugee Law organised by the René Cassin Foundation in Strasbourg

14th June: interview for the presentation video of the Fondation.

14th June: Administrative Board of the René Cassin Foundation

15th June: Half-day training about “The Procedure before the European Court of Human Rights” organized by the Fondation Renée Cassin.
“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