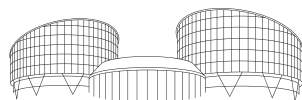


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Fair hearing – Criminal proceedings – Rights of the defence – The right to defend oneself through legal assistance – Conviction of an adult subject to a supervision order without his supervisor being informed – Importance of the accused's attendance in person – Special procedural safeguards to protect persons who are not fully capable of acting for themselves – Positive obligation – Effective enjoyment of the rights guaranteed – Right to liberty – More at stake in criminal proceedings than in civil proceedings – Requirements of the proper administration of justice – Obligations on the national authorities to take further steps

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Sadak and Others v. Turkey (no. 1), 2001-VIII

Defendant not notified of existence of criminal complaint before being charged

Accused of an offence – Person directly affected by an accusation – Defendant not notified of the existence of a criminal complaint before being charged

Padin Gestoso v. Spain (dec.), 1999-II

Notification of charges and conviction in a language that is not understood

Information of the nature and cause of the accusation – Information in a language that is not understood – Notification of charges and conviction in a language that

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ADEQUATE TIME AND FACILITIES FOR PREPARATION OF DEFENCE

Conviction on appeal of an offence different from one charged

Information regarding the nature of the accusation – Preparation of the defence – Adequate time – Adequate facilities – Conviction on appeal of an offence different from one charged

Pélissier and Sassi v. France [GC], 1999-II

Imposition of death sentence following proceedings found to be unfair

Independence and impartiality of tribunal – Composition of national security court – Participation of military judge in interlocutory decisions forming an integral part of criminal proceedings against a civilian – Replacement of military judge before end of proceedings did not dispose of concern about trial court's independence and impartiality – Fair trial – Access to a lawyer denied while in police custody – Adequate time and facilities – Impossibility of communicating with lawyers out of the hearing of third parties – Impossibility of gaining direct access to the case file until a very late stage in the proceedings – Restrictions on the number and length of visits by counsel – Counsel given proper access to the case file belatedly

Öcalan v. Turkey [GC], 2005-IV

Failure to provide accused with adequate information as to the cause of the accusation

Rights of the defence – Information on nature and cause of accusation – Information in detail – Failure to provide accused with adequate information as to the cause of the accusation – Changes in accusation – Adequate time and facilities – Vagueness of indictment – Access to file – Obligation of prosecution to provide details of accusation – Absence of opportunity for defence to react to changes in accusation during trial

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Fair hearing – Criminal proceedings – Rights of the defence – Adequate time and facilities – Availability of written judgment only in abridged form – Availability of written judgment in time for lodging appeal – Adequacy of abridged version of written judgment

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Refusal to order second expert opinion requested by defendant following expert's unfavourable change of mind

Rights of the defence – Adequate time and facilities – Refusal to order second expert opinion requested by defendant following expert's unfavourable change of mind – Production of new evidence during trial – Equality of arms – Adversarial proceedings – Change of mind by expert in the course of a single trial – Time afforded to expert to study new evidence – Influence of expert's opinion on jurors

G.B. v. France, 2001-X

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Preparation of defence – Time needed – Alleged insufficiency of time for preparation of defence

Padin Gestoso v. Spain (dec.), 1999-II

Time available to defence counsel for familiarising himself with case files and expert opinion received only days before the trial began but not examined until later hearings

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Article 6 § 3 (c)

DEFENCE IN PERSON OR THROUGH LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Appellate court's refusal to allow a lawyer to represent his client where the latter did not attend in person

Fair hearing – Criminal proceedings – Rights of the defence – Equality of arms – Right to be defended by counsel – Failure to attend – Appellate court's refusal to allow a lawyer to represent his client where the latter did not attend in person

Van Geyselhem v. Belgium [GC], 1999-I

Monopoly enjoyed by members of the *Conseil d'État* and Court of Cassation Bar

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Ezeh and Connors v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2003-X

Imposition of death sentence following proceedings found to be unfair

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Öcalan v. Turkey [GC], 2005-IV

Use in evidence of a statement given to police by a minor without access to a lawyer

Fair trial – Criminal proceedings – Defence rights – Use in evidence of a statement given to police by a minor without access to a lawyer – Defence through legal assistance – Systematic denial of legal assistance in police custody where offences fell within jurisdiction of State Security Courts – Statement was main evidence in support of conviction – Subsequent legal assistance and adversarial nature of ensuing proceedings could not cure earlier defect – Fundamental importance for minors to have access to lawyer while in police custody

Salduz v. Turkey [GC], 2008-V

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Fair hearing – Defence rights – Defence through legal assistance – Denial of access to a lawyer during initial questioning by police – Applicability of Article 6 to pre-trial phase – Right to remain silent – Drawing of adverse inferences from suspect's silence – Confession – Coercive questioning by police – Prejudice to defence

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Defence through legal assistance – Access to a lawyer – Detainee – Denial of access to a lawyer during initial questioning by police – Counter-terrorism legislation – Confession – Admissions made in absence of lawyer but after expiry of deferral of access – Use in evidence of admissions made to police in absence of lawyer – Existence of safeguards against oppressive conduct by police – Examination in adversarial procedure of reliability and admissibility of admissions – Desirability of police interviews being attended by lawyer and/or recorded – Police supervision of detainee's interview with lawyer – Right of detainee to communicate with lawyer out of hearing of third persons – Inhibiting effect of presence of police officer at detainee's interview with lawyer – Importance of detainee being able to speak freely with lawyer about matters relevant to defence

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Negligence of lawyer appointed under legal-aid scheme

To be assisted by a lawyer of one's own choice – Negligence of lawyer appointed under legal-aid scheme – Fundamental principle of independence of legal profession – Authorities' responsibility for conduct of officially appointed lawyer – Inadequacy or mistake in conduct of defence – Failure to comply with purely formal condition entailing deprivation of a remedy – Supreme Court – Situation of “manifest failure” requiring positive measures by authorities – Interest in proper administration of justice

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Rights of the defence – Defence through legal assistance – Failure by authorities to intervene regarding manifest shortcomings of officially assigned lawyers – Conduct of accused does not relieve authorities of their duty to react

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S.N. v. Sweden, 2002-V

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Rights of the defence – Examination of witnesses – Conviction based decisively on statements by gendarmes whom defendant was unable to examine or have examined – Evidence for the prosecution – Denial in court of confessions obtained from defendant during police custody – Unlawful methods used before trial to obtain evidence for the prosecution – Main evidence taken before trial without legal assistance – Lack of confrontation in trial court with witnesses who had made statements against defendant

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Sofri and Others v. Italy (dec.), 2003-VIII (extracts)

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Questioning of witnesses – Conviction for sexual abuse of minors based mainly on evidence given by the victims during preliminary investigation – Rights of defence – Special features of criminal proceedings concerning sexual offences – Minors – Protection of victim of sexual offence – Hearing of evidence from children by investigating judge assisted by expert psychologist – Hearing followed via two-way mirror – Possibility for defence counsel to have questions put to witnesses – Use in trial of video and audio recording of hearing – Decision by courts not to order further hearing or psychologist's report

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Article 6 § 3 (e)

FREE ASSISTANCE OF INTERPRETER

Notification of charges and conviction in a language that is not understood

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ARTICLE 7

Article 7 § 1

NULLUM CRIMEN SINE LEGE

Imposition of prison sentence on basis of interpretation by analogy

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Conviction of a border guard of the former GDR after German reunification for killing an East German attempting to flee to the West

Nullum crimen sine lege – Conviction of a border guard of the former GDR after German reunification for killing an East German attempting to flee to the West – Interpretation by the courts of the FRG of the legal provisions of the former GDR – Grounds of justification – State practice superimposed on rules of written law – State practice flagrantly disregarding of fundamental rights – Foreseeability – Accessibility – Rules of international law on protection of human rights – International protection of right to life

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Conviction of leaders of the former GDR after German reunification on account of their responsibility for the deaths of East Germans attempting to flee to the West

Nullum crimen sine lege – Conviction of leaders of the former GDR after German reunification on account of their responsibility for the deaths of East Germans attempting to flee to the West – Interpretation by the courts of the FRG of the legal provisions of the former GDR – Grounds of justification – State practice superimposed on rules of written law – State practice flagrantly disregarding of fundamental rights – Rules of international law on protection of human rights – Foreseeability – Accessibility – International protection of right to life – International protection of freedom of movement – Individual criminal responsibility as leaders of the GDR

Streletz, Kessler and Krenz v. Germany [GC], 2001-II

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Conviction under legislation introduced in 1993 for war crimes committed during the Second World War

Nullum crimen sine lege – Conviction under legislation introduced in 1993 for war crimes committed during the Second World War – Legal basis for crimes at time of commission – Conviction based on international law – 1907 Hague Regulations – War crimes – Breaches of rights of “civilians who had participated in hostilities” or of “combatants” – Limitation period determined by reference to international law – Foreseeability – Sufficiency of international laws and customs of war as basis for individual criminal responsibility – Command responsibility – Obligation of commanders to take special care in assessing risks – Legitimacy and foreseeability of prosecution by successor State

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Retroactive application of criminal law under which the sentences for war crimes were heavier than those applicable when the offences were committed

Heavier penalty – Retroactive application of criminal law under which the sentences for war crimes were heavier than those applicable when the offences were committed – Real possibility that retroactive application of criminal legislation would operate to accused’s disadvantage – Absence of any general exception to the rule of non-retroactivity in respect of acts that are criminal under “the general principles of law recognised by civilised nations”

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Conviction of East German public prosecutor after German reunification on account of his submissions during the trial of a dissident

Nullum crimen sine lege – Conviction of East German public prosecutor on account of his submissions during the trial of a dissident – Interpretation by a German court of the GDR's statutory provisions – Foreseeability – Accessibility – Offence not subject to limitation – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – Foreseeability of an offence under principles of human rights protection

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Nullum crimen sine lege – Principle that only the law can define a crime and prescribe a penalty – Foreseeability of rules on labelling of cigarette packets – Interpretation of legislation by courts – Status of those to whom legislation is directed – Professionals

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NULLA POENA SINE LEGE

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Retroactive application of criminal law under which the sentences for war crimes were heavier than those applicable when the offences were committed

Heavier penalty – Retroactive application of criminal law under which the sentences for war crimes were heavier than those applicable when the offences were committed – Real possibility that retroactive application of criminal legislation would operate to accused's disadvantage – Absence of any general exception to the rule of non-retroactivity in respect of acts that are criminal under "the general principles of law recognised by civilised nations"

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Taking of a DNA sample from a convicted person and storage of his DNA profile in a national database for thirty years

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Article 7 § 2

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW RECOGNISED BY CIVILISED NATIONS

Surrender to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia of person against whom criminal proceedings are pending in the domestic courts

Heavier penalty – Surrender to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia of person against whom criminal proceedings are pending in the domestic courts – General principles of law recognised by civilised nations

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Odièvre v. France [GC], 2003-III

Failure to provide an adequate procedure enabling applicant to access information of assistance in assessing health risk due to participation in army gas tests

Respect for private life – Positive obligation – Failure to provide an adequate procedure enabling applicant to access information of assistance in assessing health risk due to participation in army gas tests – Requirement of a structured disclosure process independent of litigation

Roche v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2005-X

Requirement of male gamete provider's consent to the continued storage and implantation of fertilised eggs

Private life – Right to respect for decision to become a parent in the genetic sense – Requirement of male gamete provider's consent to the continued storage and implantation of fertilised eggs – Positive obligations – Margin of appreciation – Absence of European consensus – Sensitive moral and ethical issues in rapidly evolving sphere – Fair balance – Irreconcilable private interests – Legislation product of exceptionally detailed examination of social, ethical and legal implications – Primacy of consent – Respect for human dignity and free will – Legal certainty

Evans v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2007-I

Retention of the applicants' fingerprints and DNA data after the criminal proceedings against them had ended with an acquittal or had been discontinued

Private life – Retention of the applicants' fingerprints and DNA data after the criminal proceedings against them had ended with an acquittal or had been discontinued – Personal data – Interference – In accordance with the law – Quality of law – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Blanket and indiscriminate nature of power of retention – Absence of time-limit on retention – No independent review of justification for retention – Risk of stigmatisation – Especially harmful to minors – Proportionality

S. and Marper v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2008-V

Restrictions on obtaining an abortion in Ireland

Private life – Restrictions on obtaining an abortion in Ireland – Interference – Legitimate aim – Protection of morals – Margin of appreciation – Prohibition

of abortion in respondent State for health and well-being reasons – Legislation ensuring provision of information and counselling about abortion services available abroad and of appropriate medical care – Abortion on ground of risk to mother's life – Absence of effective and accessible procedures for determining whether applicant qualified for lawful abortion – Positive obligations – Failure to introduce legislation or regulations to remove legal uncertainty

A, B and C v. Ireland [GC], 2010-VI

Refusal of domestic courts to issue injunction restraining further publication of photograph of public figures taken without their knowledge

Respect for private life – Positive obligations – Refusal of domestic courts to issue injunction restraining further publication of photograph of public figures taken without their knowledge – Debate of general interest – Circumstances in which pictures were taken – Margin of appreciation – Careful balancing by domestic courts of competing interests of freedom of expression and privacy in light of European Court's case-law

Von Hannover v. Germany (no. 2) [GC], 2012-I

Publications allegedly insulting to the Roma community

Private life – Positive obligations – Publications allegedly insulting to the Roma community – Academic study based on scientific research – Absence of racist intentions – Balance between right to respect for private life and freedom of expression – Margin of appreciation

Aksu v. Turkey [GC], 2012-I

Prohibition, under legislation implementing United Nations Security Council resolutions, on travel through country surrounding enclave

Respect for private life – Respect for family life – Prohibition, under legislation implementing United Nations Security Council resolutions, on travel through country surrounding enclave – Prevention of crime – Protection of national security and public safety – Clear and explicit language of resolution indicating intention to require States to take measures conflicting with their international human rights law obligations – Freedom of choice regarding mode of transposition of Security Council resolutions into domestic legal order – Failure to take all possible measures to harmonise allegedly conflicting international obligations by adapting sanctions regime to applicant's situation – Proportionality

Nada v. Switzerland [GC], 2012-V

Lack of clear statutory provisions criminalising act of covertly filming a naked child

Respect for private life – Lack of clear statutory provisions criminalising act of

covertly filming a naked child – Violation of personal integrity – Offence not involving physical violence, abuse or contact – Offence against a minor by a person whom the victim was entitled and expected to trust – Positive obligations – Absence of adequate legal framework consisting of criminal and/or civil-law remedies

