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The first conference of the Global Universities Alliance for Cultural Rights brings together scholars from different regions and legal traditions to explore how contemporary forms of human insecurity are reshaping the enjoyment and protection of cultural rights. From conflict, displacement and climate change to restrictions on civic space and technological transformation, the conference examines both the threats facing cultural rights and their potential to foster dignity, resilience, participation and peace. In line with the Alliance's mission, it creates a global space for exchanging perspectives, connecting research and practice, and advancing shared responses to emerging cultural rights challenges.

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Conference Programme

Fortaleza Time

09:00-09:15

Opening Remarks

Sara Di Luca. Executive Manager, Global Universities Alliance for Cultural Rights.

09:15-11:00

Panel I

Territory, Displacement and Cultural Rights under Threat

Oleksandr Butsenko. Senior Researcher, National Academy of Arts of Ukraine; Counsellor, Institute for Cultural Research (Ukraine).

Lucía Carolina Colombato. Professor and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Legal Sciences, National University of La Pampa (Argentina).

Catherine Grant. Associate Professor of Music Studies, Griffith University (Australia).

Allan Carlos Moreira Magalhães. Professor of Law, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Ezequiel Valicenti. Dean of the School of Law, National University of the Center (Argentina).

Moderator - Marina Cartaxo. Lawyer and Professor of Law, University of Fortaleza (Brazil).

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:15

Panel II

State of Cultural Rights Worldwide

Alexandra Xanthaki. United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights and Professor of Law, Brunel University London (United Kingdom).

12:15-13:45

Networking Lunch

13:45-15:30

Panel III

Constitutional Frameworks and Cultural Pluralism

Maiza Aissa. Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Sciences, University of Algiers 1 (Algeria).

Raúl Ávila Ortiz. Professor of Law, Center for Legal-Political Research, Autonomous University of Tlaxcala (Mexico).

Janet Blake. Director of the Persian Garden Institute for Living Heritage and retired Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Shahid Beheshti (Iran).

Francisco Humberto Cunha Filho. Professor of Cultural Rights and Constitutional Law, University of Fortaleza (Brazil).

Ghazi Gherairi. Professor of Public Law and Political Science, University of Carthage (Tunisia).

Moderator - Pier Luigi Petrillo. Professor of Comparative Public law, UnitelmaSapienza (Italy).

15:30-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:15

Panel IV

Science, Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Cultural Insecurities

Yvonne Donders. Professor of International Human Rights, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands).

Maria Helena Japiassu Marinho de Macedo. Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Brazil to the Holy See. PhD candidate in Law, Federal University of Paraná (Brazil).

Marcos Wachowicz. Professor of Law, Federal University of Paraná (Brazil).

Moderator - João Araújo Monteiro Neto. Professor of Law, University of Fortaleza (Brazil).

17:15-17:30

Closing Remarks

Francisco Humberto Cunha Filho. Professor of Cultural Rights and Constitutional Law, University of Fortaleza (Brazil).

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OUR MISSION

To create a global space where knowledge, perspectives and practices come together to strengthen cultural rights and turn research into action.

HOW WE DO IT

We aim to connect expertise across borders through joint research, education, exchange, community engagement and policy dialogue.

JOIN THE ALLIANCE

Membership is open to university professors actively engaged in cultural rights. Cultural rights professionals outside academia may apply for **Observer Status** and actively participate in Working Groups. Early-career researchers from member universities are also welcome to join the **Working Groups**.

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