

Humour, a less explored tool to advance human rights

WHEN: June 1 from 16:00 to 17:30 CEST

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All good comedians need a warm-up before going on stage. We do too! In preparation for the Laboratory on Humour & Human Rights that we are organising in Padua, Italy, in June, we convened this webinar on the same issue as a mental warm-up.

Join us for a discussion on how we could use humour to advance human rights. We will discuss humour as a tool to:

- Educate about human rights;
- Communicate human rights
- Advocate for human rights
- Build communities centred on human rights/Increase resilience and resistance

Moderator:

Véronique Lerch: international human rights consultant.

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Speakers:



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Iman Zawahry is a comedic filmmaker, educator and activist. She's an Emmy award winner, Princess Grace Award recipient, a Lincoln Center Artist Academy Fellow, and Sundance Momentum Fellow and Sundance Universal Fellow. Her debut film, *Americanish*, has won twenty-six awards, including best director and best film and has been acquired by Sony Pictures. She is currently faculty of film production at the University of Florida.

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Christine Teichmann is an Austrian Author, Actor and Comedienne. In her Comedy Show titled "Left Right Human Rights" she performs in the role of landlady at the Human Right's Inn, where there are all 30 articles on the menu – the Charta – but hardly anybody orders them the way it was meant to be.

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