Söderman v. Sweden [GC], 2013-VI

Non-renewal of the employment contract of a teacher of Catholic religion and ethics who had publicly displayed his situation as a “married priest”

Respect for private life – Non-renewal of the employment contract of a teacher of Catholic religion and ethics who had publicly displayed his situation as a “married priest” – Interference by the State with the right to respect for one’s private life – Autonomy of the Church – Heightened duty of loyalty – Contractual limitation of the extent of the right to respect for private and family life – Special bond of trust – Proportionality

Fernández Martínez v. Spain [GC], 2014-II (extracts)

Ban on wearing of religious clothing concealing the face in public places

Private life – Ban on wearing of religious clothing concealing the face in public places – Public safety – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Guaranteeing the conditions of “living together” – Proportionality – Wide margin of appreciation – Lack of European consensus

S.A.S. v. France [GC], 2014-III (extracts)

Discharge of homosexuals from the armed forces following intrusive investigations

Private life – Blanket ban on homosexuals in the armed forces – Discharge of homosexuals from the armed forces – Intrusive investigations into private lives of homosexuals – Interference – Severity of interference – National security – Prevention of disorder – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Requirement of convincing and weighty reasons justifying interference

Smith and Grady v. the United Kingdom, 1999-VI

Secret surveillance by the police – adequacy of legal basis

Private life – Secret surveillance by the police – Interference – Prescribed by law – Absence of statutory regulation of secret surveillance by the police – Non-binding guidelines – Direct public accessibility

Khan v. the United Kingdom, 2000-V

Prohibition on homosexual acts involving more than two males

Private life – Prohibition on homosexual acts involving more than two

males – Conviction for gross indecency – Homosexual acts carried out in private – Video-recording of homosexual acts carried out in private – Absence of risk of material entering public domain – Protection of morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Narrow margin of appreciation with regard to intimate aspects of private life – Absence of public-health considerations

A.D.T. v. the United Kingdom, 2000-IX

Deportation of schizophrenic to a country where adequate medical treatment is allegedly not available

Private life – Deportation – Deportation of schizophrenic to a country where adequate medical treatment is allegedly not available – Scope of private life – Mental health and preservation of mental stability – Economic well-being of the country – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality

Bensaid v. the United Kingdom, 2001-I

Adequacy of measures taken by courts to establish paternity

Private life – Adequacy of measures taken by courts to establish paternity – Paternity – Physical and social identity – Establishment of relationships with others – Measures available to courts in establishing paternity

Mikulić v. Croatia, 2002-I

Refusal to give advance undertaking not to prosecute a husband for assisting his paralysed wife to commit suicide

Private life – Refusal to give advance undertaking not to prosecute a husband for assisting his paralysed wife to commit suicide – Personal autonomy and self-determination – Conduct posing a danger to health or life – Compulsory medical treatment – Prevention from exercising choice to avoid distressing and undignified death – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Protection of weak and vulnerable – Blanket prohibition on assisted suicides – Proportionality – Rule of law – Absence of arbitrariness or unreasonableness

Pretty v. the United Kingdom, 2002-III

Disclosure to public of closed-circuit television footage of individual in public street

Private life – Disclosure to public of closed-circuit television footage of individual in public street – Interference – Monitoring of public places by photographic means – Recording of data – Disclosure of recordings to public – Scope of right to

privacy in public places – Foreseeability of disclosure to public of data recorded in public place – Public safety – Prevention of crime – Prevention of disorder – Rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Role of closed-circuit television in prevention of crime – Importance of obtaining individual's consent or adequately masking identity – Existence of adequate safeguards – Proportionality

Peck v. the United Kingdom, 2003-I

Refusal to order reimbursement by a private health insurance company of costs of gender reassignment surgery

Private life – Positive obligations – Refusal to order reimbursement by a private health insurance company of costs of gender reassignment surgery – Transsexuals – Assessment by the domestic courts of the causes of transsexuality and of the medical necessity of gender reassignment – Obligation on transsexual to prove necessity of gender reassignment – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation

Van Kück v. Germany, 2003-VII

Covert filming of suspect at police station for identification purposes

Private life – Covert filming of suspect at police station for identification purposes – Use of security cameras in public places – Recording and use of film footage – Interference – In accordance with the law – Adequacy of legal basis for interference – Non-compliance with relevant code of conduct

Perry v. the United Kingdom, 2003-IX (extracts)

Refusal to return identity document on release from detention on remand

Private life – Refusal to return identity document on release from detention on remand – Importance of identity document in everyday life – Interference – Failure to comply with applicable rules

Smirnova v. Russia, 2003-IX (extracts)

Compulsory gynaecological examination of detainee

Private life – Compulsory gynaecological examination of detainee – Vulnerable position of detainees – Husband complaining about violation of wife's rights – Interference – Prescribed by law – Absence of medical necessity and circumstances provided for by law

Y.F. v. Turkey, 2003-IX

Person repeatedly required to undergo psychiatric examinations at short intervals

Private life – Person repeatedly required to undergo psychiatric examinations at short intervals – Interference – Rights of the individual and judicial diligence – Fair balance between respect for private life and the proper administration of justice

Worwa v. Poland, 2003-XI

Adequacy of domestic law and practice in providing protection against non-consensual sexual acts

Inhuman and degrading treatment – Private life – Physical integrity – Sexual autonomy – Positive obligations – Adequacy of domestic law and practice in providing protection against non-consensual sexual acts – Historical requirement of proof of physical force in establishing offence of rape – General trend in European and other legal systems – Allegedly restrictive approach of domestic authorities to investigation and prosecution of rape – Obligation on authorities to conduct context-sensitive assessment of rape allegations and to verify all surrounding circumstances – Importance of issue of lack of consent in rape investigation – Deficiencies in investigation

M.C. v. Bulgaria, 2003-XII

Administration of drugs to disabled child despite mother's opposition

Private life – Administration of drugs to disabled child despite mother's opposition – Interference – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Emergency situation – Failure of hospital to seek court order

Glass v. the United Kingdom, 2004-II

Publication in tabloid press of photos showing a princess engaged in her private activities

Private life – Publication in tabloid press of photos showing a princess engaged in her private activities – Right to control of use of one's picture – Positive obligations – Balancing protection of private life and freedom of expression – Person photographed without their knowledge or consent – Publication of photos relating to details of private life – Public figure having no official function – No contribution to debate of public interest – Right to "legitimate expectation" of protection of private life – Means of mass communication – Effective protection of private life – Limits on right of public to be informed and commercial interest of magazines – Lack of fair balance

Von Hannover v. Germany, 2004-VI

Publication in the press of identity photograph taken at the time of compiling arrest file

Private life – Publication in the press of identity photograph taken at the time of compiling arrest file – Scope of private life – Photograph of a person who was the subject of criminal proceedings released to the press by investigators – Interference – Person under house arrest – In accordance with the law

Sciacca v. Italy, 2005-I

Lack of legal basis for admission to and treatment in a private psychiatric clinic

Private life – Interference – Positive obligations – Forcible administration of medication – In accordance with the law

Storck v. Germany, 2005-V

Confiscation of passport during lengthy proceedings

Private life – Confiscation of passport during lengthy proceedings – Interference – National security – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Right to freedom of movement as an aspect of the right to respect for private life – Family, occupational and economic ties in several countries

İletmiş v. Turkey, 2005-XII

Public servant wishing to challenge registration in former State security agency files denied access to relevant rules on national security grounds

Private life – Scope – Public servant – Registration in former State security agency files – Public servant wishing to challenge registration in former State security agency files denied access to relevant rules on national security grounds – Procedural requirements – Validity of national security arguments in lustration proceedings – Principle of equality – Unrealistic and excessive evidential burden

Turek v. Slovakia, 2006-II (extracts)

Personal and professional restrictions arising out of entry of person's name in bankruptcy register

Applicability – Private life – Bankruptcy proceedings – Personal and professional restrictions arising out of entry of person's name in bankruptcy register – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Automatic nature of restrictions – Conditions and time-limit for lifting of restrictions – Civil rehabilitation

Campagnano v. Italy, 2006-IV

Inability of post-operative male-to-female transsexual to draw retirement pension at same age as other women

Private life – Absence of legal recognition of change of gender – Post-operative transsexuals – Inability of post-operative male-to-female transsexual to draw retirement pension at same age as other women – Victim – Date victim status acquired – Effect on applicant’s rights of European Court ruling in separate case – Victim status not suspended by legislative process

Grant v. the United Kingdom, 2006-VII

Storage of, and refusal to grant full access to, personal information kept in security police records

Respect for private life – Public authority – Interference – Prescribed by law – Safeguards against abuse – Protection of national security – Prevention of disorder and crime – Combating terrorism – Necessary in a democratic society – Storage of, and refusal to grant full access to, personal information kept in security police records – Storage of personal information related to political opinion, affiliations and activities – Lack of sufficient reasons for continued storage of 30-year-old data, including information on membership of political parties advocating change in the social order – Refusal to grant full access justified by need to ensure efficacy of system

Segerstedt-Wiberg and Others v. Sweden, 2006-VII

No legal possibility to deregister from the applicant’s home address a previous owner unable to establish a new permanent place of residence

Respect for private life – Respect for home – Interference – Positive obligations – Relations between individuals – No legal possibility to deregister from the applicant’s home address a previous owner unable to establish a new permanent place of residence – Proportionality – Fair balance to be struck between the interests of an individual and those of the community

Babylonová v. Slovakia, 2006-VIII

Refusal to authorise a DNA test on a deceased person whom the applicant wished to establish with certainty was his biological father

Private life – Scope – Proceedings to establish biological ties – Refusal to authorise a DNA test on a deceased person whom the applicant wished to establish with certainty was his biological father – Fair balance between general interest and interests of the individual – Right to an identity – Right to establish parentage – Moral and mental suffering – Absence of religious or philosophical reasons for

opposing exhumation – Absence of interference with private life of deceased – No effect on inheritance rights or on entries in civil registers

Jäggi v. Switzerland, 2006-X

Procedures used to strip-search visitors to a prison

Private life – Physical and moral integrity – Procedures used to strip-search visitors to a prison – Legitimate aim – Prevention of crime and disorder – Necessary in a democratic society – Protection of dignity – Failure to adhere rigorously to procedures

Wainwright v. the United Kingdom, 2006-X

Reproduction of an extract from a personal medical document in a divorce decision

Private life – Reproduction of an extract from a personal medical document in a divorce decision – Interference – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Importance of protecting personal data – Information of a medical nature – Respect for confidentiality of health data – Domestic legislation must afford appropriate safeguards – Limit to judicial interference with private sphere in divorce proceedings

L.L. v. France, 2006-XI

Impossibility of challenging a judicial declaration of paternity

Private life – Positive obligations – Protection of the interests of children – Impossibility of challenging a judicial declaration of paternity – Proportionality

Paulík v. Slovakia, 2006-XI (extracts)

Monitoring of public servant's communications at work

Private life – Correspondence – Monitoring of public servant's communications at work – Scope of protection – Absence of warning that communications were liable to monitoring – Reasonable expectation of privacy – Interference – Collection and storage of personal information without employee's knowledge – In accordance with the law – Foreseeability – Absence of inherent power to monitor – Absence of regulatory framework

Copland v. the United Kingdom, 2007-I

Refusal to perform therapeutic abortion despite risk of serious deterioration of mother's eyesight if pregnancy continued to term

Respect for private life – Refusal to perform therapeutic abortion despite risk of serious deterioration of mother's eyesight if pregnancy continued to term – Positive obligations – Margin of appreciation – Absence of transparent and clearly defined procedures for determining whether preconditions of legal abortion were satisfied – Effective respect for physical integrity of pregnant women – Insufficiency of retrospective legal measures

Tysiāc v. Poland, 2007-I

Failure to introduce implementing legislation to enable a transsexual to undergo full gender reassignment surgery and change his gender identification in official documents

Private life – Positive obligations – Failure to introduce implementing legislation to enable a transsexual to undergo full gender reassignment surgery and change his gender identification in official documents – Respect for human dignity and quality of life – Preoperative transsexual who had undergone partial gender reassignment surgery – Legislative gap – Budgetary burden on the State not likely to be excessive – Proportionality – Fair balance to be struck between competing interests – Margin of appreciation

L. v. Lithuania, 2007-IV

Order depriving borderline mental patient of legal capacity

Private life – Interference – Order depriving borderline mental patient of legal capacity – Absence of procedural safeguards – Inadequate reasons – Inability to challenge order other than through guardian – Absence of statutory framework covering borderline cases – Proportionality

Shtukaturov v. Russia, 2008-II

Refusal by Internet service provider to disclose identity of person wanted for placing an indecent advertisement about a minor

Private life – Refusal by Internet service provider to disclose identity of person wanted for placing an indecent advertisement about a minor – Positive obligations – Protection of physical and moral welfare of persons at risk – Requirement for criminal-law response and effective deterrence – Limitations on freedom of expression and privacy of telecommunications and Internet users – Absence of legislative framework for reconciling competing interests

K.U. v. Finland, 2008-V

Placement on national sex offenders register for a maximum period of thirty years running from completion of prison sentence

Respect for private life – Placement on national sex offenders register for a maximum period of thirty years running from completion of prison sentence – Necessary in a democratic society – Prevention of crime – Prevention of disorder – Proportionality – Personal data – Time-limit on retention of data – Independent judicial review of justification for retention of data – Access to register subject to rules – Duty of confidentiality on authorities with access to register – Margin of appreciation – Fair balance between competing private and public interests

Gardel v. France, 2009-V

Power to stop and search individuals without reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing

Private life – Power to stop and search individuals without reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing – Interference – Public nature of search – Absence of implied consent to search – In accordance with the law – Widely drafted statutory powers to authorise stop and search – Broad discretion afforded to police officers to exercise stop and search powers – Statistical evidence – Practical limitations on effective judicial review – Absence of adequate legal safeguards to avoid clear risk of arbitrariness

Gillan and Quinton v. the United Kingdom, 2010-I (extracts)

GPS surveillance of suspected terrorists

Private life – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Safeguards against abuse – Protection of national security and public safety – Prevention of crime – Proportionality – GPS surveillance of suspected terrorists

Uzun v. Germany, 2010-VI (extracts)

Refusal to provide medication necessary for the suicide of a person suffering from mental illness

Private life – Positive obligations – Refusal to provide medication necessary for the suicide of a person suffering from mental illness – Obtaining lethal substance without medical prescription – Lack of European consensus on decriminalisation of assisted suicide – Margin of appreciation – Protection of the individual and his or her free will – Effective access to a medical assessment

