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PROGRAM

“Introduction”

Pr. Michel PRIEUR, President of the International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law (CIDCE), (France)

“The principle of humanity in the event of disasters”

Catherine LE BRIS-HERVÉ, Researcher at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), UMR Comparative Law Paris, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, (France)

“Avoiding the Tragedy of Human Rights”

Émilie GAILLARD, Lecturer in private law at the University of Caen (UCNB), (France)

“Cultural Heritage and Natural Disasters”

Jerôme FROMAGEAU, Dean of the Faculty Jean Monnet, Law, Economics and Management, University of Paris Sud 11, (France)

“Environmental Impact Assessment and Human Rights”

Andressa DE OLIVEIRA LANCHOTTI, District Attorney in the State of Minas Gerais (Brazil), Graduated in Master 2 “International and Comparative Law of the Environment” of the University of Limoges (France), PhD. in Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms at the University of Castilla-La Mancha (Spain).

“The Council of Europe human rights approach to disability”

Mechtilde FUHRER, Deputy to the executive secretary, Democratic Governance Directorate, Council of Europe, (France)

“Disasters and Human Rights in South Korea”

Pr. Kwangyoun LEE, Professor at the University of Sungkyunkwan, Seoul, (South Korea)

“Constitutions and disasters”

Pr. Marie-Anne COHENDET, Professor of public law at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, (France)

“International law Commission on protection of persons in the event of disasters”

Pr. Eduardo VALENCIA-OSPINA, Special rapporteur on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters, (Colombia)

“Disasters as revelator of pre-existing violations of human rights”

François GERARD, Board Member of the French Association for the Prevention of Natural Disasters (AFPCN), France.

Background

Both natural and technological disasters tend to proliferate but the human rights approach remains very weak. The vulnerability of certain victims, which reflects existing social inequalities, is exacerbated in situation of disasters. To know and to take into account human rights in disaster law and disaster management could help mitigate the dramatic consequences of disasters.

A research group called CADHOM, with the help of the French national research agency (ANR), worked from 2010 to 2014 in north and south countries to study international and comparative national law about human rights in disaster international and national law. The confrontation between disaster law and human right law was carried out reviewing the situation in France, in Africa (Cameroon, Tunisia), South America (Argentina, Brazil), Asia (Vietnam) and Europe (Turkey).

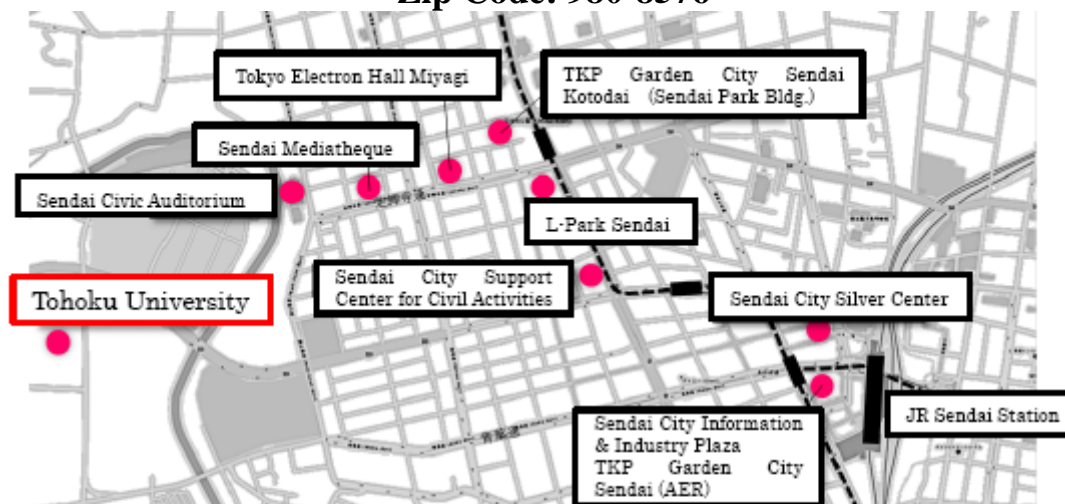
The weak legal and practical links between disaster law and human right law has been noticed at international, regional as well national level. However, in recent years some progress was perceived in the relations between these two areas of law, mainly due to the work of international bodies such as United Nations Human rights Council after Katrina Hurricane, Haiti earthquake and Fukushima both natural and nuclear disaster.

The recent contribution of the United Nations International Law Commission with its draft articles on “protection of persons in the event of disasters” is a fundamental output for the future.

Sendai conference is an opportunity to reinforce the links between human rights and disaster risk reduction. The questions to be discussed will be: Is a strong legal and practical human right approach a significant tool for people’s resilience to disasters, before, during and after the disaster, as it had been pointed out by the Council of Europe in its Ethical principles on disaster risk reduction; Are there derogations to human rights international conventions in situation of emergency? What are the out put of the International law commission draft articles for disaster resilience? Would these draft articles become international convention, guidelines or international customary law? How human rights compliance committees take into account human rights violation? How, through case studies, some past disasters have taken into account human rights issue in practice?

Practical information

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