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## Lecture

# The responsibility of financial institutions in human rights violations

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## Theme

International financial institutions – in particular the IMF and the World Bank – have, over the years, acquired considerable power so that their decisions now affect the lives of hundreds of millions of people. The question of submitting their activities and interventions to international human rights law – in particular those relating to economic models and policies which are imposed on States who seek their assistance - is of crucial interest in this context.

The aim of this conference is precisely to demonstrate that, notwithstanding the objections generally raised, these institutions, connected in various ways by international human rights law, may be liable for the negative consequences of their interventions on certain human rights, particularly social rights.