Haas v. Switzerland, 2011-I

Lack of effective access to diagnostic services

Respect for private life – Positive obligations – Lack of effective access to diagnostic services – Practical implementation of domestic law in discordance with theoretical right to lawful abortion in Poland

R.R. v. Poland, 2011-III (extracts)

Violence among pupils in school

Inhuman and degrading treatment – Respect for private life – Violence among pupils in school – Positive obligations – Requirement of adequate legal framework for the protection of vulnerable groups – Vague and unspecified allegations of violence insufficient to trigger State's positive obligations

Durđević v. Croatia, 2011-V (extracts)

Forced administration of therapeutic drugs in mental institution

Respect for private life – Forced administration of therapeutic drugs in mental institution – Interference with personal integrity – In accordance with the law – Absence of judicial scrutiny or mechanism for ruling on lawfulness or proportionality of measure – Lack of adequate safeguards against arbitrariness

X v. Finland, 2012-IV (extracts)

Refusal to allow the use of an unauthorised experimental drug for medical treatment

Positive obligations – Respect for private life – Personal autonomy and quality of life – Refusal to allow the use of an unauthorised experimental drug for medical treatment – Absence of consensus among Contracting States regarding use of unauthorised medicinal products – Solution tilting the balance decisively in favour of medicine risk avoidance rather than potential therapeutic benefit within State's wide margin of appreciation regarding matters of health-care policy

Hristozov and Others v. Bulgaria, 2012-V (extracts)

Obligation for lawyers, when not acting in their defence capacity, to report suspicions of illegal money-laundering activities on the part of their clients

Correspondence – Private life – Obligation for lawyers, when not acting in their defence capacity, to report suspicions of illegal money-laundering activities on the part of their clients – Continuing interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Application of a European Directive – Choice of means and manner of application – No referral for preliminary ruling – Presumption of equivalent

protection not applicable – General interest – Limited interference with lawyers' professional privilege – Proportionality

Michaud v. France, 2012-VI

Dismissal of a judge for “breach of oath” in absence of consistent interpretation of that offence and of requisite procedural safeguards

Respect for private life – Dismissal of a judge for “breach of oath” in absence of consistent interpretation of that offence and of requisite procedural safeguards – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Safeguards against abuse – Principle of proportionate application of disciplinary sanctions on judges – Lack of independent and impartial judicial review

Oleksandr Volkov v. Ukraine, 2013-I

Refusal to recognise acquisition of nationality by birth

Private life – Nationality – Denial of nationality – Refusal to recognise acquisition of nationality by child born to parents of uncertain nationality – Consequences of denial of nationality

Karassev v. Finland (dec.), 1999-II

Obligation on motorists to submit to a breath test

Private life – Interference – Prevention of crime – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Road safety

Tirado Ortiz and Lozano Martin v. Spain (dec.), 1999-V

Surveillance of the applicant by private detectives instructed by an insurance company

Private life – Surveillance of the applicant by private detectives instructed by an insurance company – Positive obligations – Interference with personality rights – Thorough analysis by the domestic courts of the competing interests – Aim pursued – Overriding interest of the insurer

Verliere v. Switzerland (dec.), 2001-VII

Dismissal of civil servant for having collaborated with the GDR Ministry of National Security and having denied the fact after German reunification

Private life – Dismissal of civil servant for having collaborated with the GDR Ministry of National Security and having denied the fact after German reunification – Interference – In accordance with the law – Accessibility – Foreseeability – Prevention of disorder – Protection of rights and freedoms of

others – Conduct capable of destroying authorities' trust – Exceptional context of German reunification – Proportionality

Knauth v. Germany (dec.), 2001-XII

Lack of facilities for disabled access to buildings open to the public

Private life – Positive obligations – Lack of facilities for disabled access to buildings open to the public – Relations between individuals – Interpersonal relations of broad and indeterminate scope – Direct and immediate link between measures requested by applicant and the latter's private life – Exceptional circumstances causing interference with right to personal development and right to establish and develop relationships with others

Zehnalová and Zehnal v. the Czech Republic (dec.), 2002-V

Lack of assistance for disabled voter at polling station

Applicability – Respect for private life – Positive obligations – Exercise of civic duties – Striking of fair balance between competing interests – Margin of appreciation – Lack of assistance for disabled voter at polling station – Allocation of limited State resources – Isolated incident – New legislation providing for adequate access for the disabled to polling stations

Mółka v. Poland (dec.), 2006-IV

Exhumation of corpse for genetic examination

Respect for private life – Interference – Exhumation of corpse for genetic examination – No interference with the rights of the estate or those of the deceased

Estate of Kresten Filtenborg Mortensen v. Denmark (dec.), 2006-V

Unforeseeable harmful effects of surgery on account of psychosomatic tendencies not known prior to operation

Respect for private life – Unforeseeable harmful effects of surgery on account of psychosomatic tendencies not known prior to operation – Positive obligations – Obligation on doctor to inform patients only of foreseeable consequences of medical intervention

Trocellier v. France (dec.), 2006-XIV

Taking of a DNA sample from a convicted person and storage of his DNA profile in a national database for thirty years

Respect for private life – Taking of a DNA sample from a convicted person and storage of his DNA profile in a national database for thirty years – Interference – Prescribed

by law – Necessary in a democratic society – Prevention of crime – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others

Van der Velden v. the Netherlands (dec.), 2006-XV

PRIVATE AND FAMILY LIFE

Separation of long-term immigrant from his partner and children due to imposition of ten-year exclusion order following criminal conviction

Respect for private and family life – Expulsion – Separation of long-term immigrant from his partner and children due to imposition of ten-year exclusion order following criminal conviction – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Public safety – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Proportionality – Nature and seriousness of offence – Length of applicant's stay in the host country – Applicant's criminal propensities – Length of couple's family life – Young age and adaptability of children – Possibility for children to return regularly to the respondent State

Üner v. the Netherlands [GC], 2006-XII

Failure by the applicants to act upon respondent Government's proposals to regularise their immigration status

Private and family life – Immigration status – Failure by the applicants to act upon respondent Government's proposals to regularise their immigration status – Absence of uncertainty – Problems largely of applicants' own making – No bars on employment or education – Absence of real and imminent risk of deportation – Adequate and sufficient proposals – Matter resolved

Sisojeva and Others v. Latvia (striking out) [GC], 2007-I

Refusal to grant artificial insemination facilities to prisoner

Applicability – Private life – Family life – Positive obligations – Refusal to grant artificial insemination facilities to prisoner – Convention rights retained on imprisonment – Artificial insemination applicants' only realistic hope of having a child together – Rehabilitative aim of imprisonment – State's obligation to ensure effective protection of children – Failure to strike a fair balance between competing public and private interests – No European consensus – Margin of appreciation – Proportionality – Inordinately high burden of proof placed on a prisoner requesting artificial insemination facilities – No proportionality assessment of a restriction in an individual case

Dickson v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2007-V

Exclusion order imposed on applicant on account of convictions for essentially non-violent offences committed while he was a minor

Private life – Family life – Exclusion order imposed on applicant on account of convictions for essentially non-violent offences committed while he was a minor – Interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Obligation to reintegrate into society – Child’s best interests – Length of lawful residence – Social, cultural and family ties with host country – Lack of such ties with country of origin – Length of exclusion order not decisive

Maslov v. Austria [GC], 2008-III

Prohibition on the use of ova and sperm from donors for *in vitro* fertilisation

Private and family life – Prohibition on the use of ova and sperm from donors for *in vitro* fertilisation – Interference – Protection of health – Protection of morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Absence of sufficiently established European consensus – Sensitive moral and ethical issues raised by fast-moving medical and scientific developments – State’s wide margin of appreciation – Careful and cautious approach adopted by legislator – Need to keep artificial procreation under constant review by States

S.H. and Others v. Austria [GC], 2011-V

Failure to regulate residence of persons who had been “erased” from the register of permanent residents following Slovenia’s independence

Respect for private and family life – Failure to regulate residence of persons who had been “erased” from the register of permanent residents following Slovenia’s independence – In accordance with the law – Unforeseeability of measure – Necessary in a democratic society – Protection of interests of national security – Formation of corpus of citizens – Legal vacuum depriving long-term legal immigrants of residence status

Kurić and Others v. Slovenia [GC], 2012-IV (extracts)

Refusal to give applicant female identity number following sex change unless marriage was transformed into a civil partnership

Respect for private and family life – Refusal to give applicant female identity number following sex change unless marriage was transformed into a civil partnership – Positive obligation to recognise change of gender undergone by post-operative transsexuals – Change of gender in context of pre-existing marriage – Same-sex

marriage – Possibility of converting existing marriage into registered partnership – Margin of appreciation – Proportionality

Hämäläinen v. Finland [GC], 2014-IV

Temporary exclusion order imposed on a foreign national after long period of residence

Private life – Family life – Temporary exclusion order imposed on a foreign national after long period of residence – Interference – Right to regulate the entry, stay and expulsion of foreign nationals – Conviction for drug trafficking – Prevention of crime – Prevention of disorder – Protection of health – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Seriousness of the offences – Links with the country of origin

Baghli v. France, 1999-VIII

Delay in returning deceased child's body to parents

Private life – Family life – Delay in returning deceased child's body to parents – Interference – Prevention of crime – Purposes of inquiry – Fair balance

Pannullo and Forte v. France, 2001-X

Detention regime in maximum-security prison

Private and family life – Detention regime in maximum-security prison – Strict limitations on social contacts – Restrictions on family visits – Interference – Prevention of disorder and crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Purpose of security measures – Proportionality

Van der Ven v. the Netherlands, 2003-II

Adequacy of measures taken to reunite a deported alien with his family

Private life – Family life – Adequacy of measures taken to reunite a deported alien with his family – Finding of violation by the Court – Positive obligations – Permanent territorial exclusion – Requirement of expedition – Compulsory residence order

Mehemi v. France (no. 2), 2003-IV

Use of a dangerous substance near housing

Applicability – Activity entailing threats to environment and life of local residents – Private and family life – Positive obligations – Decision by State with bearing on environmental matters – Decision-making process – Procedural

guarantees – National legislation providing procedural guarantees to applicants – Actions by authorities depriving existing procedural guarantees of any useful effect

Taşkın and Others v. Turkey, 2004-X

Living conditions of Roma villagers following police involvement in the killing of members of their community and the destruction of their homes

Private life – Family life – Home – Living conditions of Roma villagers following police involvement in the killing of members of their community and the destruction of their homes – Direct repercussions of the acts of State agents – Police involvement in criminal acts – Failure to institute criminal proceedings – Claims for damages refused or delayed – Discriminatory remarks – Houses not rebuilt or uninhabitable – Feelings of insecurity perpetuated by authorities' general attitude

Moldovan and Others v. Romania (no. 2), 2005-VII (extracts)

Widow not permitted to transfer late husband's ashes from one family burial plot to another

Family life – Private life – Widow not permitted to transfer late husband's ashes from one family burial plot to another – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Protection of morals – Protection of the rights of others – Sanctity of graves – Wide margin of appreciation – Proportionality – Burial at initial location seemingly in accordance with wishes of deceased – Widow not precluded from being buried with her late husband – Relevant and sufficient reasons given by the domestic authorities

Ellī Poluhas Dödsbo v. Sweden, 2006-I

Inability to challenge legal presumption of paternity

Private life – Family life – Inability to challenge legal presumption of paternity – Positive obligations – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation – Protection of legal certainty of family relationships – Biological and social reality – Scientific evidence

Mizzi v. Malta, 2006-I (extracts)

Refusal to allow unlawfully resident foreigner to remain in the Netherlands in order to share in the care of her Dutch child born there

Private and family life – Positive obligations – Refusal to allow unlawfully resident foreigner to remain in the Netherlands in order to share in the care of her Dutch child born there – Failure to abide by immigration rules – Illegal residence at the time of the child's birth – Economic well-being of the country – Interests

of the child – Close ties between child and mother – Young age of the child – Impossibility for foreign mother having no parental authority to take her child abroad – Impossibility for foreign mother to maintain regular contact with her child if expelled to her country of origin – Excessive formalism – Failure to strike a fair balance between different interests at stake

Rodrigues da Silva and Hoogkamer v. the Netherlands, 2006-I

Deportation and ten-year exclusion order on grounds of national security

Private life – Family life – Deportation and ten-year exclusion order on grounds of national security – Alien – Interference – In accordance with the law – Foreseeability – Level of precision – Guarantees against arbitrariness – Adversarial proceedings before a review body – Deportation order based on general ground – Lack of offence – Non-communication of deportation order prior to enforcement – Purely formal judicial review – Minimum degree of protection by authorities against arbitrariness not attained

Lupsa v. Romania, 2006-VII

Forcible entry and search of house by police without taking proper steps to verify identity of the residents

Private and family life – Interference – Forcible entry and search of house by police without taking proper steps to verify identity of the residents – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant reasons – Sufficient reasons – Absence of malice not decisive – Failure to take reasonable and available precautions – Proportionality

Keegan v. the United Kingdom, 2006-X

Conditions of detention and deportation of an unaccompanied five-year-old alien

Family life – Private life – Five-year-old alien minor travelling alone placed in detention and deported without being allowed to join her refugee mother overseas – Interference – National security – Economic well-being of the country – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Positive obligations – Obligation to facilitate family reunification – Obligation to provide care for unaccompanied minors

Mubilanzila Mayeka and Kaniki Mitunga v. Belgium, 2006-XI

Legislation preventing patients from photocopying their medical records

Private and family life – Positive obligations – Legislation preventing patients from photocopying their medical records – Data protection – Access to

information – Requirement of compelling reasons for denying access to medical data – Protection of information from abuse – Margin of appreciation

K.H. and Others v. Slovakia, 2009-II (extracts)

Dismissal of a Church employee on ground of adultery

Private and family life – Dismissal of a Church employee on ground of adultery – Autonomy of religious communities – State's positive obligations fulfilled by system of employment tribunals and a constitutional court to review decisions – Consideration of both ordinary domestic law and Church law – Churches' marital fidelity requirements not inconsistent with general principles of law – Brevity of employment tribunals' reasoning – Employing Church's interests weighed only against the applicant's interest in keeping his post – Employing Church's view regarded as decisive – Proportionality – Applicant's individual right in opposition to a collective right – Employment relationship based on civil law without special ecclesiastical status – Limited opportunities of finding a new job outside the employing Church

Schiith v. Germany, 2010-V

Absence of safeguards giving special consideration to the reproductive health of the applicant as a Roma woman

