



THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF LGBTIQ RIGHTS IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16th FROM 10:00 to 14:30
M-439, TALLINN UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 Welcome
Mart Susi
- 10:10 When States 'Come Out': The Politics of Visibility and the Diffusion of LGBTIQ Rights in Europe
Philip Ayoub, Assistant Professor, Drexel University
- 10:40 Why pay attention to sexual orientation and gender identity-related rights in human rights scholarship?
Anthony Chase, Professor, Occidental College
- 11:10 Comments
Phil Chan, Institute for Security and Development Policy
- 11:20 Questions and debate
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 LGBTIQ rights in Estonia: Laws and everyday life
Kristel Rannaääre, CEO, and Kristiina Raud, community specialist, both Estonian LGBT Association
- 12:50 Queer rights and responsibilities: Creating change in legislation and society in Denmark
Søren Laursen, Chair, LGBT Denmark
- 13:10 The added value of human rights in LGBTIQ contexts: Concrete examples and ideas
Evguenia Klementieva, Programme Manager, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- 13:30 Questions and debate
- 14:30 End of seminar

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Please sign up with Özgür Baykara, ozgur.baykara@tlu.ee.

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Phillip M. Ayoub is Assistant Professor of Politics at Drexel University. His research bridges insights from international relations and comparative politics, engaging with literature on transnational politics, gender and politics, norm diffusion, and the study of social movements. He is the author of *When States Come Out: Europe's Sexual Minorities and the Politics of Visibility* (Cambridge, 2016) and co-editor, with David Paternotte, of *LGBT Activism and the Making of Europe* (Palgrave, 2014). Please visit www.phillipmayoub.com for further information.

Anthony Tirado Chase is a Professor in International Relations at Occidental College. Chase is a theoretician of human rights, most often in the context of the Middle East. His current research focuses both on interdisciplinary approaches to human rights theorizing and controversies around sexual orientation and gender identity-related rights – topics that inform his most recent article, “Human Rights Contestations: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity” (*International Journal of Human Rights*, 2016). His other publications include three books, *Handbook on Human Rights and the Middle East and North Africa* (Routledge, 2016) *Human Rights, Revolution, and Reform in the Muslim World* (Lynne Rienner, 2012) and *Human Rights in the Arab World: Independent Voices* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006).

Søren Laursen, PhD, MSc. Chair of LGBT Denmark. Longtime activist and lobbyist of the organisation. Former member of the Refugee Appeals Board. Longtime collaboration with the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Chair of Equal Treatment Committee at the institute for a decade.

Kristel Rannaääre is the CEO of the Estonian LGBT Association and has worked in the association for around 5 years. She has advised the LGBT+ community and their friends and family, organised the Baltic Pride parade, lead the community centre, raised LGBT+ issues in the media, been involved in topics connected to transgender persons and led a variety of community support groups.

Kristiina Raud is the community specialist of the Estonian LGBT Association and was one of the main organisers of Baltic Pride 2017. She is an author and editor of Estonia's only feminist website Feministeerium, an organiser of the feminist festival Ladyfest Tallinn and the initiator of several LGBT+ and feminist community events.

Evguenia Jane Klementieva has an MA in Psychology and Cultural Encounters from Roskilde University Centre. Evguenia has been working at the Danish Institute for Human Rights for ten years, and is head of the Eurasia programme. In 2011, Evguenia was one of the researchers preparing a comprehensive study of human rights situation of LGBTIQ persons in Council of Europe memberstates. The report was published by Council of Europe. Moreover, Evguenia has been managing an EU project in 2010-2012 addressing discrimination of LGBTIQ persons in education systems in ten EU countries, including Latvia, Romania and Bulgaria.