



FONDATION RENÉ CASSIN

Institut International des Droits de l'Homme
International Institute of Human Rights

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HEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

48th Annual Study Session





*“There will be no peace on this planet as long
as human rights are violated somewhere in
the world”*

René Cassin, 1968



The session **provides advanced courses in international and comparative human rights law** taught by specialists from various parts of the world.

The session is intended for:

- Students with an advanced level in law, political science and social science;
- Teachers, professors and researchers;
- Members of the legal professions and any other occupations related to human rights;
- National and international civil servants;
- Members of non-governmental organizations.

The 48th study session is organized with the support of:

- The French National Assembly
- The French Prime Minister
- The International Organization of La Francophonie
- The French Senate
- The Council of Europe
- Permanent Representations of Denmark and Luxembourg to the Council of Europe
- The City of Strasbourg
- The Grand Est Region
- The Caisse d'Épargne d'Alsace
- The Strasbourg Bar
- The University of Strasbourg
- The Faculty of Law, Political Science and Management of Strasbourg
- The Friedrich Naumann and Marangopoulos Foundations
- The Hermès Foundation

REGISTRATION FEES: 820 EUROS

Travel and living expenses (housing, meals, trip) shall in full be borne by the participants.

Online registration: www.iidh.org. Incomplete applications will not be accepted nor processed.

For your application to be taken into consideration, it is compulsory to include all required documents: short curriculum vitae, copy of your latest university degree, photograph.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 15 MAY 2017

Admission of applicants is decided through thorough review of their applications by a Selection Committee, under the Foundation Director's authority.

Your letter of admission will be sent to you by email and postal airmail only after a deposit payment of 200 euros confirming your participation (non refund amount in case of withdrawal and deducted from the registration fees).

■ **Admission requirements**

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **master French AND English** which are the session's two official languages, in order to follow all courses and debates. No simultaneous translation is provided for.

Introductory and Fundamental courses: French, English, Spanish, Arabic

Thematic courses: French or English.

Special courses: French and English.

- **have at least a four-year university degree** (master's degree, LL.M or equivalent)

- **exceptionally possess a sound experience in the field of human rights**, gained in governmental entities, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations or possess similar experience.



For organizational reasons and in order to maintain the quality of teaching, the number of attendees for each session is established taking into account training needs of all the countries and regions of the world (especially those of developing countries). Applicants will be informed in writing of their admission.

■ Financial Assistance

On an exceptional basis, partial financial assistance may be granted in order to cover registration fees.

In addition to the admission request, please include: a cover letter and a letter of recommendation.

A scholarship committee examines all the requests. Priority is given to applicants from developing countries. Reply to financial assistance requests will be delivered in writing. All attendees benefiting financial support are required to attend all courses and conferences given during the three-week session.

No additional financial assistance may be granted once the committee has reached its decision. In case of non-payment of the balance of your registration fees and/or accommodation (including the 200-euro deposit), the benefit of your financial assistance will be entirely lost.

Because of a very limited number of scholarships which can be granted by the Institute, attendees are strongly advised to get in touch with governmental and/or non-governmental agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, foundations and other entities that might grant them financial support.

■ Courses

All courses and conferences will take place at the University of Strasbourg, ESCARPE, 11 rue du Maréchal Juin.

Attendees must respect the fundamental rules which apply to any academic institution.

Attendees are expected to attend all courses and lectures, in English and in French, throughout all the Session and observe the scheduled timetables. The Institute cannot be held liable for any initiative or activity which does not form part of the session's curriculum.

A Director of Studies is in charge of the smooth functioning of the Session and acts as liaison between the attendees and the Institute.

■ Certificate of success

At the end of the session, a written examination is held. The exam consists of twenty multiple-choice questions **which are provided by all professors who gave lectures during the session.** The questions are presented in English and French. Bilingual dictionaries may be used during the exam.

Attendees who pass the examination receive a Certificate of success from the International Institute of Human Rights. Attendees who fail, receive a proof of attendance.