Private and family life – Positive obligations – Absence of safeguards giving special consideration to the reproductive health of the applicant as a Roma woman – Serious medical intervention without the patient's informed consent

V.C. v. Slovakia, 2011-V (extracts)

Statutory ban on returning bodies of terrorists for burial

Private life – Family life – Statutory ban on returning bodies of terrorists for burial – Prevention of disorder – Public safety – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Authorities entitled to act with a view to avoiding disturbances related to burial of terrorists, minimising the informational and psychological impact of terrorist acts on the population and protecting the feelings of relatives of victims of terrorism – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation – Applicants denied any opportunity to pay last respects to their deceased relatives – Automatic nature of the ban – Absence of individualised assessment of circumstances of each of the deceased and their families

Sabanchiyeva and Others v. Russia, 2013-III (extracts)

Refusal to recognise under French law parent-child relationship legally established in the United States between children born as the result of a surrogacy arrangement and the couple having recourse to that method

Private life – Family life – Refusal to recognise under French law parent-child relationship lawfully established in the United States between children born as the result of a surrogacy arrangement and the couple having recourse to that method – Legitimate aims – Protection of health – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Deterring nationals from going abroad to obtain method of assisted reproduction prohibited on national territory – Lack of European consensus – Margin of appreciation – Surmountable practical consequences for family life – Fair balance – Lack of recognition of nationality – Undermining of identity of children within French society – Children's best interests – Failure to recognise or establish biological parentage – Infringement of respect for private life

Mennesson v. France, 2014-III (extracts)

Deportation of a foreign national after a lengthy period of residence

Private life – Family life – Deportation – Right to control entry, residence and expulsion of non-nationals – Deportation of a foreign national after lengthy period of residence – Interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Seriousness of offences committed – Links with country of origin

Benrachid v. France (dec.), 1999-II

Application of the principle that male heirs take precedence over female heirs in the transmission of nobiliary titles

Private and family life – Scope of application of Article 8 – Nobiliary titles not to be equated with a person's surname or first names – Dispute concerning nobiliary titles outside the scope of application of Article 8

De la Cierva Osorio de Moscoso and Others v. Spain (dec.), 1999-VII

Refusal to grant statutory surviving spouse's pension to survivor of homosexual couple

Family life – Private life – Long-term homosexual relationship not falling within scope of right to respect for family life – Lack of broad consensus between member States with regard to legal recognition of homosexual partnerships – Long-term homosexual relationship falling within scope of right to respect for private life – Margin of appreciation

Mata Estevez v. Spain (dec.), 2001-VI

Termination of pregnancy despite father's opposition

Private life – Family life – Limited scope of potential father's rights with regard to abortion – Mother's rights – Mother's health

Boso v. Italy (dec.), 2002-VII

Transcription of a surname of foreign origin in a passport

Private life – Family life – Transcription of a surname of foreign origin in a passport – Rules governing the use of surnames – Original spelling of a surname of foreign origin altered in identity papers owing to the application of the phonetic and grammatical rules of the national language – Extent of the difference between the two written forms – Interference – Measures to protect a national language – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – References to surnames and forenames of foreign origin in official documents – Margin of appreciation – Phonetic transliteration and grammatical adaptation – Proportionality

Mentzen v. Latvia (dec.), 2004-XII

Allegedly insufficient public funding of medical treatment and related transportation, causing the applicants suffering and jeopardising their lives

Applicability – Right to respect for private and family life – Positive obligations – Allegedly insufficient public funding of medical treatment and related transportation, causing the applicants suffering and jeopardising their lives – Access to medical care – Allocation of limited State resources – Margin of appreciation – Striking of a fair balance between competing interests

Pentiacova and Others v. Moldova (dec.), 2005-I

Former Soviet army officer refused extension of his residence permit in view of his voluntary undertaking to relocate to Russia

Family life – Private life – Aid programme run by the United States of America aimed at facilitating the withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia – Former Soviet army officer refused extension of his residence permit in view of his voluntary undertaking to relocate to Russia – Waiver of Convention right made in an unequivocal manner and without prejudice to any important public interest

Nagula v. Estonia (dec.), 2005-XII (extracts)

Rule making full recognition of a married applicant's newly acquired gender conditional on the dissolution of the marriage

Private life – Family life – Post-operative transsexuals – Transsexual already married at time of gender reassignment surgery – Gender recognition certificates – Rule making full recognition of a married applicant's newly acquired gender conditional on the dissolution of the marriage – Positive obligation – Margin of appreciation – Bar on same-sex marriages – Alternative means of continuing relationship – Civil partnership – Fair balance

Parry v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2006-XV

FAMILY LIFE

Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock

Family life – *De facto* family – Natural father – Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Balance between interests of parent and interests of child – Welfare of child – Involvement of parent in decision-making process – Failure to obtain expert psychological opinion in proceedings relating to access to child – Absence of oral hearing in appeal proceedings relating to access to child

Elsholz v. Germany [GC], 2000-VIII

Temporary placement of children in a home by social services and prolonged absence of contact with their mother

Family life – Temporary placement of children in a home by social services and prolonged absence of contact with their mother – Interference – Protection of health – Protection of morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Suspension of parental authority – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Ultimate aim: reuniting the parents with their children – Prolonged absence of contact between mother and her children in temporary care – Duty of courts to exercise constant vigilance in the implementation of decisions concerning the renewal of contact between parents and children – Delays in execution of judicial decisions concerning contact between a mother and her children in temporary care – Negative attitude of the social services to the parents – Obligation to give reasons for placing children in care – No maximum time-limit for keeping children in care

Scozzari and Giunta v. Italy [GC], 2000-VIII

Taking of child into care and adequacy of parent's involvement in decision-making process

Family life – Taking of child into care and adequacy of parent's involvement in decision-making process – In accordance with the law – Protection of health and morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Strong suspicion of sexual abuse of child – Error in identification of abuser – Proportionality – Restrictions on parent's access to child – Adequacy of parent's involvement in decision-making process – Parent's right of access to information on which care order is based – Positive obligations – Responsibility of social services – Role of courts

T.P. and K.M. v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2001-V

Taking of children into care and restrictions on parents' access

Family life – Taking of children into care on emergency basis – Placement of children in public care – Restrictions on parents' access to children in care – Existence of family life – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Urgent situations requiring immediate removal of children from parents – Removal of child from mother immediately after birth – Obligation of authorities to consider options which minimise intrusion into family life – Proportionality – Involvement of parents in decision-making process – Obligation of authorities to promote family reunification – Obligation of authorities to review family situation periodically

K. and T. v. Finland [GC], 2001-VII

Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock

Family life – Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant reasons – Examination of sufficiency of reasons – Involvement of parent in decision-making process relating to access – Opportunity to present arguments – Question whether appropriate for court to hear child dependent on circumstances – Reliability of expert opinion – Margin of appreciation

Sabin v. Germany [GC], 2003-VIII

Family life – Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant reasons – Examination of sufficiency of reasons – Involvement of parent in decision-making process relating to access – Opportunity to present arguments – Question whether appropriate for

court to obtain psychological opinion dependent on circumstances – Evaluation by domestic courts of child’s attitude to access – Margin of appreciation

Sommerfeld v. Germany [GC], 2003-VIII (extracts)

Compensation on account of a disability

Family life – Reorganisation of disability compensation system – Loss of a substantial portion of damages claimed – Retrospective legislation – Protection of health – Protection of morals – Wide margin of appreciation

Maurice v. France (just satisfaction – striking out) [GC], 2006-IX

Order for return of child, accompanied by mother, to father’s country of residence from which it had been wrongfully removed

Family life – Order for return of child, accompanied by mother, to father’s country of residence from which it had been wrongfully removed – Margin of appreciation – Proportionality of expulsion measure concerning a child who has settled in host country – Acquisition of nationality of country in which minor has continually resided for about four years – Risk of serious consequences for child if uprooted – Threat of criminal sanctions for mother in the event of her return – Doubts about father’s capacities to take care of child – Best interests of child – Proportionality

Neulinger and Shuruk v. Switzerland [GC], 2010-V

Lack of an in-depth examination of all relevant factors in reaching a decision on the return of a child in application of the Hague Convention

Family life – Procedural requirements – Lack of an in-depth examination of all relevant factors in reaching a decision on the return of a child in application of the Hague Convention – Necessary in a democratic society – Margin of appreciation – Best interests of the child – “Grave risk” to the child within the meaning of Article 13 (b) of the Hague Convention – Harmonious interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Hague Convention

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Placement of child in children’s home and restrictions on father’s access

Family life – Placement of a child in a children’s home and restrictions on father’s access – Interference – In accordance with the law – Protection of the rights of others – Measures to remove a child – Child’s interests – Fair balance between the interests of the child and those of her father – Margin of appreciation – Arrangements for producing an expert psychological opinion – Parent’s role in the decision-making process – Fairness in the decision-making process

Buscemi v. Italy, 1999-VI

Father refused custody of child on the ground of his homosexuality

Family life – Child custody award – Interference – Protection of health – Protection of rights and liberties of others

Salgueiro da Silva Mouta v. Portugal, 1999-IX

Adequacy of steps taken to ensure return of children to their mother in accordance with court decisions

Family life – Positive obligations – Adequacy of steps taken to ensure return of children to their mother in accordance with court decisions – Procedural requirements in Article 8 – Right to parental responsibility and return of children – Requirement of expeditiousness – The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction – Margin of appreciation – No coercive measures or preparatory contacts with a view to children's return

Ignaccolo-Zenide v. Romania, 2000-I

Expulsion of father while proceedings concerning access to child pending

Family life – Expulsion of father while proceedings concerning access to child pending – Existence of family life between parent and child following divorce – Positive obligations – Interference – Economic well-being of the country – Necessary in a democratic society – Involvement of parent in decision-making process – Lack of coordination between different authorities

Ciliz v. the Netherlands, 2000-VIII

Adequacy of measures taken to enforce parent's right of access to child

Family life – Positive obligations – Adequacy of measures taken to enforce parent's right of access to child – Coercive measures – Conduct of parent seeking enforcement of right of access – Margin of appreciation

Nuutinen v. Finland, 2000-VIII

Exclusion from inheritance of child born out of wedlock, due to non-retroactivity of legitimation

Family life – Children born out of wedlock – Absence of legal relationship between child born out of wedlock and natural father – Absence of effect on family life between child and mother

Camp and Bourimi v. the Netherlands, 2000-X

Separation of foreign national from spouse due to refusal to renew residence permit following criminal conviction

Respect for family life – Expulsion – Separation of foreign national from spouse due to refusal to renew residence permit following criminal conviction – Interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Principles applicable to cases involving separation of family as a result of expulsion – Nature and seriousness of offence – Conduct of applicant during period since commission of offence – Examination of possibility of establishing family life elsewhere

Boultif v. Switzerland, 2001-IX

Withdrawal of parental responsibility on the ground that the parents did not have the intellectual capacity to bring up their children properly

Family life – Withdrawal of parental responsibility on the ground that the parents did not have the intellectual capacity to bring up their children properly – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Conflicting expert reports – No allegation of ill-treatment or neglect – Positive obligations – Obligation to facilitate the reunion of the family – Obligation to examine less radical alternatives to separation – Restrictions leading to increased alienation – Relevance and sufficient reasons

Kutzner v. Germany, 2002-I

Taking of child into care at birth and subsequent freeing for adoption

Family life – Taking of child into care at birth – Interference – Protection of health – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Involvement of parents in decision-making process – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Removal of child from mother immediately after birth – Limited capacity and opportunity to cause harm – Absence of suspicion of life-threatening conduct – Lack of legal representation in proceedings concerning care and freeing for adoption orders – Lack of time between making of care order and making of freeing for adoption order

P., C. and S. v. the United Kingdom, 2002-VI

Refusal to allow natural father to recognise child

Family life – Refusal to allow natural father to recognise child – Existence of family life – Period of cohabitation and subsequent contacts – Interference – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Continued

enjoyment of family life through access – Paramount interests of child – Assessment by domestic courts of child’s best interests

Yousef v. the Netherlands, 2002-VIII

Taking into care on emergency basis of child believed to be at risk

Family life – Taking into care on emergency basis of child believed to be at risk – Interference – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Involvement of parents in decision-making process – Emergency care measures – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Absence of opportunity to express views prior to making of provisional care order

Venema v. the Netherlands, 2002-X

Adequacy of measures taken to secure a child’s return to its mother as required by court orders

Family life – Positive obligations – Adequacy of measures taken to secure a child’s return to its mother as required by court orders – Right to custody and sole parental responsibility – The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction – Implementation of the rights to custody and parental responsibility – Margin of appreciation – Lack of measures to secure the child’s return – Inadequacy of the applicable domestic legislation

Iglesias Gil and A.U.I. v. Spain, 2003-V

Adequacy of measures taken to reunite a child with his father

Family life – Positive obligations – Adequacy of measures taken to reunite a child with his father – Exclusive custody and parental responsibility rights over the child – The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction – Convention on the Rights of the Child – Requirement of expedition – Behaviour of the parent who abducted the child – Absence of coercive measures – Margin of appreciation – Effect of passage of time for parent separated from child – Young child

Maire v. Portugal, 2003-VII

Withdrawal of parental rights on emergency basis and prohibition on access to children

Family life – Withdrawal of parental rights on emergency basis and prohibition on access to children – Interference – Protection of health or morals – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Abrupt removal

of children and placement in foster homes – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Removal of child from mother immediately after birth – Involvement of parents in decision-making process – Urgent situations requiring immediate removal of children from parents – Lack of urgency – Lack of compelling reasons for removing new-born baby – Proportionality

Haase v. Germany, 2004-III (extracts)

Refusal to grant right of access to father of a child born out of wedlock

Family life – Refusal to grant right of access to father of a child born out of wedlock – Failure of father to recognise formally child born out of wedlock – Lack of cohabitation – Biological kinship between parent and child without existence of close personal relationship – Child born from genuine relationship – Factors establishing existence of “family life”

Lebbink v. the Netherlands, 2004-IV

Children lawfully adopted abroad not handed over to adoptive parents

Family life – Adoption – Children lawfully adopted abroad not handed over to adoptive parents – Bonds amounting to “family life” – Adoptive parents having no close ties with children adopted abroad – Right of adoptive parents to develop relationship with adopted children – Positive obligations – Treaties on intercountry adoption – Conflict of interests between adopted children and their adoptive parents – Refusal of adopted children to join their adoptive family – Limits on the State’s obligation to ensure enforcement of judicial decisions – Importance of adopted child’s best interests

