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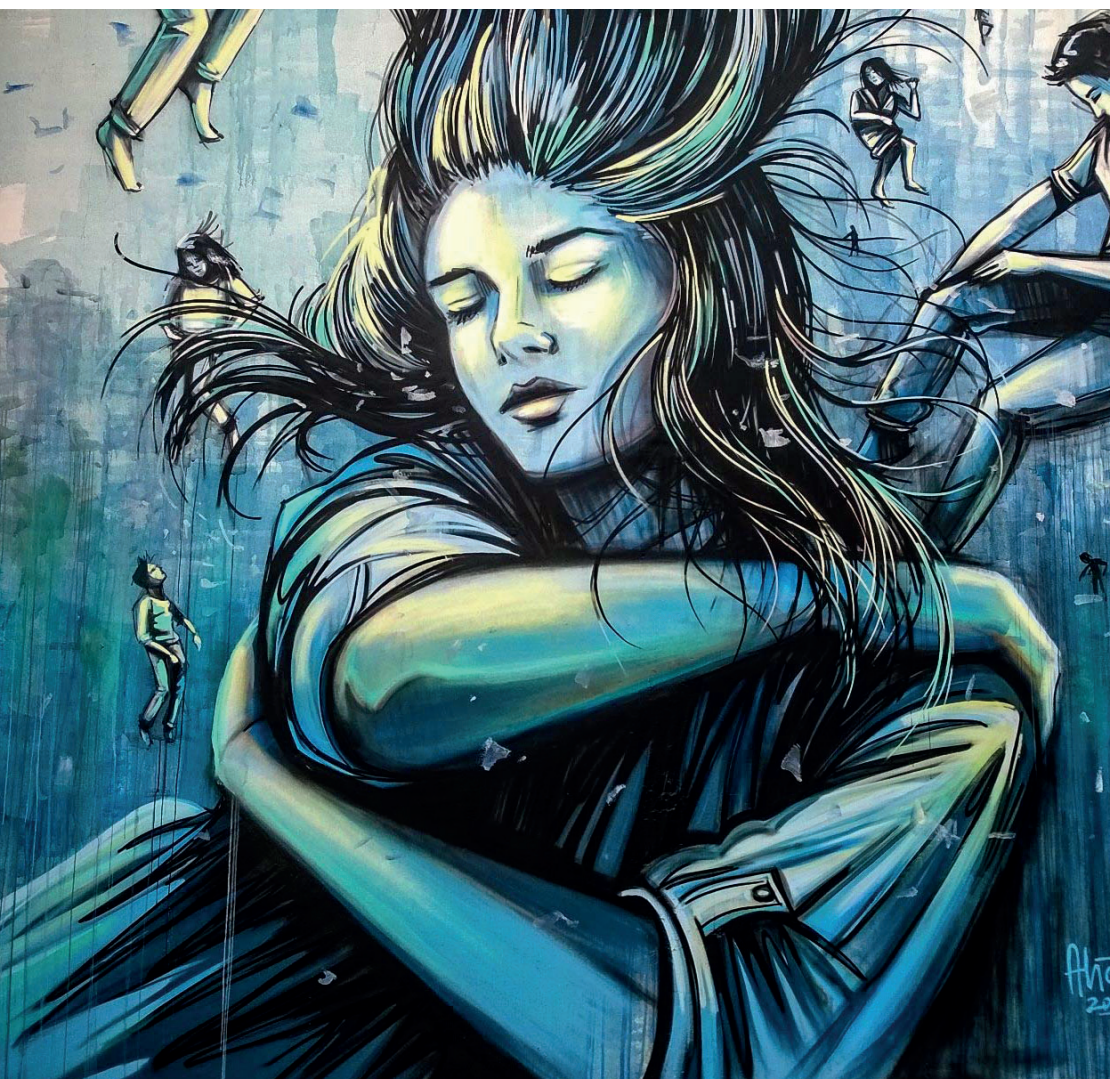
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CONCEPT NOTE

In the past 15 years, "vulnerability" has attracted remarkable academic attention as a term characterising ontologically the human condition and, more concretely, the predicament associated with groups or individuals faced with insurmountable and intersectional challenges and discriminations. These range from the situations of individuals facing threats to their life and personal integrity due to armed conflicts and disasters to the condition of regular or irregular migrants exposed to grave forms of exploitation, to the challenges surrounding impoverished societies and populations hit by the consequences of climate change. All these situations deeply affect the socio-political, legal, and philosophical foundations of democratic institutions, solidarity and welfare policies, and human rights, which clearly underpin any inclusive approach to address 'vulnerability'. The effect is a vicious circle that reproduces and perpetuates the "vulnerabilities" it creates.

