

**The Right to Life:
Twenty Years of Legal Developments since
*McCann v. The United Kingdom***

Seminar organised in honour of the Deputy Registrar of
the European Court of Human Rights
Michael O'Boyle

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European Court of Human Rights
Press Room
Agenda

9:00 - 9:40 **Registration**

9:45 – 10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

*Jean-Paul Costa, President, International Institute of Human Rights, former
President of the European Court of Human Rights*

10:15 – 12:00 **Session I. Substantive aspects of the right to life: Principal
developments since the McCann judgment**

*Chair: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Chairman, International Advisory Panel on
Ukraine; former President of the European Court of Human Rights*

**Issues relating to the beginning and end of life under the
Convention**

*Baroness Hale of Richmond, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the
United Kingdom*

**Out of harm's way : the scope of positive obligations under Article
2 of the Convention**

Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Planning and control of operations involving the use of lethal force

Brice Dickson, Professor of Law, Queen's University Belfast

Discussion

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch at the Court**

13:30 – 15:00

Session 2. Procedural obligations and the right to life

Chair: Sir Declan Morgan, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

What is an effective remedy for violations of the right to life? An overview of the national practices in the Council of Europe Member States

Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Exhaustion of domestic remedies and the right to life: A comparison of the law and practice of international tribunals

Antônio Cançado Trindade, Judge, International Court of Justice

Investigation into the use of lethal force: Standards of independence and impartiality

Egbert Myjer, Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists; former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Discussion

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Session 3. Conflicting or complementary: Interplay between international humanitarian law (IHL) and human rights law

Chair: Françoise Hampson, Barrister, Professor of Law, University of Essex

Application of human rights law in situations of conflict

Rick Lawson, Professor and Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Leiden

When is an act of war lawful?

Sir Daniel Bethlehem, KCMG QC

New types of conflict: Human rights and anti-terrorism measures

Lady Justice Arden, Judge, Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Discussion

17:00

Closing remarks

*Erik Fribergh, Registrar, European Court of Human Rights;
Dean Spielmann, President of the European Court of Human Rights*

17:30 – 19:00

Reception – European Court of Human Rights