

Bridging Research and Society: Reflections on Human Rights and Civil Society Engagement

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I SESSION

HUMAN RIGHTS JUSTIFICATIONS IN ACTION: FROM THEORY TO MULTINATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL OUTREACH VIA CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Dr Federica Cristani** (Institute of International Relations Prague, CZ) – Introductory Remarks. Developing a New Methodological Approach for Human Rights Justifications: the Systematic Ongoing Direct Civil Society Engagement (ODCSE)
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Prof. Ester Herlin-Karnell** (University of Gothenburg, SE – Board member of the Swedish Network for European Legal Studies (SNELS)) – Bridging theory and civil society engagement: the case of EU law and human rights
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Ms Felicia Meyer, Ms Martina Pennino** (World Trade Institute, University of Bern, CH) – Multinational Institutional Outreach: Seminars, Conferences, and Direct Communication Engagement
- 09:50 – 10:05 **Prof. Tamás Ádány** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, HU – member of the HRJust Advisory Board) – Dignity v. Sovereignty: Organizational Changes of International Social Constructions

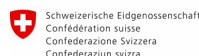
II SESSION

BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND SOCIETY: PERSPECTIVES FROM RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

- 10:05 – 10:20 **Dr Federica Cristani** (Institute of International Relations Prague, CZ) – The HRJust Intersect Observatory as a Living Lab for Inclusive Democracy, Reflecting Gender and Intersectionality
- 10:20 – 10:35 **Dr. Andrey Demidov** (Independent Researcher) – Shaping the Debate About the EU Participatory Democracy: the Insights From the EU Democracy Reform Observatories
- 10:35 – 10:50 **Prof. Cristina Elena Popa Tache** (Danubius International University, RO) – Research Centres as Engines of Transdisciplinary and Societal Transformation: Insights from CIRET, COST and Adjuris
- 10:50 – 11:05 **Prof. Alena Křížková** (Czech Academy of Sciences, CZ) – Gender Equality in Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Cultural Barriers and Strategic Approaches
- 11:05 – 11:30 **DISCUSSION**
Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

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