

Can CEDAW advance LGBTI rights?



Can the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) advance Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex (LGBTI) rights?

10 years after the Yogyakarta Principles and one year after the appointment of the first ever UN expert on sexual orientation and gender, how are LGBTI rights protected internationally? This panel will examine the scope of action for the development of these rights on an international level and the role of CEDAW in achieving a better protection. What strategies do associations like ILGA use for the promotion of LGBTI rights? What role does CEDAW play in this context? And finally, how can LGBTI rights be advanced while being sensitive to power relations in the postcolonial context?

Introduction by Sandrine Salerno, Vice-Mayor in charge of Gender Equality and LGBTI issues, City of Geneva

Inputs by and panel discussion with:

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The discussion will be followed by an aperitif, offered by the City of Geneva. This public panel discussion is organised in

the context of the Geneva Summer School on Human Rights,
Gender and Alterity.

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