**Disability Advocacy Research in Europe (DARE)**

**Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi, 75, Brussels, 1040, Belgium**

**12th May 2022**

\*Please note: time displayed in CET.

\*\*ESR = Early-Stage Researcher

**09:30** Welcome and Updates of the DARE project, Eilionóir Flynn (online), Director and Established Chair of the School of Law, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway.

**10:00-10:30** Plenary presentation by Professor Emeritus Gerard Quinn (online), UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, **Linking Research to Change: Risks and Opportunities**

**10:30-11:00 Q&A**

**11:00 -11:20 Coffee break**

**11:30-13:00 Parallel Session 1a**: Ensuring accountability from duty-bearers

**Chair:** Professor Mark Priestley, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds

**11:30 – 12:00**

ESR: **Colin Caughey**, ‘The role of National Human Rights Institutions in supporting disabled people’.

Respondent: **Ekaterine Skhiladze**, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia and Chair of ENNHRI’s Working Group on CRPD

Q&A

**12:00 – 12:30**

ESR: **Hanxu Liu**, ‘Collective Voice in the Global Arena: European OPD’s Interactions with the United Nations’

Respondent: **Rosemary Kayess,** (online)Senior Research Fellow at UNSW Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) and Senior Lecturer at UNSW Law & Justice

Q&A

**12:30 – 13:00**

ESR: **Jorge Manhique**, ‘'Inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in EU external action programs’

Respondent: **Ruth Faber**, EU-CORD Network – European Christian Organisations for Relief and Development

Q&A

**11:30-13:00 Parallel Session 1b**: Access to justice and persons with disabilities

**Chair:** Professor Paula Campos Pinto, Coordinator of the Observatory on Disability and Human Rights, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, University of Lisbon.

**11:30 – 12:00**

ESR: **Eliona Gjecaj**, ‘Disabled Women and Violence: Access to Justice’

Respondent: **Dr. Anna Arstein-Kerslake** (online)**,** Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), NUI Galway and Associate Professor, Melbourne Law School

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Q&A

**12:00 – 12:30**

ESR: **Edmore Masendeke,** ‘Voice and Access to Justice: Defendants with Mental Health Conditions and Learning Disabilities in Court’

Respondent: **Aurélie Baranger**, Director, Autism Europe

Q&A

**12:30 – 13:00**

ESR: **Radina Ugrinova** (online), ‘Disability in Court: How European Courts Understand Disability’

Respondent: **Dr Alexander Hoogenboom,** General legal counsel at Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Q&A

**13:00 -14:15 Lunch break**

**14:15 – 16:15 Parallel Session 2a:** Intersectionality

**Chair:** Professor Theresia Degener, Director of Bochum Centre for Disability Studies (BODYS), Protestant University of Applied Studies, Germany

**14:15 – 14:45**

ESR: **Rados Keravica**, ‘Disabled Children’s Participation in Healthcare Decision-Making’

Respondent: **Joost Van Haelst,** Council of Europe Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), co-chair **BIO/ENF-CP Joint Drafting Group** on Developing a Guide to good practice concerning the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health.

# Q&A

**14:45 – 15:15**

ESR: **Ainsley McLean**, ‘The Right to Liberty for Persons Living with Dementia in Irish Residential Aged Care’

Respondent: **Dr Dianne Gove** (online), Director for Projects, Alzheimer Europe, Luxembourg

Q&A

**15:15 – 15:45**

ESR: **Aoife Price** (online), ‘The participation of disabled women in social movements’

Respondent: **Alva Finn** (online), Director Social Platform, Brussels

Q&A

**15:45 – 16:15**

ESR: **Megan L Smith**, ‘Reproductive choices, prenatal screening and fetal impairment: Examining policy and practice in Iceland and Ireland’

Respondent:   **Jeanette Chedda** and **Lonneke van Kampen**, Feminists Against Ableism, the Netherlands

Q&A

**14:15 – 16:15 Parallel Session 2b:** Persons with disabilities as rights-holders as agents of change

**Chair:** **Professor Emerita Rannveig Traustadóttir**, Director Centre for Disability Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Iceland

**14:15 – 14:45**

ESR: **Claudia Coveney**, ‘A History of European Disability Movements’

Respondent: **Jolijn Santegoeds, Co-chair of WNUSP (World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry and Board member of ENUSP (European Network of (Ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry**

Q&A

**14:45 – 15:15**

ESR: **Adriana Caballero-Perez**, ‘Voting Matters: An Analysis of the Use of Electoral-Assistive Devices through the Lens of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities’

Respondent: **Cristian-Alexandru Leahu** and **Maria Zafra Saura (online)**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, Union citizenship rights and Free movement

Q&A

**15:15 – 15:45**

ESR: **Marissa Diaz**, ‘Voice, Disability and “End of Life” Decision-Making’

Respondent: **Dr. Joni Gilissen**, End-of-Life Care Research Group, End-of-Life Care Research Group, Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Ghent University

Q&A

**15:45 – 16:15**

ESR: **María Gómez-Carrillo De Castro**, ‘Human rights participatory research with persons with disabilities. A Spanish experience’

Respondent: **Dr. Anna Arstein-Kerslake** (online)**,** Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), NUI Galway and Associate Professor, Melbourne Law School

Q&A

**16:15-16:30** **Catherine Naughton**, Director, European Disability Forum (EDF)

 Final remarks and close