



Opening of the judicial year of the European Court of Human Rights

The judicial year of the European Court of Human Rights will be opened on 31 January 2014. Around 260 eminent figures from the European judicial scene will attend a seminar organised for the occasion.

The seminar will take place in the afternoon, at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, from 2.15 pm, and will be followed at 6.15 pm by the official opening ceremony, in the course of which Mr Dean Spielmann, President of the Court, and Mr Andreas Voßkuhle, President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, will address a 320-strong audience representing the judicial world and local and national authorities.

The theme of the seminar is the “Implementation of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: a shared judicial responsibility?”. It will be opened by Mr Dean Spielmann, with an introduction by Ms Julia Laffranque, judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Estonia. Mr Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, judge of the International Court of Justice, Mr Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Greece, Alec Stone Sweet, Professor at Yale Law School, and Mark Villiger, Section President of the European Court of Human Rights, will address the seminar.

The seminar will not be open to the general public; the official opening ceremony can be followed by journalists via a live broadcast in the Court’s Press Room.

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