Pini and Others v. Romania, 2004-V (extracts)

Contact between a person held in police custody and his family

Respect for family life – Positive obligations – Contact between a person held in police custody and his family – Possibility of communicating with family promptly after arrest – Absence of legislation on notification of detainees’ families

Sarı and Çolak v. Turkey, 2006-V (extracts)

No remedy for preventing or punishing international child abduction obstructing the enforcement of a custody order

Respect for family life – No remedy for preventing or punishing international child abduction obstructing the enforcement of a custody order – Positive obligations

Bajrami v. Albania, 2006-XIV (extracts)

Continuing failure to provide credible information concerning fate of newborn baby in hospital care

Respect for family life – Positive obligations – Effective investigation – Continuing failure to provide credible information concerning fate of newborn baby in hospital care – Lack of effective legislation and procedures governing authorities' obligations in such circumstances

Zorica Jovanović v. Serbia, 2013-II

Compulsory disclosure of adverse expert opinion obtained by parent in child care proceedings

Family life – Child care – Compulsory disclosure of expert opinion obtained by parent in child care proceedings – Interference – Protection of parent's rights in child care proceedings – Welfare of child in child care proceedings – Protection of health or morals – Protection of the rights of others

L. v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 1999-VI

Refusal of putative father's request for determination of biological paternity of child born during the mother's marriage to another man

Family life – Natural father – Examination of bond between natural father and child – Private life – Presumption of husband's paternity of child born in wedlock – Refusal of putative father's request for determination of biological paternity of child born during the mother's marriage to another man – Balance between interests of child born in wedlock and interest of putative father to have his paternity of the child determined

Nylund v. Finland (dec.), 1999-VI

Children of a German national living in Germany ordered by the French and German courts to live with their mother in France

Family life – Interference – Children of a German national living in Germany ordered by the French and German courts to live with their mother in France – Prescribed by law – The Hague Convention – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Children's interests – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Determination of place of residence of children whose parents have separated and live in different countries – Parallel proceedings concerning the same case in two different countries

Tiemann v. France and Germany (dec.), 2000-IV

Deportation of wife and child of detainee, preventing them from visiting him in prison

Family life – Deportation of wife and child of detainee, preventing them from visiting him in prison – Positive obligations – Effect of place of detention on maintenance of family life – Organisational difficulties – Possibility for family to communicate with prisoner from abroad

Selmani v. Switzerland (dec.), 2001-VII

Child taken abroad by one of the parents

Family life – Positive obligations – Child taken abroad by one of the parents – The Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction – Conditions of application – Parent having “rights of custody”

Guichard v. France (dec.), 2003-X

Special prison regime designed to sever all ties between the prisoner and his original criminal environment and entailing restrictions on family visits

Family life – Special prison regime applied to ex-Mafia member – Restrictions on visits by family members – Interference – In accordance with the law – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society

Bastone v. Italy (dec.), 2005-II (extracts)

Decision taken under the Hague Convention ordering a child wrongfully removed to be returned to Israel

Family life – Child taken abroad by one of the parents – Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction – Decision taken under the Hague Convention ordering a child wrongfully removed to be returned to Israel

Eskinazi and Chelouche v. Turkey (dec.), 2005-XIII (extracts)

Impending expulsion of Christians to country where they allegedly faced persecution on religious grounds

Family life – Impending expulsion of adult children from country where their parents and siblings lived – Relationships between adult relatives – Absence of dependency beyond normal emotional ties

Z. and T. v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2006-III

HOME

Refusal of planning permission for Gypsy to station mobile home permanently on her own land

Home – Private life – Family life – Refusal of planning permission for Gypsy to station mobile home permanently on her own land – Gypsy lifestyle – Interference – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Planning policy – Margin of appreciation – Protection of the environment – Protection of minorities – Positive obligations – Establishment of home in violation of the law – Availability of suitable alternative accommodation – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Proportionality

Chapman v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2001-I

Searches and seizures of documents at companies' registered offices, branches or other premises

Home – Searches and seizures of documents at companies' registered offices, branches or other premises – Scope of concept of “home” – Dynamic interpretation of the Convention – Juristic person – Applicability of Article 8 to a company's registered office, branch or other business premises – 1945 Ordinance on detection, prosecution and punishment of offences against legislation on trade and industry – Interference – Country's economic well-being – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Margin of appreciation – Juristic person's business premises – Adequacy and effectiveness of safeguards against abuse

Société Colas Est and Others v. France, 2002-III

Eviction from flat after death of partner who held tenancy rights to the flat

Respect for home – Home – Eviction from flat after death of partner who held tenancy rights to the flat

Prokopovich v. Russia, 2004-XI (extracts)

Decision to transfer flat to new occupant and subsequent proceedings to set that decision aside

Home – Private and family life – Positive obligations – Decision to transfer flat to new occupant and subsequent proceedings to set that decision aside – Length of proceedings – Conduct of the courts – Governmental organisation – Conduct of the authorities – Conditions for recovering possession of a flat – Fair balance between competing interests

Novoseletskiy v. Ukraine, 2005-II (extracts)

Search of residential and business premises in order to investigate traffic offence committed by a third party

Home – Search of residential and business premises in order to investigate traffic offence committed by a third party – Content and scope of search and seizure order – Proportionality of the interference

Buck v. Germany, 2005-IV

Transfer of population, including members of a national minority, from one village to another

Private life – Home – Transfer of population, including members of a national minority, from one village to another – National minority – No rights applying specifically to national minorities – Interference – Seriousness of the interference – Economic well-being of the country – Necessary in a democratic society – Margin of appreciation – Measures for protecting cultural identity of national minorities

Noack and Others v. Germany (dec.), 2000-VI

Abolition of specially protected tenancies of privately owned flats

Home – No right to buy a particular home – Landlord and tenant – Abolition of specially protected tenancies of privately owned flats – Alternative means of protecting tenancies – Absence of direct effect of legislation on applicants

Strunjak and Others v. Croatia (dec.), 2000-X

Inapplicability of Article 8 to buildings housing livestock

Applicability – Home – Farm enterprise – Business premises – Inapplicability of Article 8 to buildings housing livestock

Leveau and Fillon v. France (dec.), 2005-X

HOME AND PRIVATE LIFE

Noise nuisance from night flights

Private life – Home – Noise nuisance from night flights – Environmental issues – Margin of appreciation – State responsibility – Positive obligations – Striking of fair balance between interests of individual and those of the community – Economic well-being of the country – Decisions relating to matters of policy – Measures to mitigate noise disturbance – Possibility for individuals to move away from area without financial loss – Procedural aspects of decision-making process

involving environmental issues – Duty to conduct investigations and studies when environmental issues involved – Procedural safeguards

Hatton and Others v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2003-VIII

Expulsion of family of former Soviet officer in context of agreed withdrawal of Russian troops following Latvian independence

Private life – Home – Expulsion of family of former Soviet officer in context of agreed withdrawal of Russian troops following Latvian independence – Interference – Notion and scope of family life – Relevance of family relationships to private life – In accordance with the law – Interpretation of domestic law in light of international treaty – Foreseeability – Accessibility – National security – Necessary in a democratic society – Public interest in withdrawal of foreign troops and their families – Position of retired officers and their families – Requirement to take individual circumstances into account – Degree of integration into local society

Slivenko v. Latvia [GC], 2003-X

Expulsion of family from Latvia on basis of treaty providing for withdrawal of Russian troops

Private life – Home – Family life – Expulsion of family from Latvia on basis of treaty providing for withdrawal of Russian troops

Slivenko v. Latvia (dec.) [GC], 2002-II

Search of a lawyer's office and seizure of a document

Private life – Home – Correspondence – Search of a lawyer's office and seizure of a document – Interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Special procedural safeguards – Search intended to identify a journalist's sources through his lawyer – Proportionality

Roemen and Schmit v. Luxembourg, 2003-IV

Effect of urban development on the environment

Private life – Family life – Home – Effect of urban development on the environment – Absence of harmful effect on the individual's private and family sphere – General deterioration in the environment – Protection of the environment – Disturbances resulting from urban development

Kyrtatos v. Greece, 2003-VI (extracts)

Noise from discotheques

Private life – Home – Noise from discothèques – Failure by the authorities to take action to compel third parties to keep noise levels down – Level of disturbance – Positive obligations – Adoption of protective regulations – Conduct of the authorities

Moreno Gómez v. Spain, 2004-X

Failure to resettle a family living in a severely polluted area deemed unfit for habitation

Home – Private life – Positive obligations – Failure to resettle a family living in a severely polluted area deemed unfit for habitation – Pollution manifestly exceeding permissible limits – Failure to strike a fair balance between the interests of the community and the applicant's effective enjoyment of her right to respect for her home and her private life

Fadeyeva v. Russia, 2005-IV

Failure to conduct a prior environmental assessment and refusal to suspend the operation of a plant generating toxic emissions close to a dwelling

Private life – Family life – Home – Dangerous industrial activities – Failure to conduct a prior environmental assessment and refusal to suspend the operation of a plant generating toxic emissions close to a dwelling – Government decisions affecting environmental issues – Margin of appreciation – Fair balance to be struck between interests of the individual and of the community – Decision-making process – Authorities' failure to comply with legislation and judicial decisions – Procedural machinery deprived of useful effect

Giacomelli v. Italy, 2006-XII

Eviction of council-house tenant under summary procedure

Home – Eviction of council-house tenant under summary procedure – Legitimate aims – Protection of right to regain possession – Regulation of housing provision – Necessary in a democratic society – Eviction procedure – Right of persons at risk of losing their home to have proportionality of measure determined by an independent tribunal – Lack of adequate procedural safeguards

McCann v. the United Kingdom, 2008-III

Search of residential premises during an investigation into an alleged tax fraud by companies

Private life – Domicile – Search of residential premises during an investigation into an alleged tax fraud by companies – Interference – In accordance with the law – Article L 16 B of the Code of Tax Procedure – Economic well-being – Prevention of crime – Margin of appreciation – Rules governing the issue of warrants for searches of residential premises – Decisions of domestic courts complied with domestic law – Judicial supervision of the search procedures – Proportionality – Necessary in a democratic society

Keslassy v. France (dec.), 2002-I

Search of lawyer's office and removal of material in the context of an investigation concerning his clients

Private life – Home – Correspondence – Search of lawyer's office and removal of material in the context of an investigation concerning his clients – Interference – Prevention of crime – Prevention of disorder – Economic well-being of the country – Necessary in a democratic society – Search – Safeguards against abuse – *Ex parte* procedure – Judicial supervision of search – Degree of specification in search warrant – Legal professional privilege – Supervision by independent counsel – Proportionality

Tamosius v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2002-VIII

CORRESPONDENCE

Censorship of a prisoner's correspondence by the prison authorities

Correspondence – Interference – In accordance with the law – Censorship of a prisoner's correspondence by the prison authorities

Labita v. Italy [GC], 2000-IV

Systematic opening by prison authorities of letters from the European Commission of Human Rights

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Family life – Correspondence – Special prison regime imposed on a Mafia member – Restrictions on a prisoner's family visits – Monitoring by the prison authorities of a prisoner's correspondence – In accordance with the law – Existence of a basis in law – Foreseeability – Precision of the law

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Freedom of religion – Manifest religion or belief – Recognition by the authorities of one of two rival leaderships of the Muslim community – Importance to believers of personality of ministers of religion – Prohibition of arbitrary State intervention in functioning of religious communities – State's duty of neutrality in recognition of religious communities – Absence of reasons for favouring particular religious leader – Prescribed by law – Lack of precision of law – Absence of safeguards against arbitrary exercise of discretion

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Freedom to manifest one's religion – Prohibition on a student wearing the Islamic headscarf at university – Prescribed by law – Accessibility – Foreseeability – Statutory framework supplemented by decision of the Constitutional Court – Legitimate

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Freedom of religion – Manifest religion or belief – Conviction of unofficially elected Muslim leader for usurping the functions of a minister of a “known religion” – Interference – Public order – Competing State-appointed and unofficially elected religious leaders – Necessary in a democratic society – Absence of acts intended to produce legal effects – Tensions resulting from pluralism – Role of the authorities in promoting tolerance

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Prohibition barring teacher from wearing Islamic headscarf while carrying out her professional duties

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Freedom of religion – Manifest one's religion or beliefs – Refusal to grant planning permission for cemetery – Religious community – Restriction – Protection of rights and freedoms of others – Requirements relating to environmental protection – General prohibition – Margin of appreciation in planning matters – Proportionality

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Freedom of religion – Manifest one's religion or beliefs – Removal of reference to religion from identity cards – Information appearing on an identity card – System of identification of citizens – No link between purpose of identity card and right to manifest one's religion

Sofianopoulos and Others v. Greece (dec.), 2002-X

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Freedom of religion – Manifest a religion or belief – Obligation to remove a turban during an airport security check – Public safety – Need for security checks in airports – Arrangements for implementing the checks – Margin of appreciation

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Freedom of religion – Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Rule preventing university professor from wearing the Islamic headscarf at work – Protection of the rights and freedoms of others – Margin of appreciation – Rules on dress imposed without distinction on all public servants – Principles of secularism and neutrality of the public service

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ARTICLE 10

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Conviction for insulting municipal guards

Freedom of expression – Defamation – Conviction for insulting municipal guards – Prevention of disorder – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Limits of acceptable criticism of civil servants – Protection of civil servants from verbal abuse

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Conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda

Freedom of expression – Conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda – Interference – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Artistic expression – Poetry – Political debate – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence – Margin of appreciation – Nature and severity of penalty

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Freedom of expression – Conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda – Interference – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Freedom of the press – Political debate – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence – Margin of appreciation – Duties and responsibilities of journalists – Right of the public to receive information – Nature and severity of penalty – Relevant and sufficient reasons

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Freedom of expression – Conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Precision of law – Legal basis repealed prior to conviction – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Political debate – Academic freedom – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence – Margin of appreciation – Nature and severity of penalty – Relevant and sufficient reasons

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Freedom of expression – Conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda – Interference – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Freedom of the press – Political debate – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence – Duties and responsibilities of journalists – Margin of appreciation – Nature and severity of penalty – Relevant and sufficient reasons

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Freedom of expression – Conviction for incitement to hatred and hostility – Interference – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Political debate – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence – Margin of appreciation – Nature and severity of penalty

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Freedom of expression – Conviction for incitement to hatred and hostility – Interference – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Political debate – Public interest – Limits

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Conviction of a journalist for criminal libel

