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Practitioner Talk

TIME: 6 p.m.

DATE: Thursday,

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VENUE: Room “Cambi”,
Palazzo Prodi

Enforcing human rights in private security companies.

From practice to theory and back again

Abstract: How to ensure that the companies that provide security comply with human rights and humanitarian law?

We will address this question in a conversation with Antoine Perret who has investigated and monitored the development of the private security sector in a comparative perspective for the last two decades. Private security has grown exponentially in connection with transnational activities such as mining, which usually take place in areas of limited statehood. With examples from Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, Antoine will help us to understand the challenges of private security companies when seeking to provide security for transnational business while complying with the respect of human rights. We will also talk about his personal experience of approaching the issue as an academic as well as a practitioner working at the International Code of Conduct Association in Geneva.

Speaker: Antoine Perret (International Code of Conduct Association - ICoCA)

Antoine Perret is Head of Programmes at the International Code of Conduct Association (ICoCA) in Geneva. He previously worked at DCAF on private security governance and in Panama on anti-money laundering and organized crime. Earlier, he pursued an academic career in Colombia and the US, teaching and researching security and human rights. He holds a PhD and LLM in Law from the European University Institute, and degrees from universities in Colombia, France, and Switzerland. He has published extensively on private security regulation.

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