

Review of European Court of Human Rights Judgments

The Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute (HRSJ) at London Metropolitan University and Jane Gordon, human rights lawyer and Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics, have been awarded a research contract by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) to review judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and examine the relationship between the Court and the UK.

The aim of the research is to provide better information to key decision makers about the impact of the ECtHR and its judgments on the UK. The principal objectives are to:

- analyse ECtHR cases in relation to the UK to assess the circumstances in which the Court has made judgments, including both judgments which were contrary to those made by domestic courts and judgments where the Court agreed with the domestic court/UK government position (or has declared complaints brought against the UK inadmissible);
- assess how ECtHR judgments against the UK have been received and responded to by key decision-makers in the UK; and
- evaluate the implementation of ECtHR judgments and the impact that they have had on domestic legislation and policy, as well as on domestic courts.

The research will comprise a literature review; and around 20 semi-structured interviews with key figures in the ECtHR and other Council of Europe bodies; UK parliamentarians; senior judges; UK government representatives; and academics and legal experts.

The project will conclude in early 2012 and is expected to result in a research report that will be published by the EHRC on its website.

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