Freedom of expression – Conviction of a journalist for criminal libel – Freedom of the press – Protection of reputation of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Duties and responsibilities of journalists – Right of the public to receive information – Public interest – Reduced margin of appreciation of the national authorities – Critical value judgments and truth of allegations – Statements concerning management of State assets – Statements concerning public life of an elected representative of the people

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Announcement by head of State of intention not to appoint judge to public office in future, on account of the views he had expressed on certain constitutional issues

Freedom of expression – Announcement by head of State not to appoint judge to public office in future, on account of the views he had expressed on certain constitutional issues – Civil servants – Access to civil service – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Duties and responsibilities incumbent on judges – Political implications of constitutional issues – Expression of opinion by judge on constitutional issues

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Freedom of expression – Disruption of fox hunt – Expression of opinion impeding lawful activities – Binding over to be of good behaviour following conduct *contra bonos mores* – Prior restraint – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Precision of definition of conduct “*contra bonos mores*”

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Freedom of expression – Defamation – Defamatory statements made by representatives of police association declared null and void by a court – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Public interest – Allegation

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Freedom of expression – Journalist convicted of libelling a public prosecutor – Defamation – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – State legal officer accused of abusing authority for political ends – Facts not proved – Overall approach for the purposes of Article 10 to the press article containing the assertions held to be defamatory

Perna v. Italy [GC], 2003-V

Proportionality of sanctions imposed on journalists convicted of defamation

Freedom of expression – Proportionality of sanctions imposed on journalists convicted of defamation – Protection of the rights of others – Protection of the reputation of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Article containing information about management of public funds – Public interest – Role and freedom of investigative journalists – Serious accusations presented as established facts potentially rendering named individuals criminally liable – Local elected representatives and public officials – Rights and responsibilities of journalists – Journalists' conduct during their trial – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Nature and severity of sanctions – Proportionality – Prison sentence – Disqualification from exercising certain civil rights – Temporary prohibition on working as journalist – Prior restraints on journalists' activities

Cumpănă and Mazăre v. Romania [GC], 2004-XI

Criminal proceedings resulting in the conviction of television programme producers for having defamed a senior police officer

Freedom of expression – Criminal proceedings resulting in the conviction of television programme producers for having defamed a senior police officer – Interference – Necessary in a democratic society – Protection of the reputation or rights of others

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Conviction of author and publisher of a novel for defamation against a political party of the far right and its Chairman

Conviction of a newspaper director for defamation following the publication of a petition reproducing defamatory passages and protesting about convictions in respect thereof

Freedom of expression – Conviction of author and publisher of a novel for defamation against a political party of the far right and its Chairman – Prescribed by law – Accessibility – Foreseeability – Protection of the reputation and rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Discussion on matters of public interest – Political and militant expression – Limited margin of appreciation – Duties and responsibilities – Virulent allegations consisting both of value judgments and allegations of fact – Lack of basic verification – Proportionality of penalties

Freedom of expression – Freedom of the press – Conviction of a newspaper director for defamation following the publication of a petition reproducing defamatory passages and protesting about convictions in respect thereof – Discussion on matters of public interest – Duties and responsibilities – Expression of direct thought of petitioners – Widespread circulation of serious, defamatory allegations – Lack of moderation – Moderate nature of penalties

Lindon, Otchakovsky-Laurens and July v. France [GC], 2007-IV

Conviction of a journalist for publication of a diplomatic strategy paper classified as confidential

Freedom of expression – Conviction of a journalist for publication of a diplomatic strategy paper classified as confidential – Necessary in a democratic society – Disclosure of information received in confidence – Public interests – Protection of diplomatic relations – Breach of journalistic ethics – Negligible contribution to public debate – Proportionality of penalty

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Freedom of expression – Continued prohibition of broadcasting of commercial despite adverse European Court finding – Public interest – Positive obligation – Execution of judgment of European Court – Reopening of domestic

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Verein gegen Tierfabriken Schweiz (VgT) v. Switzerland (no. 2) [GC], 2009-IV

Dismissal of trade unionists for publishing offensive articles about their colleagues

Freedom of expression – Dismissal of trade unionists for publishing offensive articles about their colleagues – Trade-union freedom – Positive obligations – Protection of the reputation of others – Limits of acceptable criticism in labour relations – Principle of good faith in the professional environment – Written allegations – Insulting nature of language used – Proportionality

Palomo Sánchez and Others v. Spain [GC], 2011-IV

Ban of poster in public space on grounds of association's immoral activity and reference to proselytising website

Freedom of expression – Ban of poster in public space on grounds of association's immoral activity and reference to proselytising website – Interference – Prevention of criminal offences – Protection of health – Protection of morals – Protection of the rights of others – Broad margin of appreciation – Effectiveness of judicial supervision – Limited scope of impugned measure – Possibility of disseminating ideas by other means – Proportionality – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Pressing social need

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Injunction preventing newspaper from publishing pictures of a suspect in connection with reports on the criminal proceedings against him

Freedom of expression – Injunction preventing newspaper from publishing pictures of a suspect in connection with reports on the criminal proceedings against him – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Imprecision of the law – Interpretation of legislation by courts – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Freedom of the press – Public interest – Duties and responsibilities of the press – Press reporting on court proceedings – Publication of pictures of suspect – Private life – Relevant and sufficient reasons

News Verlags GmbH & CoKG v. Austria, 2000-I

Campaign of intimidation against newspaper

Freedom of expression – Positive obligations – Campaign of intimidation against newspaper – Killings, assault and arson attacks on newspaper – Obligations to

take positive protective measures – Search disrupting production of newspaper – Convictions resulting from publication of articles – Selective examination of domestic decisions – Interference – National security – Territorial integrity – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality

Özgür Gündem v. Turkey, 2000-III

Editor's conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda

Freedom of expression – Editor's conviction for disseminating separatist propaganda – Interference – Prescribed by law – Legislation on the prevention of terrorism – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Freedom of the press and right of the public to receive information – Political debate – General interest – Limit on admissible criticism of government – Prevention of terrorism – Incitement to violence

Erdoğan v. Turkey, 2000-VI

Conviction for criminal libel

Freedom of expression – Criminal libel – Conviction for criminal libel – Protection of the reputation of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Limits on freedom of expression – Public interest – Relevant and sufficient grounds – Proportionality

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Conviction of a journalist for libel

Freedom of expression – Libel – Conviction of journalist for libel – Protection of the reputation of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Freedom of the press – Limits on freedom of expression – Duties and responsibilities of journalists – Public interest – Relevant and sufficient grounds – Proportionality

Lopes Gomes da Silva v. Portugal, 2000-X

Injunction prohibiting municipal councillor from repeating statements about sects

Freedom of expression – Injunction prohibiting municipal councillor from repeating statements about sects – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Freedom of expression of elected representatives – Public debate – Political debate – Distinction between value judgment and statement of fact – Failure of courts to admit relevant evidence

Jerusalem v. Austria, 2001-II

Award of damages for defamation

Freedom of expression – Award of damages for defamation – Public interest – Housing policy – Level of damages awarded – Proportionality

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Journalist ordered to pay damages for quoting allegations made by a fellow journalist against State officials

Freedom of expression – Journalist ordered to pay damages for quoting allegations made by a fellow journalist against State officials – Freedom of the press – Journalist – Prescribed by law – Protection of the reputation or rights of others – Boundaries of acceptable criticism of civil servants – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – General interest – Punishment of journalists assisting in the dissemination of statements made by others – Citations by journalists of statements that might insult or provoke others or damage their reputation – Sufficient reasons

Thoma v. Luxembourg, 2001-III

Refusal of television authority to broadcast “political” commercial

Freedom of expression – Refusal of television authority to broadcast “political” commercial – State responsibility for broadcasting – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Prohibition on political advertising – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Margin of appreciation – Commercial advertising – Public debate – Prohibition applying only to certain media – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Access to broadcasting

VgT Verein gegen Tierfabriken v. Switzerland, 2001-VI

Ban on book “of foreign origin”

Freedom of expression – Ban on book “of foreign origin” – Prior restraints on publication – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Prevention of disorder – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Regardless of frontiers – General and absolute ban on circulation, distribution and sale of a publication – Need for legal framework ensuring tight control over scope of bans – Form, extent and effectiveness of judicial review of bans – Sufficient guarantees against abuse – Examination of content of publications

Association Ekin v. France, 2001-VIII

Order by court to publish acknowledgment of defamatory nature of statements about government minister

Freedom of expression – Order by court to publish acknowledgement of defamatory nature of statements about government minister – Defamation – Interference – Prescribed by law – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Political speech – Political debate – Public interest – Limits of acceptable criticism wider as regards politicians – Distinction between statements of fact and value judgments – Relevant and sufficient reasons – Fair balance

Feldek v. Slovakia, 2001-VIII

Injunction on repeating statements alleging racist agitation by politician

Freedom of expression – Injunction on repeating statements alleging racist agitation by politician – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Political debate – Public interest – Duties and responsibilities of journalists – Distinction between statements of fact and value judgments – Margin of appreciation

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Refusal to register titles of periodicals

Freedom of expression – Refusal to register titles of periodicals – Interference – Prescribed by law – Foreseeability – Novel interpretation of subordinate legislation

Gawęda v. Poland, 2002-II

Defamation of prosecutor by defence counsel

Freedom of expression – Defamation of prosecutor by defence counsel – Protection of the reputation of others – Protection of the rights of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Limits on right of lawyers to comment in public on administration of justice – Limits of acceptable criticism of civil servants – Protection of civil servants from verbal abuse – Limits on defence counsel's freedom of expression in course of trial – Distinction between role of prosecutor and role of judge – Wider scope for defence counsel's criticism of prosecutor – Criticism of prosecution strategy – Absence of personal insult – Chilling effect on defence counsel's freedom of expression

Nikula v. Finland, 2002-II

Conviction for incitement to hatred and hostility

Freedom of expression – Conviction for incitement to hatred and hostility – Friendly settlement providing for payment of compensation, undertaking to implement necessary reforms and application of individual measures – Reference to Interim Resolution of the Committee of Ministers

Altan v. Turkey (friendly settlement), 2002-III

Unavailability of legal aid for defendant in defamation action

Freedom of expression – Defamation – Unavailability of legal aid for defendant in defamation action – Exclusion of evidence – Balancing of competing interests – Costs order – Injunction – Burden of proof – Rights of others – Reputation of others – Necessary in a democratic society – Proportionality – Duty of journalists to verify defamatory factual statements – Serious consequences of defamation for plaintiff – Absence of proper verification by journalist

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Gebremedhin [Gaberamadhien] v. France, 2007-II

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Removal order enforced within fifty minutes of application to a court for its suspension

Effective remedy – Expulsion – Removal order enforced within fifty minutes of application to a court for its suspension – Private life – Family life – Interference – In accordance with the law – No serious examination of deportee's objections – Existing remedies ineffective and unavailable because of speed of expulsion – Lack of justification for exceptional expulsion conditions

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Nachova and Others v. Bulgaria [GC], 2005-VII

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Pentiacova and Others v. Moldova (dec.), 2005-I

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Sahin v. Germany [GC], 2003-VIII

Discrimination – Refusal to grant right of access to father of child born out of wedlock – Application of legislation distinguishing between fathers of children born out of wedlock and fathers of children born in wedlock – Less favourable position of fathers of children born out of wedlock with regard to access – Absence of weighty reasons justifying difference in treatment – Restricted rights of appeal of fathers of children born out of wedlock with regard to access

Sommerfeld v. Germany [GC], 2003-VIII (extracts)

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Exclusion of same-sex couples from “civil unions”

Discrimination – Exclusion of same-sex couples from “civil unions” – Private life – Family life – Applicability – Situation comparable to that of different-sex couples – Difference in treatment – Sexual orientation – Situation of children born outside marriage – Institution of marriage – Protection of the family – Proportionality – Legal recognition of same-sex relationships – Trend towards recognition in Europe

Vallianatos and Others v. Greece [GC], 2013-VI (extracts)

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Mazurek v. France, 2000-II

Exclusion from inheritance of child born out of wedlock, due to non-retroactivity of legitimation

Discrimination – Birth – Exclusion from inheritance of child born out of wedlock, due to non-retroactivity of legitimation – Family life – Inheritance – Intestate succession – Comparable situation – Children born out of wedlock – Different treatment of children recognised by natural father and children obtaining letters of legitimation – Protection of legitimate heirs – Proportionality

Camp and Bourimi v. the Netherlands, 2000-X

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Fretté v. France, 2002-I

Age of consent for homosexual acts between an adult and an adolescent

Discrimination – Sexual orientation – Age of consent for homosexual acts between an adult and an adolescent – Difference of treatment based on sexual orientation – Legitimate aim – Objective and reasonable justification – Margin of appreciation – Scientific research indicating sexual orientation established before puberty – Growing consensus among member States as to equality of treatment in respect of age of consent

L. and V. v. Austria, 2003-I

Discrimination – Sexual orientation – Age of consent for homosexual acts between an adult and an adolescent – Difference of treatment based on sexual

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S.L. v. Austria, 2003-I (extracts)

Refusal to recognise homosexual as “life companion” entitled to take over deceased’s partner’s lease

Discrimination – Refusal to recognise homosexual as “life companion” entitled to take over deceased partner’s lease – Home – Sexual orientation – Protection of traditional family – Margin of appreciation – Proportionality – Absence of convincing and weighty reasons justifying difference in treatment of homosexuals

Karner v. Austria, 2003-IX

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Discrimination – Religion – Family life – Refusal to grant custody of children to mother on account of her religion – Jehovah’s Witness – Protection of children’s interests – Objective and reasonable justification – Proportionality – Relevant and sufficient reasoning – No inquiry into the children’s living conditions

Palau-Martinez v. France, 2003-XII

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Haas v. the Netherlands, 2004-I

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Pla and Puncernau v. Andorra, 2004-VIII

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Discrimination – Private life – Employment restrictions on former employees of the KGB – Difference of treatment – Effect on private life of ban on employment in various branches of the private sector – Regulation of employment by the State – Historical background – Legitimate aims of restrictions on access to employment – Distinction between public service and private sector employment – Proportionality

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Ünal Tekeli v. Turkey, 2004-X (extracts)

Differences in ability of judicially declared father and presumed father to contest paternity in light of new evidence

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Schalk and Kopf v. Austria, 2010-IV

Single mother of a certain age debarred from adopting a second child

Discrimination – Single mother of a certain age debarred from adopting a second child – Private and family life – Applicability – Similar situation – Legitimate aim to protect child’s well-being and rights – Significant age difference – Child’s best interests – Wide margin of appreciation in absence of European consensus – Lack of arbitrariness – Proportionality

