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The Journal Constitutional Review, in collaboration with The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia and The Hague University of Applied Sciences, organise a conference on Thursday 21 November and Friday 22 November 2019 in The Hague.

Ever since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948 a whole body of international law sprung and was further developed by the adoption of numerous international treaties and the jurisprudence of their monitoring mechanisms.

Historically, not all rights safeguarded by human rights law have been equally promoted and protected. Economic, social and cultural rights remain the least explored in terms of normative development and regulatory implementation. Many factors have arguably contributed to this state of affairs, such as the conditional wording of key international treaty provisions or the rather belated creation of supervisory mechanisms. As a result, the scope, meaning and enforcement of social, economic and cultural rights remains squarely on the agenda of constitutional courts and human rights monitoring organs.

The promotion and protection of these rights acquires new significance today, in the age of 'Exits'. Increasingly, states choose to leave multilateral fora and withdraw from international treaties, without regard to the bilateral or multilateral nature of the protected legal interests. International exceptionalism and national isolationism are gaining momentum. As a result, the cause of human rights and the vision of the Universal Declaration are under pressure. In this context, more than 70 years later, the promises of the Universal Declaration offer cause for celebration as well as sober contemplation on the future of human rights law in general, and social, economic and cultural rights in particular.

The conference aims to take stock of the current challenges posed to the promotion and protection of Economic, Social and Cultural (ESC) rights from the perspective of international and comparative constitutional law, as well as to offer new perspectives on the way(s) forward.

In that light, the organising committee is inviting submissions of abstracts of no more than 500 words by **30 June 2019**, on the following themes:

- Critical approaches to ESC rights
- ESC rights: Aspirational Goals or Actual Human rights?
- Individuals as right-holders and duty-bearers of ESC rights
- The role of domestic constitutional courts in the protection of ESC rights
- Margin of Appreciation and the Principle of Proportionality in ESC rights jurisprudence; challenges and ways forward
- The role of international and regional monitoring organs in the protection of ECS rights
- Standards of protection in international, regional and domestic systems
- Housing as a human right: challenges and successes
- Ensuring access to water for all
- Challenges in safeguarding social and economic rights in welfare systems undergoing privatization
- Cultural Rights in peace and war time
- ESC Rights: the collective v. individual approach
- ESC Rights and sustainable development
- Cultural rights: between universality and diversity?

Application Procedure

Applications should be submitted to **conference2019@mahkamahkonstitusi.go.id** by **30 June 2019**, with a short bio containing the author's name, institutional affiliation and contact details. Selected speakers will be notified by **15 July 2019**. The final paper should be submitted no later than **15 November 2019**. All papers will be subjected to peer review by a discussant and made available to the participants and the audience.

Financial Support

The organisers are in a position to offer limited financial support concerning transportation and accommodation to a few selected participants. Please indicate in your application whether you would like to be considered for financial support and the specific costs.

Subsequent Publication

Selected papers of the conference will be published at a special edition of the Constitutional Review Journal. The Constitutional Review is a leading legal periodical on comparative constitutional law and human rights published on an open-access basis. All papers are subjected to a formal double-blind copy peer review process. The Constitutional Review (CONSREV) Journal is using the Chicago Manual Style. Further information for authors can be obtained at <https://bit.ly/2e5DIbo>.

Participants

Experts, academics, researchers and students can participate in this conference free of charge.