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This seminar is part of a series that ERA has organised every year since 2003 devoted to the two European anti-discrimination directives adopted under Article 19 TFEU (ex Article 13 TEC). [Directive 2000/43](#) prohibits all forms of discrimination based on race or ethnic origin in a number of areas. [Directive 2000/78](#) prohibits all forms of discrimination in employment and occupation based on religion or conviction, handicap, age and sexual orientation.

This advanced seminar, specifically addressed to legal practitioners already familiar with EU anti-discrimination law, aims at creating a forum for the exchange of experiences and good practices.

The seminar will focus on certain specific aspects of the Directives, as well as on some of the latest developments in this field. Interaction among participants will be encouraged through periods of discussion and working groups requiring their active participation.

Speakers

Klaus Alenfelder, Lawyer, Bonn

Victoria Chege, Lecturer in Law, University of Oldenburg

Isabelle Chopin, Deputy Director, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

Rachel Crasnow, Barrister, Cloisters Chambers, London

Helmut Graupner, Lawyer, Vienna

Andre Gubbels, Director-General, Directorate-General for People with Disabilities, Federal Public Service (SPF) for Social Security, Brussels

Helen Meenan, Solicitor and Visiting Fellow at Kingston University

Shabname Monnot, Lawyer, Mediator and Trainer, Paris

Marc Willers, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, London



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EU ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

ADVANCED SEMINAR FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Trier, 11-12 April 2011

ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier

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ERA (Kassiani Christodoulou and Daniel Gärtner)
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Monday, 11 April 2011

08:30	Arrival and registration of participants
09:00	Welcome <i>Kassiani Christodoulou</i> <i>Daniel Gärtner</i>
09:05	EU anti-discrimination directives and non-discrimination in the international and European human rights context: possible synergies
10:00	Discussion
10:15	Coffee break
10:45	The challenge of an ageing European population: problems, recent case-law and mainstreaming <i>Helen Meenan</i>
11:45	Discussion
12:00	Sexual orientation in employment and pension rights <i>Helmut Graupner</i>
12:30	Discussion
12:45	Lunch

14:00	UNCRPD as a new tool for addressing discrimination on grounds of disability <i>Andre Gubbels</i>
14:45	Discussion
15:00	Litigating Roma rights under EU law and experiences from the ECtHR <i>Marc Willers</i>
15:45	Discussion
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Introduction to a workshop <i>Rachel Crasnow</i>
17:00	Discussion in groups
17:45	Results of the working groups
18:30	End of the first seminar day
19:00	Guided city tour of Trier
20:00	Seminar dinner
	This event is part of a series. Further events are being organised for legal practitioners, members of the judiciary and university professors and law lecturers. Visit: www.era.int/anti-discrimination .

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

09:00	Implementation of EU anti-discrimination law in the Member States: a comparative approach <i>Isabelle Chopin</i>
09:45	Discussion
10:00	The EU anti-discrimination directives and EU equality law: the case of multidimensional discrimination <i>Victoria Chege</i>
10:45	Discussion
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Seeking effectiveness: remedies and sanctions in discrimination cases <i>Klaus Alenfelder</i>
12:15	Discussion
12:30	Opting for mediation in discrimination disputes <i>Shabname Monnot</i>
13:00	Discussion
13:15	End of the seminar and lunch

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