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## 8/7/2013: Start of the Venice Academy of Human Rights on "Obligations of States"



The fourth edition of the [Venice Academy of Human Rights](#) started successfully on 8 July 2013 and is dedicated this year to the theme “Obligations of States”.

**Professor Jeremy Waldron** (on the picture), who delivers the general course during the academy, delivered the opening lecture on “What are the Obligations of States? (a) Security”. Following lectures and seminars will focus on the common good, rights and justice, liberty and security, insiders and outsiders, the rule of law, accountability and political community and immigration.

The **faculty** is comprised of

- Christian Reus-Smit, Professor of International Relations at the University of Queensland

- Malcolm Shaw, Senior Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law
- Brigitte Stern, Professor of International Law at the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Françoise Tulkens, former Judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Neil Walker, Regius Professor of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations at the School of Law, University of Edinburgh

During the next two weeks, the diverse group of participants will attend interdisciplinary lectures, afternoon seminars and workshops and will exchange views, ideas and arguments with the leading international scholars and experts. Participants will further present and discuss their own "work-in-progress" such as drafts of articles, chapters of doctoral theses or other projects. Selected contributions by participants may also be published in a working papers series. A research agenda on this year's theme, elaborated by the participants, will be published on the academy's website.

For more information on future sessions of the Venice Academy of Human Rights visit the [academy's website](#).

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