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Human rights in crisis - what future for the European Court of Human Rights?

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What role can the European Court of Human Rights realistically continue to play in an era when the very notion of human rights appears so fragile? From the machinations of authoritarian regimes in Moscow and Baku, and the 'rule of law backsliding' exhibited in Warsaw and Budapest, to the rise of European populism and the far right, and the fallout from Brexit, human rights are under threat. The Court is deluged by cases from Turkey after mass arrests following the failed coup in 2016, the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, and bruised by Russia's unprecedented 2015 law allowing its Constitutional Court to pick and choose which Strasbourg judgments to implement. The Court has also been criticised for being too interventionist, for lacking democratic legitimacy, for the 'proceduralisation' of its case-law, and its crisis of implementation.

In response to these challenges, Philip Leach will make the case for the vital need to maintain a strong and independent court for the continent of Europe, and discuss how it should reform in order to ensure its continuing relevance and effectiveness. He will draw on his experience in litigating a large body of Strasbourg cases on behalf of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC), including cases arising from armed conflict in Chechnya, Nagorno-Karabakh, eastern Ukraine and South Ossetia, and seminal decisions concerning executive control of the judiciary in Ukraine, political prosecutions in Azerbaijan and Georgia and the protection of human rights defenders in Russia.



Philip Leach is Professor of Human Rights Law at Middlesex University, a solicitor, and Director of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC: ehrac.org.uk), also based at Middlesex University. He has extensive experience of representing applicants before the European Court of Human Rights, in particular against Russia and other former Soviet states, as well as the UK and Turkey. He researches and publishes widely in the field of international human rights law. He was a member of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody from 2009-2015 and a member of the Harris Review (2014-2015). He

was appointed Specialist Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights for its inquiry into mental health and deaths in prison in 2016-2017. He is a former trustee of the Media Legal Defence Initiative and the Human Dignity Trust and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Open Society Justice Initiative. In 2015 he was named as the Human Rights Lawyer of the Year by the Law Society of England and Wales. He is the author of 'Taking a Case to the European Court of Human Rights', 4th ed., Oxford University Press, 2017.