The consequences are particularly complex in the period of human rights regression characterising the last decade as the norms and institutions of human rights have increasingly been under attack everywhere, the international political consensus which had been built around their promotion and protection is crumbling, and the space available for civil society to advocate for their realisation is shrinking and contested. The annual conference's programme revolves around the multidimensional concept of ontological and situational "vulnerability" with specific regards to the enhanced challenges brought by such ongoing period of human rights regression.

The conference will critically elaborate this notion not only regarding individual and socio-political scenarios where people are affected by the consequences of destructive neoliberalist policies, but also about nonhuman subjectivities and ecosystems impacted by human-induced phenomena of degradation.

PROGRAMME

Monday 13 November 2023

Archivio Antico, Palazzo Bo
University of Padova

9:30 - 10:00

Salutation and Short Introduction

Monica Fedeli, Vice-Rector for Third Mission and Relations with the local area, University of Padova

Marco Mascia, President of the Human Rights Centre "Antonio Papisca", University of Padova

Pietro de Perini, Coordinator of the Conference's Scientific Committee, University of Padova

10:00 - 12:30

Opening Plenary Session

Conceptualising Vulnerability in a Time of Human Rights Regression

Chair: Elena Pariotti, University of Padova

Speakers

Baldassare Pastore, University of Ferrara

Mariagrazia Giammarinaro, former UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Jeremy Sarkin, NOVA University of Lisbon

Roberto De Vogli, University of Padova

Lunch break

Human Rights Centre "Antonio Papisca"
Via Beato Pellegrino, 28
University of Padova

14:15 - 16:00

Research Panels - Session 1

Panel 1

Exploring the Intersections of Human Rights, Marginalisation, and Vulnerability

Chair: Peter Johansson, University of Gothenburg

The Fight against Child Labour: the challenges posed by Northern Ethnocentrism
Ludovica Aricò, University of Padova

Sociolegal constraints on local human rights institutions: Why local human rights institutions fail to protect residents in the Deep South Region of the United States
Vincenzo Pasquantonio, University of London

Legal Silence and the Concept of Law Regarding Gay People in Vietnam
Phuc Van Nguyen, University of Macerata

Vulnerability and International justice: access to justice for survivors of international crimes in the context of universal jurisdiction prosecutions

Carlotta Rossato, University of Padova

Contesting Commodification: Can human rights challenge Neoliberal conditions of human vulnerability
John Duncan, University of London

Panel 2

Vulnerability and the Ecosystem

Chair: Damien Short, University of London

A cautionary word on words: Imagining Indigeneity in globalised environmental discourse
Sarah Capes, University of London

Ecocide in armed conflict – addressing extreme vulnerability through law
Kate Mackintosh, UCLA Law Promise Institute
Europe

Settler colonialism and the environment in Al-Walaja, Palestine
Emma Pearce, University of London

In the Defence of Place: The Anti-Fracking Movement in the Provinces of Mendoza and Neuquén, Argentina
Malayna Raftopoulos, Aalborg University

The self(ie) in the Anthropocene
Doug Specht, University of Westminster

Panel 3

| Vulnerability and Armed Conflicts

Chair: **Gerd Oberleitner**, University of Graz

Shielding the Vulnerable: Justice System Reforms for Conflict and Human Rights Challenges
Anna Adamska-Gallant, Wroclaw University

Vulnerability to Gender-Based Violence in the Aftermath of Earthquakes: Lessons from Turkey
Dide Ertugrul, Save the Children and **Hande Büyüknisan**, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

The Peace that could have been? Power and limits of transformative justice to tackle vulnerability in the Colombian transition
Carlos Arturo Gutiérrez-Rodríguez, University of Padova

Towards Sustainable Peace: Protecting Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights of Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Post-Conflict
Erika Miyamoto, University of Barcelona

Fragile Rights and Humanitarian Needs in and around Sudan and Darfur - Could Responsibilities Become Clearer?

