

CONFERENCE

Housing Rights: the impact of strategic litigation and advocacy

Comparing Europe and North America

Thursday 18 June 2015

9:00 to 17:00

École Nationale Supérieure
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Program

9:00 Registration

9:15 Welcome from **IAN BROSSAT**, Deputy Mayor of Paris, responsible for housing and emergency shelter

9:30 **Does challenging measures that criminalise homelessness work? What lessons from the USA and Canada for lawyers and NGOs in Europe?**

> **STEPHEN GAETZ**, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, York University, Toronto, Canada

> **MELANIE REDMAN**, Coalition to End Youth Homelessness, Director of National Initiatives - Eva's Initiatives, Toronto, Canada

> **MARIA FOSCARINIS**, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Washington, USA

Can strategic litigation really make a difference? The Impact of Collective Complaint n°86/2012 against The Netherlands

> **PIM FISCHER** & **JORIS SPRAKEL**, Fischer Associates, The Netherlands

Popularity contest? Why do some lawyers and judges like certain European Convention of Human Rights articles more than others? Examples from France and England

> **ALAIN COUDERC**, Lawyer, Lyon Bar, Lyon, France

> **ADRIAN BERRY**, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, London, England

12:30 Lunch

14:00-17:00 **The Holy Grail: Searching for a way to bring the right to housing into the scope of EU law...**

> **NICOLAS BERNARD**, Saint-Louis University, Brussels, Belgium

The European Social Charter: case law on housing rights arising from the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights

> **REGIS BRILLAT**, Executive Secretary, European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

Proposals for holding governments to account and turning housing rights into real solutions for homeless people

> **MARC UHRY**, Abbé Pierre Foundation, France

> **LEILANI FARHA**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, United Nations

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