■ Accommodation

Optional accommodation in a university residence is made available by the CROUS (university public entity). There is no wireless internet access. If you wish to book a room **30 June to 23 July 2017 inclusive**, non-refundable accommodation fees must be paid in full to the Institute at the time of the administrative registration.

Single room without sanitary equipment: 330 euros

Toilet and shower on the floor

Single room with sanitary equipment: 400 euros

Private bathroom (limited seat)

Any additional night(s) must be paid by the attendee directly to the university residence. The Institute is not responsible for possible difficulties arising from accommodation conditions. The responsibility lies with the university residence director. **Attendees are free to make alternative housing arrangements.**

■ Meals

It is possible to have meals at the university cafeteria (restaurant universitaire)(8 euros/meal). Location will be given later.

■ Health / Accident

Every participant is required to have his own health/accident insurance coverage. The Institute cannot, in any case, be held responsible for medical expenses incurred during a participant's stay in Strasbourg.

■ Visa Schengen

Please note that the visa Schengen procedure takes at least one month.

Administrative enrolment for all participants

SATURDAY 1 JULY 2017,

from 8 AM to 12.30 PM and from 1.30 to 4.30 PM



DIPLOMA OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Regulations governing the award of the diploma

■ ARTICLE 1

The Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights is open to participants of the Institute's annual teaching session who already have extensive knowledge of International and Comparative Human Rights Law.

The Diploma exam is open only to those already possessing a postgraduate degree or equivalent (Master's or higher). The Institute's Diploma is distinct from the session's Participation Certificate which is designed to test general knowledge acquired during the Session.

■ ARTICLE 2

Participants meeting the requirements outlined in Article 1 and who demonstrate a special competence in the area of human rights through their scientific works or professional experience may be registered to participate in the Diploma exam. Permission to sit for the diploma exams is granted by the Institute's competent commission.

■ ARTICLE 3

Only candidates who have been selected by the Institute's competent commission will be allowed to sit for the Diploma examinations.

■ ARTICLE 4

Examinations take place in Strasbourg on the dates indicated on the session's schedule, in French or English, as chosen by the candidate.

■ ARTICLE 5

The examination consists of:

1 – A test of pre-admissibility:

Consisting of a 5 hour written exam. Candidates will be given a choice between two subjects pertaining to international and comparative human rights law. A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the test of admissibility (Candidates having earned the grade of 10/20 on the written exam will automatically receive the Certificate of the International Institute of Human Rights).

2 – A test of admissibility:

Consisting of a practical exercise pertaining to a casus relative to one or/and the other of the universal or regional systems of human rights protection (the United Nations Human Rights Committee, the Inter American Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, the African Commission of Human and Peoples Rights).

Each candidate must prepare an argumentation and defend it orally 24 hours after drawing his subject.

A minimum grade of 12/20 is required in order to participate in the final oral exam.

3 – A final oral exam:

Consisting of a presentation in the form of an exposé/discussion (2 hours of preparation without any documentation) on a subject pertaining to international human rights protection. Candidates must have a minimum grade of 12/20 to be admitted to the final exam.



■ ARTICLE 6

The Jury for the pre-admissibility is composed of a minimum of four members. The Jury for the admissibility exam is composed of a minimum of two members. The Jury for the final admissions exam is composed of a minimum of three members.

■ ARTICLE 7

1- The admissions Jury may, in exceptional cases, award the mention "CUM LAUDE"

2- Should the candidate be on the borderline of the average required, the Jury may grant him the possibility to receive the Diploma by preparing a memoir on a subject chosen by the Jury and following the terms and conditions set by the Jury. This memoir must be addressed to the Institute at the latest by March 31 of the following year. The Diploma will be delivered subject to the Jury's appreciation of the memoir.

■ ARTICLE 8

The Jury's decisions are not subject to appeal.

In 2016, the two subjects proposed to the candidates for the written exam were:

1- The accountability for violation of human rights treaty obligations.

2- How is the best interest of the child efficiently guaranteed in the international conventions on the protection of human rights?

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