Schwizgebel v. Switzerland, 2010-V (extracts)

Difference in treatment of HIV-positive alien regarding application for residence permit

Discrimination – Difference in treatment of HIV-positive alien regarding application for residence permit – Applicability – Family life – Health status – Comparable situation – Particularly vulnerable group – State’s narrow margin of appreciation – European consensus – Objective and reasonable justification – Protection of public health – Proportionality – Absence of economic considerations for exclusion of HIV-positive applicants from residence – Blanket and indiscriminate nature of impugned measure – Lack of individualised assessment – Failure to take into account applicant’s state of health and family ties in Russia

Kiyutin v. Russia, 2011-II

Refusal to take minor subject to immigration control into account when determining priority in entitlement to social housing

Discrimination – Refusal to take minor subject to immigration control into account when determining priority in entitlement to social housing – Home – Family life – “Other status” – Conditional immigration status – Reasonable and objective justification – Margin of appreciation – Legitimate aim – Leave to enter on condition of no recourse to public funds – Fair allocation of scarce resources between different categories of claimant with priority needs – Absence of actual prejudice

Bah v. the United Kingdom, 2011-VI

Difference in treatment between remand and convicted prisoners regarding visits and access to television

Discrimination – Difference in treatment between remand and convicted prisoners regarding visits and access to television – “Other status” – Relevantly similar

situation – Objective and reasonable justification – Restrictions imposed on class of prisoners – Proportionality

Laduna v. Slovakia, 2011-VI

Refusal of simple adoption order in favour of homosexual partner of biological mother

Discrimination – Family life – Refusal of simple adoption order in favour of homosexual partner of biological mother – Transfer of parental responsibility for the child to the adoptive parent, depriving the biological mother of her rights – Comparable legal situation – Sexual orientation

Gas and Dubois v. France, 2012-II

Dismissal of HIV-infected person owing to pressure exerted by his colleagues

Discrimination – Private life – Dismissal of HIV-infected person owing to pressure exerted by his colleagues – Less favourable treatment solely on account of HIV-positive status with no effect on capacity to carry out the work – Narrow margin of appreciation – Inadequate grounds for domestic courts' decisions

I.B. v. Greece, 2013-V

Difference in treatment between tenants of privately owned flats and tenants of State-owned flats

Discrimination – Difference in treatment between tenants of privately owned flats and tenants of State-owned flats – Comparable situation – Objective and reasonable justification

Strunjak and Others v. Croatia (dec.), 2000-X

Refusal to grant statutory surviving spouse's pension to survivor of homosexual couple

Discrimination – Sexual orientation – Refusal to grant statutory surviving spouse's pension to survivor of homosexual couple – Objective and reasonable justification – Legitimate aim of protection of the family based on marriage bonds – Difference in treatment falling within margin of appreciation – Lack of discriminatory interference with private life

Mata Estevez v. Spain (dec.), 2001-VI

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 8 or Article 9

Ban on wearing of religious clothing concealing the face in public places

Discrimination – Ban on wearing of religious clothing concealing the face in public places – Objective and reasonable justification

S.A.S. v. France [GC], 2014-III (extracts)

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 9

Exclusion from liberal profession on account of previous conviction for having refused, on religious grounds, to wear a military uniform

Discrimination – Exclusion from liberal profession on account of previous conviction for having refused, on religious grounds, to wear a military uniform – Freedom of religion – Conscientious objection – Obligation to ensure different treatment of persons in different situations – Comparable situation – Legitimate aim – Nature of offence not implying dishonesty or moral turpitude – Objective and reasonable justification

Thlimmenos v. Greece [GC], 2000-IV

Religious body refused the approval it needed to be able to practise ritual slaughter in accordance with the religious prescriptions of its members

Discrimination – Religious body refused the approval it needed to be able to practise ritual slaughter in accordance with the religious prescriptions of its members – Difference in treatment – Objective and reasonable justification

Cha'are Shalom Ve Tsedek v. France, 2000-VII

Requirement of certificate of approval for immigrants wishing to marry other than in the Church of England

Discrimination – Religion – Difference in treatment – Requirement of certificate of approval for immigrants wishing to marry other than in the Church of England – Absence of objective and reasonable justification

O'Donoghue and Others v. the United Kingdom, 2010-VI (extracts)

Disciplinary measures against employees for wearing religious symbols (cross) at work or refusing to perform duties they considered incompatible with their religious beliefs

Freedom of religion – Manifest religion or belief – Manifestation of religion or belief in the workplace – Disciplinary measures against employees for wearing religious symbols (cross) at work or refusing to perform duties they considered incompatible

with their religious beliefs – Interference – Positive obligations – Discrimination – Absence of specific legislation regulating wearing of religious clothes and signs in the workplace – Legitimate aim – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation – Competing interests – Relevance of nature of aim pursued by measure restricting right to manifest religion to question of proportionality

Eweida and Others v. the United Kingdom, 2013-I (extracts)

Inability of members of a Protestant Church to exercise the option available to members of the Catholic Church to allocate part of their income tax to the support of their Church

Discrimination – Religion – Inability of members of a Protestant Church to exercise the option available to members of the Catholic Church to allocate part of their income tax to the support of their Church – Financing of Churches and religions – Agreements whereby a State grants an individual Church special tax status – Objective and reasonable justification – Relations between the State and religions – Margin of appreciation – Common European standard governing the financing of Churches or religions

Alujer Fernández and Caballero García v. Spain (dec.), 2001-VI

Article 14 in conjunction with Articles 10 and 11

Constitutional prohibition on police officers engaging in political activities and joining political parties

Discrimination – Police officers – Prohibition on political activities of police officers – Prohibition on police officers joining political parties – Objective and reasonable justification

Rekvényi v. Hungary [GC], 1999-III

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 11

Landowners opposed to hunting unable to obtain exemption from statutory obligation to transfer hunting rights over their land to their local municipal hunters' association and to join the association

Discrimination – Property – Different treatment according to size of properties – Objective and reasonable justification

Chassagnou and Others v. France [GC], 1999-III

State's failure to afford effective judicial protection against discrimination on the ground of trade-union membership

Discrimination – State's failure to afford effective judicial protection against discrimination on the ground of trade-union membership – Freedom of association – Form and join trade unions – Positive obligations – Techniques to induce employees to relinquish trade-union membership – Prima facie case of discrimination – State protection granted only in respect of one-off measures by employer – Denial of access to civil remedy – Deficiency of criminal remedy – Chilling effect of discrimination on freedom of association

Danilenkov and Others v. Russia, 2009-III (extracts)

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 12

Requirement of certificate of approval for immigrants wishing to marry other than in the Church of England

Discrimination – Religion – Difference in treatment – Requirement of certificate of approval for immigrants wishing to marry other than in the Church of England – Absence of objective and reasonable justification

O'Donoghue and Others v. the United Kingdom, 2010-VI (extracts)

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Obligation to transfer property without compensation after reunification of Germany

Difference of treatment – Legislation relating to liquidation of land reform – Objective and reasonable justification – Margin of appreciation – Exceptional context: reunification of Germany

Jahn and Others v. Germany [GC], 2005-VI

Differences in entitlement for men and women to certain social security benefits

Discrimination – Sex – Differences in entitlement for men and women to certain social security benefits – Objective and reasonable justification – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Earnings-related benefit under social security system – Differential pensionable age – Legitimate aim – Disadvantaged economic position of women because of shorter working life – Change in social conditions – Margin of appreciation – Absence of common standard amongst the Contracting States – Gradual move towards single pensionable age

Stec and Others v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2006-VI

No exemption from inheritance tax outside marriage or civil partnership

Discrimination – Other situation – No exemption from inheritance tax outside marriage or civil partnership – Long-term cohabitation of sisters – Comparable situation – Relationships of a different nature – No legally binding agreement

Burden v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2008-III

Refusal to take applicant's years of employment in former Soviet Union into account when calculating her entitlement to retirement pension because she did not have Latvian citizenship

Applicability – Pecuniary claim falling within ambit of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 – Discrimination – Refusal to take applicant's years of employment in former Soviet Union into account when calculating her entitlement to retirement pension because she did not have Latvian citizenship – Nationality – Permanently resident non-citizen – Objectively similar situation – Protection of the economic system – Objective and reasonable justification – Absence of very weighty reasons

Andrejeva v. Latvia [GC], 2009-II

Refusal of index-linking for pensioners resident in overseas countries which had no reciprocal arrangements with the United Kingdom

Discrimination – Scope – Legislation providing for welfare benefits or pension – Other status – Place of residence – Refusal of index-linking for pensioners resident in overseas countries which had no reciprocal arrangements with the United Kingdom – Absence of relevantly similar position with persons making private pension contributions, residents or pensioners living in countries with reciprocal arrangements

Carson and Others v. the United Kingdom [GC], 2010-II

Refusal to take work performed in prison into account in calculation of pension rights

Discrimination – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Refusal to take work performed in prison into account in calculation of pension rights – Relevantly similar situation of working prisoners and ordinary employees in respect of affiliation to old-age pension system – Difference in treatment – Objective and reasonable justification – Legitimate aim – Preserving the economic efficiency and overall consistency of the old-age pension system – No European consensus on social security for prisoners – European Prison Rules – Wide margin of appreciation in State's general choice of economic and social policy

Stummer v. Austria [GC], 2011-V

Difference in treatment for inheritance purposes between child born outside and child born within marriage

Discrimination – Peaceful enjoyment of property – Difference in treatment for inheritance purposes between child born outside and child born within marriage – Applicability – Birth – Reform of inheritance law – Transitional measures guaranteeing rights acquired by third parties – Imperative of equality of treatment – Recognition of unchallenged rights – Proportionality – Legitimate aim – Objective and reasonable justification – General measures

Fabris v. France [GC], 2013-I (extracts)

Exclusion of non-nationals from right to claim restitution of property

Discrimination – Nationality – Exclusion of non-nationals from right to claim restitution of property – Complementary nature of Article 14 – Facts not falling within the scope of a substantive provision

Gratzinger and Gratzingerova v. the Czech Republic (dec.) [GC], 2002-VII

Differing entitlement of men and women to certain social security benefits of a non-contributory nature

Discrimination – Sex – Differing entitlement of men and women to certain social security benefits of a non-contributory nature – Possessions – Non-contributory benefit funded by general taxation – Enforceable right under domestic law to a welfare benefit – Distinction in the Court's case-law between contributory and non-contributory benefits no longer justified

Stec and Others v. the United Kingdom (dec.) [GC], 2005-X

Distinction in law between adulterine children and legitimate children with regard to inheritance rights

Deprivation of property – Inheritance – Distinction in law between adulterine children and legitimate children with regard to inheritance rights

Mazurek v. France, 2000-II

Discriminatory treatment of married women under pensions legislation

Discrimination – Sex – Discriminatory treatment of married women under pensions legislation – Pension – Prevailing social attitudes – International obligations – Absence of retroactive effect of legislation reflecting changes in social

attitudes – Objective and reasonable justification

Wessels-Bergervoet v. the Netherlands, 2002-IV

Unavailability of widows' allowances to widowers

Discrimination – Sex – Unavailability of widows' allowances to widowers – Social security – Contributory benefits – Pecuniary right falling within ambit of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 – Reasonable and objective justification – Speculative right to a pension

Willis v. the United Kingdom, 2002-IV

Refusal to award allowance for disabled adults to foreign national

Discrimination – Refusal to award allowance for disabled adults to foreign national – Possessions – Non-contributory benefits – Allowance for disabled adult – Pecuniary right – Statutory conditions for award of social benefit – Nationality conditions – Reciprocity conditions – Like situation – Objective and reasonable justification – Obligation to secure Convention rights to “everyone”

Koua Poirrez v. France, 2003-X

Refusal to recognise validity of Roma marriage for purposes of entitlement to survivor's pension

Discrimination – Refusal to recognise validity of Roma marriage for purposes of entitlement to survivor's pension – National minority – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Collective beliefs of a culturally well-defined community – International consensus – Obligation to take account of specificities of persons belonging to national minorities – Applicant's good faith as to validity of her marriage – Inconsistent attitude of authorities – Disproportionate difference in treatment

Muñoz Díaz v. Spain, 2009-VI

Loss of veteran status and of entitlement to special allowance attached thereto

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Contributory benefits – Pension – Special allowance attached to status of veteran – Discrimination – Loss of veteran status on account of previous involvement in communist security services – Objective and reasonable justification – Regulation of system of exceptional privileges

Domalewski v. Poland (dec.), 1999-V

Revocation of a professional appointment made in the GDR during the transitional period preceding Germany's reunification

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Olbertz v. Germany (dec.), 1999-V

Application of the principle that male heirs take precedence over female heirs in the transmission of nobiliary titles

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De la Cierva Osorio de Moscoso and Others v. Spain (dec.), 1999-VII

Reduction of military pension of former officer in Yugoslav People's Army following dissolution of Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Contributory benefits – Pension – Reduction of military pension of former officer in Yugoslav People's Army following dissolution of Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia – Margin of appreciation in matters of social policy – No impairment of essence of pension rights – Discrimination

Janković v. Croatia (dec.), 2000-X

No compensation in full for repatriated French nationals dispossessed of their property

Discrimination – Capping of compensation – Margin of appreciation – Objective and reasonable justification

Teytaud and Others v. France (dec.), 2001-I

No readjustment of pension rights for transitional period after German reunification

Difference in treatment – Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions – No readjustment of pension rights for transitional period after German reunification – Possessions – Pension – Rights deriving from payment of contributions – Objective and reasonable justification – Margin of appreciation – Exceptional context: German reunification

Kuna v. Germany (dec.), 2001-V

Refusal to pay “head of the family” service allowance to servicewoman married to serviceman

Discrimination – Sex – Refusal to pay “head of the family” service allowance to servicewoman married to serviceman – Service allowance – Pecuniary right – Rule against payment of higher family allowance to both spouses – Other situation – Retrospective legalising Act – Difference of treatment – Legitimate aim – Objective and reasonable justification

Duchez v. France (dec.), 2002-VIII

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 2 of Protocol No. 1

Placement of Roma children in “special” schools

Discrimination – Right to education – Placement of Roma children in “special” schools – Disadvantaged minority requiring special protection – Disproportionately large number of Roma children in special schools – Presumption of indirect discrimination – Lack of objective and reasonable justification – Whether parents can waive Convention right where it is not in public interest for them to do so – Absence of adequate safeguards in schooling arrangements – More basic curriculum than that followed in ordinary schools – Isolation from the wider population

