The idea of inalienable rights granted to all people, has always been in competition with the need for security and vital interests of states. Be it human rights on the international level or fundamental rights or freedoms on the national constitutional level.

The strength and power of a state is measured by how effectively it responds to threats and whether it can avert the danger of attacks. For states that claim to be obeying the rule of law and are constitutional states in an international community, defensive or offensive measures in the interests of national security, whether in criminal, military, or in the political sphere, must always be measured against human rights or fundamental freedoms derived from constitutional law, common law and international law. While defending the security interest of the state, the observance of international human rights and constitutional fundamental rights’ standards, is a balancing act. The current relevance is demonstrated by contemporary events in the world as well as in the home states of the participants.

The Seminar therefore aims on developing ideas for solutions to solve the paradox, that a state might need to restrict freedoms of its people to safeguard their freedoms?
WEDNESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER

Arrival of the participants

20.00 - 22.00 Welcome Reception

Program

1st Panel: Privacy and Data Protection vs. National Security Interests
- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Introductory Remarks by Prof. Caroline von Gall
- 09.45 Discussion on Restrictions on the Internet vs. National Security Interests by Prof. Tomasz Milej
- 10.10 Coffee Break
- 10.40 Discussion on Can freedom of Information be restricted by national security or does unlimited freedom threaten the state integrity? by Lisa Schöddert
- 11.10 Lunch Break
- 11.40 Freedom of Expression, Speech and Association vs. National Security Interests by Prof. Tímea Drinóczí
- 12.30 Discussion on National Security as a tool for the limitation of the freedom of expression: A case study of Burundi by Gilbert Hagabimana
- 13.00 Rights of asylum seekers: freedom of movement for a migrant in the light of the ECtHR case-law by Edrine Wanyama
- 14.00 Terrorism and Human Rights: Digging Into Securitization and its Impact on the Enjoyment of Human Rights in Uganda by Dr. Zaraa Mwazamiriza
- 15.00 Deprivation of freedom of movement through confiscation of passports for future possible terrorist by Martin Zandberg

Thursday, 5th November

4th Panel: Religion vs. National Security
- 09.30 Discussion on The Responsibility of Frontex on Human Rights: Especially in the Case of Sea Operations and JRO’s by Dr. Gábor von Gall
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Discussion on Security, Refugee and Jordan by Piotr Ras
- 11.50 Human Rights vs. Military Interests by Samir Felich
- 12.10 Discussion on Proportionality test between the use of military force and human rights (in peacetime) by Prof. Anastasia Timofeeva
- 13.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 Discussion on The use of armed drones in light of International Law and Human Rights by Mateusz Osiecki
- 15.00 Discussion on Shooting down aircrafts. Case law before Polish and German Constitutional Courts by Dita Amolina

Friday, 6th November

7th Panel: Balancing Fundamental and Human Rights with National Security Interests
- 09.30 Discussion on Is there a right to security according to the ECtHR? by Marja Daka
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Discussion on Derogations from Human Rights Treaties in Times of Emergency by Olga Kiseleva
- 11.50 Department of Frontex on Human rights: especially in the case of Sea Operations by Aurelij Daubaraitė
- 12.00 Balancing fundamental rights and security concerns of the state? by Nicolaus Praygod
- 12.50 Lunch Break
- 13.45 Final Remarks by Irina Osmaninka
- 14.00 Sightseeing in Cologne (Guided Tour at the Cologne Cathedral)
- 15.30 Departure of the participants