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Racial Discrimination in European and International Law: Challenges of Coordination between Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Geneva

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9:10-9:30 Opening

- **Mattias Guyomar**, President of the European Court of Human Rights
- **Peggy Duoulombier**, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg
- **Tina Stavrinaki**, Assistant Professor in International Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University, Member of UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Panel 1 – 9:30-11:00

Conceptual foundations and emerging interpretative frameworks

Chair: Peggy Duoulombier, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg

- **Alexandra Timmer**, Associate Professor of Human Rights Law, Utrecht University, Member of the Dutch State Commission Against Discrimination and Racism

Equality Law as an Iceberg

- **Mehrdad Payandeh**, Professor of International Law, European Law and Public Law, Bucerius Law School and former member of UN CERD

Structural discrimination: the practice of CERD

- **Ioannis Ktistakis**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

From the individual to the structural: Standards of proof, substantive equality, racial and ethnic discrimination in Strasbourg case law

Panel 2 – 11:00 -12:30

Access to justice and (in)visibility of groups subject to racial discrimination

Chair: Ivana Jelić, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights

- **Lorena Sosa**, Associate Professor of Human Rights Law, Utrecht University

Access to Justice Beyond the Door: Intersectionality as a Method of Judicial Reasoning

- **Michal Balcerzak**, Associate Professor of International Law, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Chairperson UN CERD

Individuals and groups seeking protection against racial discrimination: lessons from ICERD

- **Peggy Ducoulombier**, Professor of Public Law, University of Strasbourg

Fit for purpose? Discrimination, article 3 Protocol No. 1 ECHR and the status of victim, some thoughts after Kovačević v. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lunch break

Panel 3 – 14:00-15:30

Content of rights and sources of law

Chair: Nihal Eminoğlu, Bureau Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

- **Christos Giannopoulos**, Lecturer, Public Law, University of Strasbourg

Roma Rights between Strasbourg and Geneva: Symbolic Victories and Structural Failures

- **Tina Stavrinaki**, Assistant Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University, Member of UN CERD

Towards a European Human Rights Law on Inequalities and Racial Discrimination: Lessons from ICERD within ECHR Case-Law

- **Marko Bošnjak**, Judge at the Court of Justice of European Union, former President of the European Court of Human Rights

Two Courts, Two Visions? Legal Frameworks and Substantive Protection in ECHR and CJEU Case-Law on Racial Discrimination

15:30 | Closing