



## Fundamental Rights in Europe

Online, 29 April 2026

09:00 until 12:45 CEST



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EUROPEAN LAW<sup>1</sup>

### Speakers

**Enrique Arnaldos Orts**, Référendaire, CJEU, Luxembourg  
Enrique Arnaldos Orts is a référendaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union. He is also a Spanish-qualified lawyer and an associate professor of EU law at Universidad Carlos III (Madrid). Prior to his appointment as référendaire, he worked as a private practitioner specialized in EU law litigation and as a lawyer at the Research and Documentation Directorate of the CJEU.

**Johan Callewaert**, Professor, Universities of Louvain and Speyer; Former Deputy Grand Chamber Registrar at the European Court of Human Rights, Louvain  
From 1989 to 2025 he was a member of the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, where he successively held the posts of Lawyer, Head of Division, Head of Private Office of the President of the Court and, from 2006 to 2025, of Deputy Registrar of the Grand Chamber. He also served as Secretary to the Court's EU Law Committee. In this capacity he was a member of the delegation of the Council of Europe Observers in the Convention which drafted the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and Observer of the European Court of Human Rights in the negotiations on EU-accession to the European Convention on Human Rights.

### Key topics

- Multilevel fundamental rights protection
- Interaction of national law, ECHR and EU Charter
- Impact of ECHR and EU Charter at the national level

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Organiser  
Mareike Hoffmann (ERA)

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## Wednesday, 29 April 2026

- 08:30 Connecting to the platform
- 09:00 **Opening of the seminar**  
*Mareike Hoffmann*
- 09:15 **Introduction to fundamental rights in Europe**
- Multilevel architecture of fundamental rights protection in Europe
  - Practical tensions between the different instruments (ECHR, EU Charter, national constitutions)
  - EU accession to the ECHR
- Johan Callewaert*
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 **Case Study: EU law in the eyes of the ECtHR**  
*Johan Callewaert*
- 10:45 Short break
- 11:15 **The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**
- Role of the EU Charter at the CJEU
  - Impact of the Charter at national levels
- Enrique Arnaldo Orts*
- 11:45 Discussion
- 12:00 **Case Study: Using the EU Charter at national levels**
- Scope of Article 51
  - (Dis-)application of national law
- Enrique Arnaldo Orts*
- 12:45 End of seminar

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(Central European Summer Time)

## Objective

This webinar explores the multilevel framework of fundamental rights protection in Europe, highlighting interactions between the ECHR, EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and national constitutions. It combines theoretical insights, case studies, and interactive Q&A sessions to equip practitioners with practical tools for litigation and application.

## Who should attend?

Academics, attorneys, judges, lawyers, ministry officials, notaries, staff of NGOs and IOs.

## You will learn...

- about the multilevel architecture of fundamental rights protection in Europe
- how the ECtHR and CJEU interact with each other
- about the role of the EU Charter and the ECHR at national level
- what role the regional fundamental rights instruments play at the national level

## Interactive Online Seminar

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## Your contacts



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# Registration

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### Participation

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