

## Examining People's Movements through the Law



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### DESCRIPTION

Citizens from around the world have mobilized in great numbers to bring attention to policy changes they would like initiated at national, regional, and international levels. This CLE will allow attorneys who are interested in areas related to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, both of which are contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to learn more about these issues in global contexts.

### AGENDA

#### 1 **How suppression evolves: two eras of suppressing protests in Iran with a focus on the evolution of the controlling strategies.**

In more than 40 year of suppressing protesters, the Islamic Republic of Iran has gradually updated its tools of suppression and controlling strategies. We will study Iran's history of suppressing protests, which has always been accompanied with firstly, heavy propaganda campaigns as a means of justification for the use of force, and secondly, legislative and policy actions to further restrict the right to freedom of expression and the right to freedom of assembly. This presentation discusses the suppression of protests in Iran divided into two eras: 1980-2008 and 2009- present, which is now characterized by hybrid approaches consisting of both overt/covert, direct/indirect, and reactive/proactive controlling strategies, where obstructing the documentation of human rights violations, manipulating the narratives through distorting information, whitewashing, disinformation campaigns, and spinning or sponsoring speech gain as much importance in suppressing protests as using lethal weapons against protesters.

*Kambiz Ghafouri - Iran Human Rights (IHR NGO), Jyväskylä, Finland*

*Omid Shams - Justice for Iran (NGO), London, UK*

*Moderator: Regina Paulose*

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### 2 The relevance and significance of the Tibetan freedom movement in the contemporary world

Hear from two experts on Tibet: Frank Lehberger and Tsering Tsomo. Frank will provide an account of the worsening human rights situation in Tibet after 2008, as well as insights into the inhumane policies and racist mindsets causing this. Another point of view will be that of Tsering's, who will share her views on the relevance and significance of the Tibetan freedom movement in the contemporary world.

*Frank Lehberger - USANAS Foundation, Saarbrücken, Germany*

*Moderator: Regina Paulose*

### 3 The Norwegian Sami Indigenous People: From Assimilation to Reconciliation

This session will discuss the history of Norwegianization and how the Sami indigenous people were forcefully assimilated, with help of the law, as well as present-day cases before Norwegian domestic courts that deal with Sami legal matters. Understand when and how a change in public perception of the Sami occurred, owing primarily to a protest movement at the Alta-watercourse, in Northern Norway. The exploration of the Alta river led to a unification of the environmental and indigenous rights movement. The case had a negative outcome before the Norwegian Supreme Court, but led nonetheless to radical changes in Norwegian law and society.

*Dr. Carola Lingaas - VID Specialized University, Oslo, Norway*

*Moderator: Regina Paulose*

### 4 Force for Good? (The End SARS Movement in Nigeria)

In 1992, the notorious Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) unit was created in Lagos, Nigeria to tackle armed robbery and the criminal underworld. SARS was established in other states and quickly became synonymous with corruption, extortion and violent human rights abuses. In recent years, #EndSARS morphed into a powerful social media movement against SARS, corruption and human rights abuses in Nigeria. In this lecture, we review how we got here, and examine the role the 1999 Nigerian Constitution, the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights have to play and lessons for practitioners.

*Adetokunbo Hussain - The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London, UK*

*Moderator: Sherri White*

### 5 A tale of two Colombias: Human rights, the quest for peace, and popular unrest

This session will analyze, utilizing Colombian National Law and relevant UN Human Rights Treaties, the parallel interaction between the tensions and conflicts that have emanated from the implementation of Colombia's recent peace agreement with the FARC and the government's response to recent protests. These protests combined economic demands with the protection of the peace process in the context of the assassination of social movements leaders and demobilized actors from the conflict from a human rights perspective.

*Carlos J. Bichet Nicoletti - Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg*

*Moderator: Sherri White*

### 6 Where are widows in it all?

In some parts of the world widows still experience human rights violations and harmful practices as a result of their marital status, sometimes perpetuated by dual legal structures. This session will look at how widows' situations are tied to the UN 2030 Agenda and how addressing these challenges can eliminate root causes of conflict and strengthen reconciliation processes. We will examine ways in which gender-responsive laws and social protection programs can improve how they address the needs of a marginalized group, while building inclusive societies and sustainable peace.

*Marijke Kremin - Global Fund for Widows, New York, NY*

*Moderator: Regina Paulose*

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### **7 Totoaba trafficking in Baja California and the Convergence with other serious crimes**

This session examines Operation "Fake Gold", in which Earth League International investigated the Convergence of wildlife crime with other serious crimes such as money laundering and human smuggling. You'll understand how Mexican organized crime and Chinese traffickers collaborate at various levels and profit from multiple commodities, including seafood, shark fins, people and drugs. This session discusses both domestic and international statutes relevant to the investigation.

*Andrea Crosta - Earth League International, Los Angeles, CA*

*Moderator: Regina Paulose*