ANTONIO CASSESE WORKSHOP

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE: CHALLENGES TO ACCOUNTABILITY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

Friday 25 October 2013

Villa La Fonte
Via delle Fontanelle 10,
San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence)

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Enforced disappearance remains today one of the most heinous human rights violation. From the 'political cleansing' campaigns of oppressive regimes to the 'war on terror', hundreds of thousands of targeted opponents have disappeared without a trace, and their families left to live in uncertainty over their fate.

Due to its complex nature as a multiple human rights violation and a very serious international crime, and the fact that it is, by definition, shrouded in secrecy, enforced disappearance poses particular problems with regard to accountability.

Today, in spite of a framework which includes the 2007 United Nations Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, several international courts and monitoring bodies with competence over the violation, as well as the International Criminal Court, these problems persist and new challenges emerge in the fight against impunity.

The Workshop, inspired by Antonio Cassese's early dedication to the eradication of enforced disappearance in Argentina, seeks to address some of the problematic issues raised by the 'modern' forms of enforced disappearance, and evaluate the effectiveness of the existing international legal framework.

Presentations will be given by leading experts in the field. In the active discussion that will follow each presentation, participants will have the opportunity to share views and experience in both an academic but also in a professional context. The Workshop is addressed to professionals in the field of human rights and international criminal law, as well as PhD researchers and advanced students in international law.

PROGRAMME

9.30-9.45	Welcome address Nehal Bhuta (European University Institute) & Paola Gaeta (University of Geneva)

1st SESSION

Chair: Francesco Francioni (European University Institute)

9.45-10.30	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) Enforced Disappearance at the European Court of Human Rights: A 'Wall of Silence', Fact-Finding Difficulties and States as 'Subversive Objectors'? Helen Keller (Judge, European Court of Human Rights; Professor, University of Zurich)
10.30-11.15	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) The European Court of Human Right's *Ratione Temporis* Jurisdiction in Enforced Disappearance Cases: A Discussion of *Janowiec v. Russia* Corina Heri (PhD researcher, University of Zurich)
11.15-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-12.30	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) Enforced Disappearance v. Secret and Unacknowledged Detentions Gabriella Citroni (University of Milan Bicocca; Legal Advisor on Enforced Disappearances)
12.30-14.30	Lunch break

2nd SESSION

Chair: Martin Scheinin (European University Institute)

14.30-15.15	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) Enforced Disappearance as a Crime and the WGEID's 'Humanitarian' Mandate (in French) Olivier de Frouville (Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris; Member of the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances)
15.15-16.00	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) The 'Privatization' of Enforced Disappearance in the Rome Statute: Dealing with Non State Actors Irene Giorgou (PhD Researcher, University of Geneva)
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.15	(30 min presentation+15 min Q&A) Redress for Enforced Disappearance: Why Financial Compensation Is Not Enough Sarah Fulton (International Legal Officer, REDRESS)
17.15-17.30	Nino Cassese and Enforced Disappearances Micaela Frulli (University of Florence)
17.30-18.30	Cocktail