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Sexual Orientation Discrimination and the European Court of Human Rights

Wednesday 17th April, 4:00pm – SLSJ Events Space

Speaker: Professor Paul Johnson OBE

Gay and lesbian people have long looked to the European Court of Human Rights (the Court) to challenge and address odious forms of discrimination against them. This workshop will focus on Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) - which prohibits discrimination in respect of the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms contained in the ECHR - which has been invoked in a wide range of complaints about sexual orientation discrimination in the Court since the early 1980s. Although, over time, the Court has developed important protections for gay and lesbian people through its evolving case law, the workshop will explore how the Court's approach to applying and interpreting Article 14 ECHR in respect of sexual orientation discrimination has remained inconsistent. The workshop will examine why the Court's approach to Article 14 ECHR is problematic for gay and lesbian people in terms of the protection of their human rights.



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