

# SPEAKERS

## WEBINAR

### on the role of national parliaments in implementing the European Convention on Human Rights and the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

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#### *The impact of the ECHR in the State parties and the role of national parliaments in the Convention system*



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Dr Donald is a Senior Lecturer, PhD Programme leader for Law and joint Chair of Ethics in the School of Law at Middlesex University, London.

She is co-author with Philip Leach of *Parliaments and the European Court of Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2016). She also wrote, with Anne-Katrin Speck, the Council of Europe handbook on [National Parliaments as Guarantors of Human Rights in Europe](#) (2018).

Alice's research interests include the relationship between human rights and democratic governance and matters related to human rights implementation. Alice has facilitated several training sessions for the Parliamentary Assembly on the role of national parliaments in the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.



**Ms Katherine HILL**

Ms Hill has worked as Committee Specialist for the Joint Committee on Human Rights since January 2017. During this period, she has acted as inquiry manager on a number of the Committee's thematic inquiries, including those relating to the enforcement of human rights, mothers in prison and mental health detention.

Most recently she has worked with colleagues on an inquiry into human rights and the UK Government's response to Covid-19.

Prior to working in Parliament Katherine worked for various NGOs in positions focusing on human rights, these include Age UK (an organisation addressing older people's rights in the UK), The Children's Society (a children's rights organisation) and Scope (an organisation focused on disability rights). She has a master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics.

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## ***Parliamentary Structures. Activities of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the PACE***



**Ms Agnieszka SZKLANNA**

Ms Szklanna has been Secretary to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (CLAHR) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 2009. Before joining the CLAHR Secretariat, she had worked as a lawyer in the Polish division of the Registry of the European Court for Human Rights (ECtHR) (2003-2004) and the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR (2004-2009). Earlier, she had worked as a trainee barrister in a law firm in Warsaw (Poland) and joined the Warsaw Bar Association in 2004.

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## ***The structures and functioning of the European Court of Human Rights in relation to Serbia***



**Ms Bojana BOSKOVIC HUSANOVIC**

Ms Boskovic Husanovic is an experienced lawyer with 10+ years of experience in the human rights arena. She has been working as a Registry Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights for almost 3 years. Before that she worked in an attorney office.

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Mr Ristanic is a lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights, where he is dealing with legal research, attending Court sessions, examining and processing cases, and drafting decisions and other legal documents. He has worked in that position in 2013 - 2014, before taking up the same role in 2018.

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Mr Ristanic studied law at the University of Belgrade in Serbia, and at the Lund University in Sweden, where he focused on international human rights and international property rights law.

## ***The work of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights with regards to Serbia***



**Ms Katarina NEDELJKOVIC**

Ms Nedeljkovic is the Head of Section in the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. Since joining it 14 years ago, she dealt with 17 Member States.

Earlier, she was a member of the bar in Serbia and the State of New York. She was also teaching law in Estonia and worked as researcher in law with the Belgrade Institute of International Politics and Economics as well as advisor to the World Bank and EU in their reform projects in Serbia.

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Ms Nikolin has worked as the Legal Officer in the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights since 2014.

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## ***The HELP Programme in Serbia***



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## *The European Implementation Network – experience in Serbia*



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Mr Stafford has been the head of the European Implementation Network, which is the only NGO dedicated entirely to the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

He has worked as the Co-Director of the organisation since October 2018 and 2019. He previously worked at the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, and the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association in Tbilisi. Mr Stafford originally qualified as a barrister in London, where he also worked as a judicial advisor.