Abdulaziz Osman, UNAMID and UNFPA in Darfur, Sudan and **Maria Nilsson**, Linköping University

Urban Warfare's Costs: Vulnerabilities of Civilian Populations and the Shortcomings of International Humanitarian Law
Sara Yildiz, UNED

16:15 -18:00

Research Panels - Session 2

Panel 4

| Vulnerability and Migration

Chair: **Magdalena Ratajczack**, University of Wroclaw

Reconsidering the legal protection of refugee women's right to housing under the CEDAW
Abiy Alemu Ashenafi, Centre for Human Rights, Pretoria

Reaching Actualization After Resettlement: A Grounded Theory Method and Geospatial Analysis of Afghan Integration in the Midwest United States
Elizabeth Salley, Saint Louis University

Sexual and Gendered Necropolitics at the U.S.-Mexico Border: 'Penetrative Threats' and (Re)production of Nationhood
Jessica Moss, Leipzig University, Wroclaw University

Forced Climate Migration of Indigenous Peoples

Marielys Padua Soto, Former Academic Programs Officer for the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Human trafficking and vulnerability in mixed migrations flows: a case-studies reflection
Maria Dimou and **Erika Oliva**, Independent experts

Panel 5

Vulnerability in a Legal Context

Chair: **Claudia Pividori**, University of Padova

Challenges in Addressing Intersectionality and Vulnerability in the European Court of Human Rights' Jurisprudence

Indira Boutier, AMU & University of London

Vulnerability in the Age of Proportionality: restriction of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Carolina Braglia Aloise Bertazolli, Central European University

Approaches to Vulnerability in Times of Crisis
Mikaela Heikkilä and **Maija Mustaniemi-Laakso**, Åbo Akademi University

One step beyond: How recognition of systemic discrimination by the European Court of Human Rights could tackle vulnerability?
Inessa Sakhno, Utrecht University

Panel 6

Vulnerability Human Rights and the Cyberspace

Chair: **Pietro de Perini**, University of Padova

Vulnerability in the Digital Administrative State

Malou Beck and **Anne Spijkstra**, Tilburg University

Vulnerability as a Reflection of Criminogenic Asymmetries in Cyberspace

Agatha dos Santos Correia, University of Padova

Online harassment of women in politics
Kiran Hassan, University of London

Human Rights in Platform Governance: Normative Framework for Gendered Vulnerability
T. N. Anh Nguyen, University of Padova

Algorithmic vulnerability: challenges to human rights in the era of artificial intelligence
Aleksei Andronov, University of Padova

Safeguarding vulnerable data subjects - the crucial role of GDPR data protection principles
Daniel Mihail Sandru and **Alexandru George-scu**, Romanian Academy

Tuesday 14 November 2023

**Archivio Antico, Palazzo Bo
University of Padova**

10:00 -12:00

Plenary Round-Table

Vulnerability in a Time of Human Rights Regression: a Practice-oriented Perspective

Chair: **Paolo De Stefani**, University of Padova

Speakers

Anna Brambilla, Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI)

Piergiuseppe Parisi, Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York

Aleksandr Osinsky, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, South Sudan

Kiran Hassan, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London

Corrado Mandreoli, ResQ - people saving people

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Damien Short, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Studies, University of London

The Conference is organized by the Human Rights Centre “Antonio Papisca”, and the UNESCO Chair “Human Rights, Democracy and Peace”, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies of the University of Padova.

Event partners include the following institutes: Human Rights Consortium, University of London (UK), UNESCO Chair “Human Rights and Human Security” University of Graz (Austria), Institute of International Studies, University of Wrocław (Poland); School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Stop Ecocide International.

The Conference constitutes the launching event of the third Winter School on “Vulnerability”: foundations, patterns, critiques, which will follow the Conference between 14 and 17 November.

The papers presented in the panels of the International Conference are encouraged to be submitted for the consideration of Peace Human Rights Governance (PHRG) the University of Padova Human Rights Centre (double blind) peer-reviewed scientific journal.

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Conference's venues

The opening and closing plenary sessions take place in the Archivio Antico, located in the historic headquarters of the University of Padova at the Palazzo Bo, via 8 febbraio, Padova.

The panels take place at the headquarters of the Human Rights Centre, located in via Beato Pellegrino, 28, Padova.

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