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Protest Movements and International Law

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convened by
Christian Marxsen
(Humboldt University; MPIL)
and
Florian Kriener (MPIL)

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and Law

Im Neuenheimer Feld 535, 69120 Heidelberg,

Conference Room 038

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023

9.30 - 10.00 hrs

Registration and Coffee

10.00 - 10.15 hrs

Welcome and Opening

Christian Marxsen/Florian Kriener (Humboldt University Berlin / Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law)

10.15 - 11.45 hrs

Panel 1: The theoretical foundations of protest movements in international law

Chair: Florian Kriener (MPIL)

- **Gayathree Devi Kalliyat Thazhathuveetil/ Sameer Rashid Bhat** (University of Oxford), A Right to Non-Violent 'Revolution' against Authoritarian Governments under the ICCPR
- **Arnold Vardanyan** (Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law / National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia), A Right to Revolution or Rebellion In International Law
- **Maria O'Sullivan** (Deakin University), Climate Protest and the Right of Resistance in International Law. What is necessary and proportionate?

11.45 - 12.00 hrs

Coffee Break

12.00 - 13.30 hrs

Panel 2: Regional Perspectives

Chair: Felix Herbert (MPIL)

- **Cristiano D'Orsi** (University of Johannesburg), Protest movements in Africa: past, present, future of a widespread phenomenon (via zoom)
- **Marcos Antonio Vela Ávalos** (University of Salamanca), The Right to Protest in the Interamerican Human Rights Framework
- **Kirsty Hughes** (University of Cambridge), The Place of Protest

13.30 - 14.30 hrs

Lunch, Buffet (Rotunde)

14.30 - 16.00 hrs

Panel 3: Case Studies

Chair: Leonie Brassat (MPIL)

- **Arshia Sana** (OP Jindal Global University), Women-led Protests in India: A study with reference to anti-CAA Shaheen Bagh Movement
- **Dmitrii Kuznetsov** (European Court of Human Rights), From Hope to Despair: Freedom to Protest in Russia after the Beginning of the War Against Ukraine
- **Michael Davis** (Jindal Global University / Wilson Center), Beijing's International Law Violations in Suppressing Opposition Protests in Hong Kong

16.00 - 16.30 hrs

Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 hrs

Panel 4: Protest Movements and the Cyber Sphere

Chair: Lukas Hemmje (MPIL)

- **Ahmed Elbasyouny** (Indiana University), Ctrl+Alt+Del: Situating Internet Shutdowns and the Right to (Online) Protest in International Law (via zoom)
- **Dafne Carletti / Daniel Magraw** (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies / Johns Hopkins University), Protests, Transnational Networks and Human Rights
- **Hesam Norouz Pour** (University of Malaya), A Harm-Based Approach to Freedom of Expression and Assembly: An Overview of Meta's Policy Towards Protest Movements

19.00 hrs

Dinner, Buffet (Rotunde) and Dinner Lecture

FRIDAY, 3 November 2023

9.00 - 9.30 hrs

Reception and Coffee

9.30 – 11.00 hrs

Panel 5: Protests in different Fields of International Law

Chair: Christian Marxsen (Humboldt University / MPIL)

- **Hannah Ji-Jia Liu** (Academia Sinica), Peaceful but Discriminatory Protests: Reviewing Article 11 of ECHR
- **Elizabeth Wilson** (Rutgers Law School), Civil Resistance in Kosovo: Natural Law in Action
- **Kendra Magraw** (Graduate Institute Geneva), Protests in the Olympic Games and under International Sports Law

11.00 – 11.15 hrs

Coffee break

11.15 - 12.45hrs

Panel 6: Outlook – The Future of Protest Movements in International Law

Chair: Matthias Hartwig (MPIL)

- **Zoe Tongue** (University of Leeds), The Importance of Protest Movements for Human Rights Realisation: Lessons from Abortion Rights Movements
- **Itai Apter** (Reichman University / University of Haifa), The “International” v. “Domestic” Protest Movements in International Law – Different but Equal Regulation?
- **Alexander Vashkevich** (European Humanities University), Protests in the OSCE Legal Framework and Insights from Practice

12.45 - 13.00 hrs

Coffee break

13.00 - 13.30 hrs

Closing Discussion

13.30 – 14.30 hrs

Lunch (optional)

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