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UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, François Crépeau, at the Venice School of Human Rights



EIUC is honoured to welcome **François Crépeau** (United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants since 2011 and Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law at the Faculty of Law of McGill University) as member of the [faculty](#) of the [2014 EIUC Venice School of Human Rights](#) which will take place in Venice **from 27 June to 5 July 2014**.

François Crépeau will take part in a cluster which specifically focuses on the internationalization of migration law and the role of the European Union vis-à-vis the sovereignty of states.

As François Crépeau stated last 18 December 2013 on the occasion of the UN International Migrants Day

.....States continue to attempt to govern migration largely on a unilateral or bilateral basis, and this has led to a lack of coherence among global, regional and national governance, and a retreat from binding UN-based frameworks, with State preference for informal processes, such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development and Regional Consultative Processes. But these lack a strong human rights approach, as well as monitoring and implementation mechanisms, due to their non-normative nature.

Although such forums are necessary to build political trust between States on issues which are electorally sensitive at domestic level, migrants need that this trust be transformed into more formal agreements and developed into tools for meaningful policy development within formal cooperation frameworks, including at the UN.

François Crépeau joins **Martin Scheinin** (former UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and professor of International Law and Human Rights at the European University Institute of Florence), **William Schabas** (professor of International Law at Middlesex University in London and professor of International Criminal Law and Human Rights at Leiden University) and other internationally recognised professors and experts in the faculty of the fifth edition of EIUC's Venice School of Human Rights.



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