

The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Promoting Rights and Preventing Rights-Related Litigation and Conflicts

September 8-9, 2025

Bocconi University, | Room AS01, floor -2 | Via Röntgen, 1, 20136 Milano

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September 8

09.00 - 09.30 **Welcome: Francesco Candeloro Billari** (Rector of Bocconi University); **Massimiliano Marcellino** (Director, BAFFI Centre on Economics, Finance and Regulation, Bocconi University), **Donato Masciandaro** (Honorary President, BAFFI Centre on Economics, Finance and Regulation, Bocconi University), **Oreste Pollicino** (Bocconi University – Principal Investigator FRAME PRIN)

9.30-10.00:

Opening Speech: Sirpa Rautio (Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) “The increasing role of NHRIs in protecting human rights”

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-12.30 The European Dimension of NHRIs: the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in context

Chair: Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University)

10.30 – 10.45 **Edoardo Chiti** (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies) “Being an European Agency: FRA and its Position in the EU Administrative System”

10.45 – 11.00 **Laura Montanari** (University of Udine) “Orientations and perspectives for the protection of fundamental rights: vulnerability in the case law of the ECHR and in the practice of the FRA”

11.00 – 11.15 **Davide Paris** (Bocconi University) “The contribution of the FRA and NHRIs in securing compliance with European fundamental rights”

11.15 – 11.30 **Matteo Monti** (Bocconi University) “The Fundamental Rights Agency and Public Discourse: Policy Impacts and Dialogue with the ECHR”

Concluding remarks: Eleanor Spaventa (Bocconi University)

Debate

Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Comparative Analysis of NHRI Models in the EU and Beyond

Chair: Alessandra Di Martino (Sapienza University) / **co-Chair: Raffaele Torino** (Roma Tre University)

14.30 – 14.45 **Francesco Saitto** (Sapienza University) "Functions and Responsibilities of the German Institute for Human Rights: Promoting Human Rights Education in the Public Sphere"

14.45 – 15.00 **Angelo Schillaci** (Sapienza University) "The *Defensor del pueblo* in the Spanish constitutional experience"

15.00 – 15.15 **Federico Nania** (Sapienza University) "The UK Equality and Human Rights Commission and the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights: two experiences of NHRIs"

15.15 – 15.30 **Chiara De Santis** (Sapienza University) "National Human Rights Institutions in *Global South* countries: the South African experience"

Concluding remarks: John Morijn (EU Agency for Fundamental Rights & University of Groningen)

Debate

16.30-17.00:

Keynote Speech: András Jakab (Judge of the European Court of Human Rights) "The relationship between the European Court of Human Rights and national NHRIs"

September 9

8.30-9.00 Welcome Coffee

9.00-09.30:

Opening Speech: Michael O'Flaherty (Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe) "The essential role of a NHRI in a country's human rights architecture"

9.30-11.30 The Italian Constitutional Perspective on Establishing a NHRI

Chair: Giorgio Repetto (University of Perugia) / **co-Chair: Graziella Romeo** (Bocconi University)

09.30 – 09.45 **Diletta Tega** (Bologna University) "The need for an Italian National Human Rights Institution: a long road ahead"

09.45 – 10.00 **Andrea Buratti** (University of Rome Tor Vergata) "Institutional Guarantees of Fundamental Rights: The Added Value of a National Human Rights Institution in the Italian Legal Framework"

10.00 – 10.15 **Marco Fasciglione** (IRISS-CNR) "The Establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in Italy: Which International Obligations?"

11.15 – 11.30 **Vincenzo Tudisco** (University of Perugia) "Shaping the Italian National Human Rights Institution: Legislative Initiatives and Challenges"

Concluding remarks: Giuseppe Franco Ferrari (Bocconi University)

Debate

12.00-12.30:

Keynote Speech: Marta Cartabia (Bocconi University, Venice Commission & former President of the Italian Constitutional Court) "Law, Institutions, and Culture: Advancing the Effectiveness of Fundamental Rights"

12.30 Light Lunch

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