

MOOC “SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS”

LECTURERS AND EXPERTS



Ignacio Saiz, Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)
Ignacio has been responsible for the overall strategic leadership and sound governance of CESR since being appointed as Executive Director in 2009, having served as the Center's Research Director since 2006. Ignacio's previous experience in helping to evolve the international human rights agenda has been key to advancing economic and social rights increasingly to the center. Prior to joining CESR, Ignacio worked as Director of Policy at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, where he guided new strategies in areas such as socioeconomic & reproductive rights, and managed six global thematic teams. As Deputy Director for the Americas, he oversaw

Amnesty's work in Mexico, Central America, Venezuela & the Caribbean. He has also done consultancy work for international organizations on issues ranging from transitional justice to the rights of trans sex-workers.



Igor Štiks, Faculty of Media and Communications, Belgrade/Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana
Dr. Igor Štiks earned his PhD at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris and Northwestern University and later worked and taught at the University of Edinburgh and the Faculty of Media and Communications in Belgrade. He is the author of [*Nations and Citizens in Yugoslavia and the Post-Yugoslav States: One Hundred Years of Citizenship*](#) (Bloomsbury, 2015). Together with Jo Shaw he edited the collections [*Citizenship after Yugoslavia*](#) (Routledge, 2013) and [*Citizenship Rights*](#) (Routledge, 2013), and, with Srećko Horvat,

[*Welcome to the Desert of Post-Socialism: Radical Politics after Yugoslavia*](#) (Verso, 2015). He is also the author of two novels, [*A Castle in Romagna*](#) and [*The Judgment of Richard Richter*](#) (originally published as *Elijah's Chair*), which have won numerous awards and have been translated into 15 languages. He was honored with the prestigious French distinction *Chevalier des arts et des lettres* for his literary and intellectual achievements.



Agata Hauser, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan
Dr Agata Hauser is Adjunct Professor, Chair of International Law and International Organizations, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, and EMA Director on behalf of the same university.





Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights

Mr. De Schutter was appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights by the Human Rights Council in March 2020. A Professor of Law at UCLouvain and at SciencesPo (Paris), Mr. De Schutter is also a member of the Global Law School Faculty at New York University. An expert on social and economic rights and on economic globalization and human rights, Mr. De Schutter served between 2004 and 2008 as a Secretary General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). Between 2008 and 2014 he served as

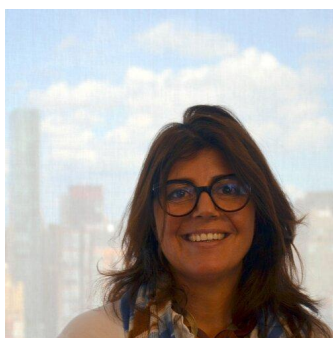
the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. He was also elected a Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2015. He resigned in May 2020 in order to accept the mandate of Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.



Rachel Kurian, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Rachel Kurian is (retired) International Labour Economist at the Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her research, teaching and projects focus on how globalization and economic reforms have influenced poverty, gender, social exclusion, social justice and human rights of vulnerable groups, including plantation workers, Dalits, migrants, women and children. Attention is given to trade unionism, feminism, social movements, and alternative development strategies to promote human/labour rights based on fieldwork in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Israel/Palestine and Europe. Her most recent relevant publication is "Politics of caste-based exclusion: Poverty Alleviation schemes in rural India" (with Deepak Singh), in *The Politics of Social Inclusion: Bridging Knowledge and Politics Towards Social Change*, Gabriele Koehler et al (eds), UNESCO, CROP and Ibidem,

(2020:283-311).



Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, The Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)

Magdalena is a human rights lawyer with vast experience in economic, social and cultural rights. In her 20-year career, she has focused on the intersection of poverty, development and human rights and has bridged research and policy formulation. She has worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, as a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica and as a Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy, in

Geneva. More recently, she was a Senior Research Fellow at the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD).

From 2008 to 2014 she was the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. Magdalena has published widely on human rights, poverty, gender and development.





Ann Skelton, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and University of Pretoria

Professor Ann Skelton (BA LLB LLD) has been a human rights lawyer in South Africa for 25 years, specialising in children's rights. She was at the forefront of child law reform through the SA Law Reform Commission. Skelton is a Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria where she holds the UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa. She is an advocate who has played a leading role in landmark litigation, including education cases. She has published widely both locally and internationally. In 2012 she was awarded the Honorary Worlds Children's Prize. She is currently a member of the UN Committee on

the Rights of the Child, and she chaired the expert committee that drafted the Abidjan Principles on state's obligations regarding public education and the regulation of private of education.



Nino Lapiashvili, Director of the Institute for European Studies of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/TSU.

Nino Lapiashvili is the founder and coordinator of the interdisciplinary Doctoral, double degree Masters and Undergraduate programmes in European Studies at TSU as well as the national programme director (in Georgia) of the Regional Masters programme in Human Rights and Democratization/Caucasus. She leads the innovative teaching and learning center at TSU and is editor-in-chief of the bilingual scientific edition- Georgian Journal for European Studies. She holds MSc from the University of Edinburgh, UK and LL.M from the Central European University, Hungary as well as MA/LLB in Law from Tbilisi State University. Her research interests include universal, regional and constitutional protection as well as justiciability of social and economic rights. In the past she was a head of the Unit of European Integration and a Chief Advisor to the first deputy minister of interior of Georgia in

the field of reforms on human rights including the fight with trafficking in persons.



Mudar Kassis, Faculty member at Birzeit University since 1992 (currently on sabbatical leave). Director of the Dignity Research Initiative. Served as director of Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, director of the MA Programme in Democracy and Human Rights, director of the Institute of Law, acting dean of the Faculty of Law and Public Administration, chairperson for the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies. He represents Birzeit University in the Global Campus of Human Rights and the Arab Master in Democracy and Human Rights.

