

## Guest-Speakers

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**Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha** is Visiting Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the University of Lund (Sweden). He is also Assistant Professor (on leave) at the Indian Society of International Law in New Delhi (India).

## Objectives of the Conference

This year the Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany) issued a call for applications on „global change“. Given its expertise, the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict submitted a project on „human dignity in global change“, of which this conference is an integral part. First, the conference seeks to examine the economic, social, cultural, political, and legal facets of „human dignity“. In fact, human dignity is as much about collectively choosing rulers in accordance with democratic principles and enjoying a peaceful environment as it is about combating poverty, disease and hunger. Undoubtedly, human dignity is substantially diminished in times of armed conflict, not to mention in conflicts that seek to destroy particular groups. In this context Africa presents a good case study. Second the notion of human dignity is relative to the particular society under consideration. Again Africa is a good illustration of how human dignity is understood differently.

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# Human Dignity in Africa



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Johan de Wittlaan, 30  
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## Programme

14:00-14:30

Introduction to the seminar

*Prof. Dr. Horst Fischer*

IFHV, Ruhr-University Bochum

14:30-14:50

Linking Relief to Development

*Prof. Dr. Mohammed Salih*

Institute of Social Studies

14:50-15:10

The Right to Development in Africa: Issues and Challenges

*Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha*

Raoul Wallenberg Institute, University of Lund

15:10-15:30

Empowering Local Communities

*Dr. Joop de Wit*

Institute of Social Studies

15:30-16:00

Discussion

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

## Programme

16:30-16:50

Building Capacities in a War-Zone: The Eastern DRC Case

*Prof. Dr. Dennis Dijkzeul*

IFHV, Ruhr-University Bochum

16:50-17:10

The Right to Access to a Remedy for Victims of Armed Conflict - A Study of Rwanda's Gacaca Courts

*Chiseche Mibenge*

Netherlands Institute for Human Rights Research, University of Utrecht

17:10-17:30

Dignity, Non-Humiliating Institutions and Access to Justice

*Dr. Berma Klein Goldewijk*

CEDAR International

17:30-18:00

Discussion

18:00 Drinks



The Institute, in cooperation with the German Red Cross, publishes the Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict. This quarterly journal, which was established in 1988, publishes articles in the field of humanitarian law and more generally in human rights law and international law.

The Institute publishes since 1988 the "Bochumer Schriften" which are either compenda of articles or entire books devoted to issues relating to peace and armed conflicts. As of now 51 books have been printed with the publishing house "Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag".

The latest publication entitled "Between Force and Mercy. Military Action and Humanitarian Aid" is edited by Prof. Dr. Dijkzeul.



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