



## Lecture Series “Signatures of World Society”

# Decolonization, the Global South and the Making of International Human Rights after 1945

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Our understanding of human rights history has significantly changed over the last 10 to 15 years. The main factor behind this is due to the way historians have engaged with the topics of decolonization and global south agency as a pivotal part of this transnational history. New chronologies and new geographies have come to the fore. This has balanced out the privileging of Western actors and timelines, allowing for a much richer and nuanced historiography which now informs how other disciplines approach human rights as a research topic while raising important questions about how we understand the historical processes behind post-1945 international ordering.

The lecture will present this “new” history of human rights with an emphasis on the period from 1945 to the late 1960s/early 1970s, while also bringing forward the larger questions about how to write this history.

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This lecture will also be transmitted via Zoom  
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