

## HUMAN RIGHTS TALK "Climate protection and intergenerational justice: Who is responsible?"

Date and time: Tuesday, 5 December 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Red Bar at the Volkstheater, Arthur-Schnitzler-Platz 1, 1070 Vienna

"We need disruption to end the destruction!" This is how concisely UN Secretary-General António Guterres calls on humanity to combat climate change. In July 2022, the United Nations adopted a resolution that affirms: Everyone has the right to live in a "safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment". In this way, the international community unequivocally underscores the interplay between human rights and the environment. But what concrete measures are needed to leave a livable planet Earth for future generations? Are disruptive actions or climate complaints an effective means of getting humanity to act? How can a reduction in prosperity in the present be achieved in exchange for future climate security? And who bears the ultimate responsibility: politics, business, the courts or consumers? A top-class panel will discuss climate protection and intergenerational justice.

### Welcome Notes

Michael Lysander FREMUTH, Scientific Director, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights; Professor of Fundamental and Human Rights, University of Vienna

### Keynote (online via Zoom)

Ian FRY, UN Special Rapporteur on the protection of human rights in the context of climate change

### Panel Discussion

Leonore GEWESSLER, Federal Minister for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria

Michaela KRÖMER, Lawyer, Krömer Law Firm

Christian PISKA, Associate Professor, Institute for Constitutional and Administrative Law, University of Vienna

Laura SACHSLEHNER, Member of the Vienna Regional Parliament and Municipal Council

Lena SCHILLING, Climate Activist; Founder of the Youth Council

### Audience Discussion

#### Chair

Sebastian ÖHNER, Board Member, Austrian League for Human Rights

### Followed by: Reception



The Human Rights Talks see themselves as a platform for social discourse on current topics with human rights relevance. The events present top-class speakers to the interested public and analyse human rights challenges and socio-political trends in a differentiated manner and with professional expertise, but at the same time in an accessible way and with practical relevance. An important component of the format is the interactive audience discussion in addition to contentual contributions.