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**“Positive obligations under the ECHR and the Criminal Law: towards a Coercive Human Rights Law?”**

Organized by Dr. Laurens Lavrysen (Ghent University) and Dr. Natasa Mavronicola (University of Birmingham)

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**Programme**

**Coffee and Registration (9:30 – 10:00)**

**Morning Session (10:00– 13:00)**

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Eva Brems (Ghent University)*

- 1) A bird’s-eye view on the ECtHR's case law on positive obligations and the criminal law  
*Dr. Laurens Lavrysen (Ghent University)*
- 2) Criminal justice and positive duties: duties to protect or coerce?  
*Prof. Dr. Liora Lazarus (University of Oxford)*

Coffee break

- 3) Coercive overreach and dilution: the potential dangers of requiring recourse to the criminal law  
*Dr. Natasa Mavronicola (University of Birmingham)*
- 4) A comparative perspective: coercive human rights in the case law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights  
*Dr. Annelen Micus (Oxford University)*

**Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)**

**Afternoon Session (14:00 – 17:30)**

Chair: *Dr. Natasa Mavronicola (University of Birmingham)*

- 5) A view from criminal law theory: coercive human rights in the light of criminalization as last resort  
*Prof. Dr. Nina Peršak (Institute for Criminal-law Ethics and Criminology, Ljubjana / Central European University, Budapest)*

- 6) Coercive human rights: a victims' rights perspective

*Alina Balta (Tilburg University)*

- 7) The potential and limitations of coercive human rights law in protecting the victims of human trafficking

*Dr. Vladislava Stoyanova (Lund University)*

Coffee break

- 8) Substance and procedure in prosecuting human rights offences

*Dr. Kresimir Kamber (European Court of Human Rights, Ghent University)*

- 9) Positive obligations and coercion: a view from the European Court of Human Rights

*Judge Paul Lemmens (European Court of Human Rights)*