



## Liverpool Law School

International Law and Human Rights Unit  
Guest Speaker Series

### *The Historical Trajectory of the European Court of Human Rights: Diplomacy, Subsidiarity and the Rule of Law*

#### **Robert Spano**

##### Abstract:

This presentation will comprise three parts: I will firstly discuss the four historical phases in the life of the ECtHR and their main conceptual elements. Secondly, I will give an overview of the main trends in the case-law during the current phase beginning with the coming into force of Protocol 14. Finally, I will reflect on the main challenges facing the Convention system in an era where the Rule of Law has, once again, become the primordial principle in international human rights law.

##### About the speaker:

Judge Spano combined academic and practitioners careers. Prior to his election to the European Court of Human Rights in 2013 he was a full professor and a dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Iceland. He was a district court judge in Iceland, member of judicial supervisory board, member of the European Committee on Crime Problems and ad hoc judge of the EFTA Court. He is an author of a number of very influential publications discussing the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights.



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