



TERRORISM LISTS, EXECUTIVE POWERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

International conference, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 20 October 2009

ULB, Solbosch campus, Auditorium E. Dupréel (Building S, 1st floor), Avenue Jeanne, 44 - 1050 Bruxelles 09:00-17:45

Speakers include

Gilles de Kerchove
EU Counter-terrorism coordinator

Professor Martin Scheinin
UN Special Rapporteur on Counter-terrorism

Barbara Jackman QC
Jackman, Waldman & Associates

Professor Michael Bothe
Universität Frankfurt

Jameel Jaffer
Director, ACLU National Security programme

Anne McMurdie
Public Law Solicitors

Professor Pieter Jan Kuijper
Former Director, European Commission Legal Service

Oliver Wils
Director, Berghof Foundation for Peace Support

Professor Eric David
President of International Law Centre, ULB

Gerald Staberock
International Commission of Jurists

Jan Fermon
Progress Law

Ben Hayes
Statewatch/ECCHR

The 'proscription' or 'designation' of alleged "terrorists", their associates and financial supporters by nation-states, the European Union and the United Nations has been among the most controversial aspects of the so-called "war on terror".

Hundreds of groups and individuals around the world have been placed upon various "terrorist lists" and subject to the freezing of their assets, travel bans and other serious sanctions. Yet despite the gravity of the accusations and the impact of their designation upon fundamental rights, affected parties have been systematically denied the right to mount a meaningful challenge to their inclusion on the lists.

Seen largely as a "due process" question in Europe and North America, the "terrorism lists" have also had a significant impact on Diaspora communities, conflict resolution, development work and North-South relations.

Many in the legal community, including the EU Courts and UN Human Rights Committee, have taken a dim view as to the legality or impact of these regimes. Some governments have recently proclaimed an end to the "war on terror", but there is apparently little political appetite for meaningful reform or repeal of the "terrorism lists" or related executive powers -- areas like "preventative" or security detention, "control orders" and "no-fly" lists.

This conference, organised by the European Centre for Constitutional Rights and the Law Faculty of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Free University of Brussels), brings together a distinguished group of expert practitioners, lawyers, academics and human rights organisations to examine these issues and consider possible ways forward.

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL & HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTRE AT L'UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES/FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS, IN ASSOCIATION WITH

REGISTRATION IS FREE (places are limited)
To book your place(s), send an e-mail to: conference@ecchr.eu
For more information see: www.ecchr.eu

