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Economic and social rights in international law: How can we bring them home?

Where: University of Brighton, Mithras House, Room 228

When: 29 November 2016, 5.30-7:00

Last June, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights issued its Concluding Observations on the UK.

Among other things, the Committee criticised austerity-based social security policy, the inadequacy of the National Living Wage, the negative effects of the Trade Union Act, the housing crisis, the rise of homelessness, regressive taxation and the failure to clamp down on tax avoidance as well as the proliferation in the use of food banks.

So the UN has spoken with an unusually strongly worded report. What should we do now? What can we do to bring economic and social rights home?

Dr Claire-Michelle Smyth, Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Brighton, will talk about the status of economic, social and cultural rights in international law.

Koldo Casla, Policy, Research and Training Officer of Just Fair, will address the role of civil society organisations. JUST FAIR monitors and advocates economic and social rights in the UK in light of international human rights law.

Followed by a reception.

Attendance is free but registration is required:
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