Association of Human Rights Institute Annual Conference

Vienna, Hotel Schloss Wilhelmineberg, 12-13 September 2012

Research panel organized by the Nordic Network in Human Rights Research

Methodological Challenges in Human Rights Research

Venue (all sessions): Saal Erzherzog Rainer

Program

09:00 –	Session 1	Chair: Bård A. Andreassen
10:45		Opening of the Panel, welcome and presentations (10 minutes)
		Zoi Aliozi (LUISS University): <i>Human rights methodological research, and its multidisciplinary nature.</i>
		Lee Stone (University of KwaZulu-Natal): 'Human Rights Law' as a Vehicle through which to Achieve Targeted Social Change: A Multi-Disciplinary Endeavour by Implication?
		Hatla Thelle (Danish Institute for Human Rights): Measuring and Comparing: A Methodological Study of 44 Nordic Dissertations
10:45 –	Break	
11:00		
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2	Chair: Hatla Thelle
		Fana Hagos Berhane (Mekelle University): <i>HIV Testing of Pregnant Women in Ethiopia: The Human Right and Ethical Concerns</i>
		Michele Poretti (University Institute Kurt Bösch): <i>Taking pluralism seriously: A pragmatic approach to the study of children's rights</i>
		Bård A. Andreassen (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights): A Comparative Study of Human Rights, Power and Civic Action. Methodological Reflections
12:30 -	Lunch	
13:30		

September	13th	
09:00 -	Session 3	Chair: Eva Maria Lassen
10:30		Paul Mulindwa (United Nations Population Fund): Human rights field work:
		Practices and challenges of data collection, verification, reliability
		Norunn Grande (Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue): <i>Diaspora members as potential informants and contributors to Human Rights Research</i>
		Gus Waschefort (University of Pretoria): Towards a Common Language of Human
		Rights: Progressing from Disciplinary Separateness to Integrated Research and Thinking
10:30 -	Break	
10:45		
10:45 – 12:15	Session 4	Chair: Hatla Thelle
12.15		Marina Aksenova (European University Institute): Comparative Method in
		International Criminal Law: Challenges of Exploring Domestic Legal Systems in Search of the General Principles of Law
		Margaretha Wewerinke (European University Institute): Methodological issues
		related to the cross-fertilisation of international human rights law and other branches of international law
		Alice Margaria (European University Institute): Academic and Field-Based Research: Converging or Diverging Approaches?
12:30 -	Lunch	
13:30		
13:30 -	Session 5	Bård A. Andreassen
15:30		Eva Maria Lassen (Danish Institute for Human Rights): <i>Illuminating human rights and history: approaching human rights as a historian</i>
		Final discussion (14:00 – 15:30).

