



ESIL 14th Anniversary Conference on International Law and Universality

**European Society of International Law Interest Group on International Human Rights
Law Workshop**

The Universality Challenge to Human Rights Law: A Sword, A Shield, or Neither?

Thursday, 13 September 2018, 09.30-12.00
Room: tba

9.30-10.30 Session 1: On Universality and Rights

Chair: Pierre Thielboerger

What if Universality Does Not Matter? On the Normative Force of Human Rights, Lea Raible, University of Maastricht

The Ambivalence of Universality – Human Rights of Migrants at the European Court of Human Rights, Janna Wessels, Justus Liebig University Giessen

Demarcating the Boundaries of Constructive Universality: A Study on Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe, Tsvetelina Johannes van Benthem, University of Oxford

10.45-11.45 Session 2: The Universality Challenge to Institutions

Chair: Valentina Azarova

Current Challenges to Universalism: The United Nations and the Politicisation of Human Rights, Christen Broecker, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights & Rosa Freedman, University of Reading

Universality and Human Rights: The Challenge from Southeast Asia, Catherine Renshaw, Thomas More Law School, Australian Catholic University

Jurisdictional Black Holes: The Failure of International Human Rights Remedial Claims, Hassan Ahmad, University of Toronto