Conference Description

As a crucial "normative order" of modernity, human rights are among the principal concerns of the Cluster of Excellence. Since the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and as a reaction to the "barbarous acts" committed by the totalitarian dictatorships, human rights have evolved into the justification narrative of political orders par excellence.

At the same time, controversy rages not just over the substantive definition of human rights, but also over how they should be justified: How are they related to "strong" – for instance religious – convictions? How can human rights, as a shared normative orientation, be reconciled with cultural difference? And how can the autonomy of the political be connected with the idea of human rights?

The goal of the conference is to explore the current state of affairs in the theory and politics of human rights through an examination of these difficult tensions.

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO

- the rights to have rights
- which also means to have political rights...

- of such an existence...

- the rights of the citizen
- the rights of man
- the rights of citizen
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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, 17th of June**
**Venue: Campus Westend, Casino 1.811**

13.00 – 13.15 h
Rainer Forst, Stefan Gosepath, and Christoph Menke
*Welcome and Introductory Remarks*

**14.30 – 15.45 h**
John Tasioulas (Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford)
*The Twofold Root of Human Rights*

Coffee Break

**16.15 – 17.30 h**
Hans Joas (Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt)
*The Sacredness of the Person*

**17.45 – 19.00 h**
Susanne Baer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
*Privatizing Religion – Resurrected Dichotomies in Today’s Human Rights Politics*

Dinner Break

**19.30 – 21.30 h**
Panel Discussion

**Friday, 18th of June**
**Venue: Campus Westend, Casino 1.811**

**PANEL 3**
**Intercultural Validity of Human Rights**
**Chair: Francesca Raimondi**
10.00 – 11.15 h
Abdullahi Ahmes An-Na’im (Emory University)
*Islam and Human Rights: Framing and Re-Framing the Inquiry*

11.30 – 12.45 h
Seyla Benhabib (Yale University)
*Human Rights, Culture and Vulnerable Minorities: A Modest Proposal*

Lunch Break

**PANEL 4**
**Politics of Human Rights**
**Chair: Christoph Menke**
15.30 – 16.45 h
Étienne Balibar (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre)
*Human Rights as Civic Rights: A Politics without a Foundation?*

17.00 – 18.15 h
Costas Douzinas (Birkbeck College, University of London)
*The Paradoxes of Human Rights*