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# Responding to Legitimacy Challenges: Opportunities and Choices for the European Court of Human Rights

## Researchers Meet the Court

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### Call for papers – Deadline February 15, 2018

Challenges confront the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and its procedures, policies and judgments. Criticisms concern the Court's backlog, its methods of interpretation, its deference to domestic actors – or its lack thereof. Reactions from states include willful partial compliance with judgments or even principled resistance. These challenges have appeared in many different shapes: not just as criticism from State Parties' governments, but also from domestic courts, academics, civil society organizations and the media.

Against the backdrop of these challenges, we organize a [workshop](#) at the European Court of Human Rights to facilitate informal exchanges among academics and members of the Court including the Registry. The aim is to identify and discuss both challenges and possible solutions. The event will address how the ECtHR may respond and does respond by varied means, including:

- criteria for case selection;
- the Court's reasoning;
- pilot judgments;
- dialogues with domestic judiciaries;
- the margin of appreciation doctrine.

#### Call for Papers

We invite abstracts of maximum 400-500 words together with a cover letter by February 15, 2018, in one single PDF document. The abstract should go beyond the standard conference abstract and include the key steps of the argument to be presented. The cover letter should include a 1 paragraph CV and explain the context of the paper: e.g. whether it is part of a PhD project, whether it is based on undertaken empirical research or part of ongoing research etc. Accepted contributors will be asked to provide a 4-5 page position paper, to be presented at a panel of the workshop.

Travel funds might be available upon request.

This event is organized by [PluriCourts of the University of Oslo](#), [The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights \(SIM\)](#) and the [Montaigne Centre at Utrecht University](#), the [Human Rights Centre at Ghent University](#), [Koç University Centre for Global Public Law](#) and [Hertie School of Governance, Berlin](#) in collaboration with the [European Court of Human Rights](#).

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