

YLC's Event Plan

Diplomacy and Human Rights: British Citizens Detained Abroad

Event blurb:

HRLA's Young Lawyer's Committee is pleased to invite you to its next event on diplomacy and human rights. Panel members will explore how human rights protections can be undermined by a state's desire to preserve friendly relations with other states. This tension will be examined with regard to the situation of British nationals detained overseas, in particular the high-profile cases of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe (detained in Iran) and Andy Tsegue (detained in Ethiopia). The discussion will be followed by a Q&A session and networking.

Location of event:

Matrix Chambers, Griffin Buildings, London, WC1R 5LN.

Objectives for talk:

- To provide attendees with an overview of the challenges facing British nationals detained overseas, in particular Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Andy Tsegue.
- To discuss in general terms the tension between human rights and diplomacy in international affairs.
- To have a multi-perspective and gender-balanced panel of speakers, including academics, lawyers, politicians and activists.
- To encourage students and practitioners to attend as well as non-lawyers.

Ideal speakers:

1. Alison Macdonald QC

- Barrister at Matrix Chambers specialising in public international law.
- Legal adviser to Redress on diplomatic protection of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.
- Bio: <https://www.matrixlaw.co.uk/member/alison-macdonald/>

2. Clive Stafford Smith

- Founder and Director of Reprieve.
- Campaigner for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Andy Tsege
- Bio: <https://www.reprieve.org.uk/about/reprieve-staff-and-fellows/clive-stafford-smith/>

3. Emily Thornberry

- Shadow Foreign Secretary and human rights barrister
- Bio: <http://www.emilythornberry.com/about>

4. Jeremy Wright QC MP

- Attorney General and barrister
- Bio: <https://www.jeremywright.org.uk/about-jeremy>