

Celebrating 50 Years of the European Court of Human Rights



Chair:

Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Chatham House

Speakers:

Lord Lester QC, Blackstone Chambers
Nuala Mole, AIRE Centre
Edward Adams, Ministry of Justice

Venue:

The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, WC1

Date:

10 December 2009 from 6pm

CPD Accreditation:

2 Hours

Of all the institutions to emerge after the Second World War, the European Court of Human Rights has had one of the greatest impacts. That Court has been pivotal in maintaining peace, harmony and security within Europe. 2009 is its fiftieth anniversary.

The Court came into its own following the fall of the Berlin Wall. The Court rose to the challenge posed by states in transition and it has facilitated the shift to a pluralist and democratic Europe underpinned by human rights standards. But with this success has come significant difficulties. The Court is now overwhelmed, so much so that its efficacy is being brought into doubt.

With the Law Society, the HRLA invite you to celebrate the Court's considerable achievements, whilst also contemplating its future. The event is also a celebration of International Human Rights Day.