

## After (human) rights? What's next.

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In the context of multiple contemporary global crises for progressive and radical politics, how do we understand the meaning, value and future of human rights? What does it mean to think 'after' rights? Should we aim to do so? Why or why not? This roundtable critically evaluates the 'After Rights' research project led by Prof Louiza Odysseos and Dr Bal Sokhi-Bulley, and charts next steps and new research directions stemming from this project's contributions and insights. Drawing from across multiple disciplines including IR, politics, philosophy and law, and bringing early career researchers together with more established scholars: contributors will discuss emerging directions and trends in human rights theory and practice, including: the vernacular; the more-than-human and less-than human; rethinking concepts of responsibility and commitment; de-centring the law; and re-centring rights struggles. The roundtable also showcases the work of the Centre for Rights, Reparations and Anti-colonial Justice, based at the University of Sussex, the local host for this year's BISA conference

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