

# CASTLE TALKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

**Comparative Human Rights  
United States vs. Europe**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer**

Université de Strasbourg

**Jean-Paul Costa**

Former President of the European Court of Human Rights

**Dr. James F. Creagan**

U.S. Ambassador (Ret.),

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**FRIDAY**

**MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 - 16:30**

**Château de Pourtalès**

161, rue Mélanie

F-67000 Strasbourg

**No registration fees!**

**Obligatory enrollment  
before: March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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# PROGRAM

## 09:00-09:10 Address of Welcome

Harald Leibrecht - President CEPA Foundation

## 09:10-10:30 Introductions

The European Court of Human Rights and the US Supreme Court - A Comparison

**Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer** - Université de Strasbourg

Current Issues of the European Court of Human Rights

**Jean-Paul Costa (to be confirmed)** - Former President of the European Court of Human Rights

Current Issues of the US Supreme Court

**Ambassador Dr. James Creagan** - Professor University of the Incarnate Word, Texas

## Coffee Break

## 10:50-12:00 Morning Panel

### Counterterrorism - What are the legislative challenges?

Panel Chair: Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer - Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg

European Counterterrorism - legislation and human rights

**Prof. Johannes Masing (to be confirmed)** -

Federal Judge at the German Federal Constitutional Court, Karlsruhe

American counterterrorism - legislation and human rights

**Dr. James F. Creagan** - U.S. Ambassador (Ret.), Professor University of the Incarnate Word, Texas

## 12.00-13.30 Lunch

## 13.30-14.45 Afternoon Panel

### The Death Penalty - A Contemporary Analysis

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer - Université de Strasbourg

The Death Penalty from a European Perspective

**Dr. Manuela Brillat** - Université de Strasbourg

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Student Presentation and Discussion on The Death Penalty in the US

US Students

## Coffee break

## 15:00-16:15 Closing Panel

### Same-Sex Marriage - Same Difference?

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer - Université de Strasbourg

A look from the University of Strasbourg on same-sex marriage

**Prof. Dr. Ducoulombier** - Université de Strasbourg

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Student Presentation and Discussion on The US legislation on same sex marriage

US Students

## 16.15- 16.30 Conclusion

**Prof. Dr. Florence Benoît-Rohmer** - Université de Strasbourg