D.H. and Others v. the Czech Republic [GC], 2007-IV

Placement of Roma children in Roma-only classes owing to their allegedly poor command of the Croatian language

Discrimination – Race – Right to education – Placement of Roma children in Roma-only classes owing to their allegedly poor command of the Croatian language – Insufficient safeguards in schooling arrangements for special needs of a disadvantaged group – No clear or transparent criteria for transfer to mixed classes – Margin of appreciation

Oršuš and Others v. Croatia [GC], 2010-II

Requirement for aliens without permanent residence to pay secondary-school fees

Discrimination – Requirement for aliens without permanent residence to pay secondary-school fees – Applicability – Objective and reasonable justification – Reduced margin of appreciation in sphere of secondary education – Legitimacy of restrictions on provision of free public services for immigrants – Special role of education – Proportionality

Ponomaryovi v. Bulgaria, 2011-III

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 3 of Protocol No. 1

Ineligibility of members of certain minority communities for political office

Discrimination – Race – Ineligibility of members of certain minority communities for political office – Parliamentary elections – Restoration of peace – Post-conflict society – Council of Europe standards regarding electoral legislation – Objective and reasonable justification

Sejdić and Finci v. Bosnia and Herzegovina [GC], 2009-VI

Refusal to register Turkish Cypriot in Greek-Cypriot electoral roll

Discrimination – Refusal to register Turkish Cypriot in Greek-Cypriot electoral roll – Reasonable and objective grounds for difference in treatment

Aziz v. Cyprus, 2004-V

Refusal of State funding to a political party that did not obtain the statutory 7% minimum share of the vote

Discrimination – Refusal of State funding to a political party that did not obtain the statutory 7% minimum share of the vote – Difference in treatment – Exercise of electoral rights – Free expression of opinion of the people – Dissemination of political opinions – Public funding for political parties – Equitable allocation system – Political pluralism – Need to prevent excessive and dysfunctional fragmentation of candidacies – Proportionality – Objective and reasonable justification – No monopoly on funding – Failure of applicant party to secure a minimum of electoral support – Significant share of vote – Compensatory effect of other State corrective mechanisms

Özgürlük ve Dayanışma Partisi (ÖDP) v. Turkey, 2012-III

Article 14 in conjunction with Article 2 of Protocol No. 4

Chechen prevented from crossing administrative border between two republics of the Russian Federation

Discrimination – Ethnic origin – Race – Objective and reasonable justification – Racial discrimination – Chechen prevented from crossing administrative border between two republics of the Russian Federation – No differential treatment based on ethnicity capable of being justified in a contemporary democratic society

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ARTICLE 17

PROHIBITION OF ABUSE OF RIGHTS

Dissolution of association on account of demonstration that was not declared unlawful and did not lead to violence

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Vona v. Hungary, 2013-IV

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Garaudy v. France (dec.), 2003-IX (extracts)

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Freedom of association – Prohibition on formation of association with objectives contrary to the Convention – Destruction of rights and freedoms – Anti-Semitic statements in memorandum of association – Use of right guaranteed by the Convention for purposes contrary to the text and spirit of the Convention

W.P. and Others v. Poland (dec.), 2004-VII (extracts)

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ARTICLE 18

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Exhaustion of domestic remedies – obligation of members of Parliament to swear an oath on the Gospels

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Buscarini and Others v. San Marino [GC], 1999-I

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Application lodged more than six months after respondent State’s ratification of right of individual petition

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Six-month period – Applicant’s passivity for eleven years before submitting his complaint to the relevant national authorities

Six-month period – Applicant’s passivity for eleven years before submitting his complaint to the relevant national authorities – Duty of diligence complied with – Effectiveness of the investigation not compromised – Legitimate expectation – Not out of time

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Six-month time-limit – Failure to notify the applicant or his representative of the final decision – Difficulty in obtaining information from overseas

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Six-month period – Application lodged more than six months after respondent State's ratification of right of individual petition – Starting-point for six-month period in disappearance cases – Actual or constructive knowledge that there was no immediate, realistic prospect of an effective investigation – Absence of excessive or unexplained delay on applicant's part

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Delay between date of letter accompanying application and date when application was posted

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Sardin v. Russia (dec.), 2004-II

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Varnava and Others v. Turkey [GC], 2009-V

Court’s temporal jurisdiction in respect of deaths that occurred fifty-eight years before the Convention came into force in the respondent State

Competence *ratione temporis* – Court’s temporal jurisdiction in respect of deaths that occurred fifty-eight years before the Convention came into force in the respondent State – Procedural obligation to conduct effective investigation – Absence of “genuine connection” between deaths and entry into force of Convention in respect of respondent State – Criteria relevant to determination whether real and effective protection of guarantees and underlying Convention values nevertheless constitute sufficient basis for recognising connection – Serious crimes under international law – Inapplicability of “Convention values” exception to events which occurred prior to adoption of Convention in 1950

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Jurisdiction *ratione temporis* – Refusal of jurisdiction by Supreme Administrative Court on the basis of legislation enacted prior to acceptance of the right of petition

Jurisdiction *ratione temporis* – Refusal of jurisdiction by Supreme Administrative Court on the basis of legislation enacted prior to acceptance of the right of petition

Potocka and Others v. Poland, 2001-X

Court's temporal jurisdiction in respect of newborn baby who had allegedly died/gone missing over ten years before the respondent State recognised the right of individual petition

Competence *ratione temporis* – Court's temporal jurisdiction in respect of newborn baby who had allegedly died/gone missing over ten years before the respondent State recognised the right of individual petition – Continuing situation

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Competence *ratione temporis* – Court decision concerning events pre-dating ratification of the Convention

Competence *ratione temporis* – Court decision concerning events pre-dating ratification of the Convention – Court decision indissociable from events at issue – Instantaneous act not giving rise to continuing situation

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Remedies for reopening of proceedings which have terminated in a final decision

Remedies for reopening of proceedings which have terminated in a final decision – Discretionary supervisory review – Extraordinary remedy – Introduction of new remedy with transitional provisions allowing final and binding court decisions to be challenged – Remedy akin to request for reopening of proceedings – *Res judicata*

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Obligation of Members of Parliament to swear an oath on the Gospels

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Abuse of right of application – Failure to inform the Court of applicant's death during proceedings concerning her ability to obtain substance permitting her to commit suicide – Role of representative before the Court – Obligation to communicate information concerning the very core of the application – Important new developments – Sufficiently clear intention to mislead the Court

Gross v. Switzerland [GC], 2014-IV

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Abuse of the right of application – Applications containing numerous offensive remarks about the Court and its Registry

Duringer and Others v. France (dec.), 2003-II (extracts)

Failure by applicant to inform Court of execution in full of a judicial decision whose non-execution he alleged in his complaint to the Court

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ARTICLE 37

Article 37 § 1

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Refusal of Parliament, on death of a member of Parliament, to appoint as his replacement the candidate who had come second on his party's list – matter resolved

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Spišák v. Slovakia (dec.), 2000-XII

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Bilasi-Ashri v. Austria (dec.), 2002-X

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Akman v. Turkey (striking out), 2001-VI

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Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Prolonged delay by State authorities in execution of court judgments – Final and binding judgments – Restitution of property – Judgments ordering payment of compensation and/or eviction of occupants – Possessions – Interference – Absence of justification for failure to comply with a court judgment

Prodan v. Moldova, 2004-III (extracts)

Refusal to allow villagers to return to their properties on security grounds

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Refusal to allow villagers to return to their properties on security grounds – Alleged forcible eviction of villagers by security forces – Possessions – Absence of title deeds – Villagers living in their own houses or their fathers' houses and deriving income from economic activities – Interference – Proportionality – Maintenance of security – Length of period during which access to property hindered – Deprivation of means of livelihood – Inadequacy of measures taken by the authorities to remedy situation of displaced persons

Doğan and Others v. Turkey, 2004-VI (extracts)

Reduction in value of guarantor's claim against principal debtor as a result of debt adjustment

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Reduction in value of guarantor's claim against principal debtor as a result of debt adjustment – Possessions – Claim recognised under domestic law – Interference – Debt adjustment – Public interest – General interest – Transfer of property from one individual to another – Socio-economic policies – Excessive individual burden – Assumption of financial risk – Procedural guarantees – Precarious nature of claim

Bäck v. Finland, 2004-VIII

Failure to enforce final judgment ordering authorities to provide the applicant with a State flat under a social tenancy agreement

Possessions – Enforcement proceedings – Claim to a “social tenancy agreement” sufficiently established to constitute a “possession” – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Failure to enforce final judgment ordering authorities to provide the applicant with a State flat under a social tenancy agreement

Malinovsky v. Russia, 2005-VII (extracts)

Non-enforcement of a final judgment on account of limited budgetary resources

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Non-enforcement of a final judgment on account of limited budgetary resources – Possessions – Final and binding judgment – Interference – Foreseeability – Absence of legal provisions justifying the non-execution of the court judgment

Amat-G Ltd and Mebaghishvili v. Georgia, 2005-VIII

Refusal to pay interest for delay in refunding tax unduly paid

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Refusal to pay interest for delay in refunding tax unduly paid – Late-payment interest – Fair balance

Eko-Elda AVEE v. Greece, 2006-IV

Destruction of property caused by natural disaster

Possessions – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Destruction of property caused by natural disaster – Positive obligations – Margin of appreciation – Duty to take reasonable steps to protect possessions – Absence of causal link – Scope of procedural obligations – Alternatives to judicial response – Compensation – Factors determining level of compensation – Fair balance

Budayeva and Others v. Russia, 2008-II (extracts)

Refusal to reimburse election expenses

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Refusal to reimburse election expenses – Obligation to repay an advance on the lump-sum reimbursement of election expenses

Cheminade v. France (dec.), 1999-II

Private bank prevented from carrying on part of its activity (winding up of estates) owing to lack of licence required by Legal Advisers Act

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Clientele – Lack of interference

with right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions – No “right” because licence surrendered – Control of use of property – General interest – Private bank prevented from carrying on part of its activity (winding up of estates) owing to lack of licence required by Legal Advisers Act – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation

Hoerner Bank GmbH v. Germany (dec.), 1999-V

Eviction of serviceman from quarters belonging to State

Peaceful enjoyment of property – Property – Landlord and tenant – Quarters belonging to State – Eviction by State – Eviction of serviceman from quarters belonging to State – Right to live in a specific property

J.L.S. v. Spain (dec.), 1999-V

Revocation of a professional appointment made in the GDR during the transitional period preceding Germany’s reunification

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Clientele – Control of the use of property – Provided for by law – General interest – Proportionality – Revocation of a professional appointment – Exceptional context: reunification of Germany – Checks on possible abuses due to the transitional period

Olbertz v. Germany (dec.), 1999-V

Disbarment of a lawyer who had previously served as a criminal court judge in the GDR

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Clientele – Disbarment of a lawyer who had previously served as a criminal court judge in the GDR – Loss of clientele and income – Control of the use of property – Provided for by law – General interest – Proportionality – Preserving the public’s confidence in lawyers – Exceptional context: reunification of Germany – Balance between the applicant’s economic interests and the general interest

Döring v. Germany (dec.), 1999-VIII

Absence of compensation for loss of business resulting from prohibition on handguns

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Goodwill – Loss of future income and profit – Control of the use of property – General interest – Regulation of firearms – Absence of compensation for loss of business resulting from prohibition on handguns – Proportionality – Individual and excessive burden – Balance between business interests and the general interest

Ian Edgar (Liverpool) Ltd v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2000-I

Effects on private debts of bilateral agreements between States definitively settling such debts

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Debt – General interest – Fair balance – Effects on private debts of bilateral agreements between States definitively settling such debts – Bonds issued by Russian State before 1914 – Franco-Russian agreements on final settlement of mutual debts – Arrangements for compensation of holders of Russian bonds – Partial compensation – Risks linked to financial operation

Abrial and Others v. France (dec.), 2001-VI

Reduction in the early retirement pension of a GDR national under the German Unification Treaty

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Reduction in the early retirement pension of a GDR national under the German Unification Treaty – Possessions – Pension – Right to payment of a pre-retirement pension – Interference – Exceptional background to German reunification – Proportionality

Lenz v. Germany (dec.), 2001-X

Inability to withdraw amounts indexed to savings deposits

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Inability to withdraw amounts indexed to savings deposits – Right to withdraw initial deposits with interest – No existing entitlement

Gayduk and Others v. Ukraine (dec.), 2002-VI

Refusal to grant litigants leave to bring proceedings against a foreign State to enforce recovery of final debt

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Refusal to grant litigants leave to bring proceedings against a foreign State to enforce recovery of final debt – State immunity – Interference – Provided for by law – Public interest – Preservation of relations between two sovereign States – Proportionality – Balance between general interest and individual interest

Kalogeropoulou and Others v. Greece and Germany (dec.), 2002-X

Enactment of retrospective legislation during proceedings

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Repayment of contributions wrongly paid under Community law – Enactment of retrospective legislation during proceedings – Margin of appreciation – General interest – Financing of fund – Fair balance

EEG-Slachthuis Verbist Izegem S.A. v. Belgium (dec.), 2005-XII

Refusal to return an estate located on the territory of the former German Democratic Republic

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Possessions – Refusal to return an estate located on the territory of the former German Democratic Republic – Agreement between Denmark and the former German Democratic Republic – Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties – Interpretation by German courts in harmony with object and purpose of the Agreement – Legitimate expectation – Incompatibility *ratione materiae*

Melchior v. Germany (dec.), 2006-II

Constitutional Court's decision depriving applicant of his pre-emption right over nationalised flats

Possessions – Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Pre-emption right over nationalised flats – Enforceable claim – Legitimate expectation – Constitutional Court's decision depriving applicant of his pre-emption right over nationalised flats – Prospects of benefiting from pre-emption right depended on condition beyond applicant's control

Gavella v. Croatia (dec.), 2006-XII (extracts)

PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT OF POSSESSIONS

Refusal of authorities to return property to tenant after eviction order quashed

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Landlord and tenant – Eviction by the State – Refusal of authorities to return property to tenant after eviction order quashed – Lawfulness of interference

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Right of pre-emption exercised by the State over a painting bought under a contract of sale signed eleven years earlier, but not declared in the proper form

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Right of pre-emption exercised over a painting bought under a contract signed eleven years earlier, but not declared in the proper form – Examination under the general rule enunciated in Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 on account of the legal and factual complexity of the case – Interference – Prescribed by law – Lack of clarity in the statute and latitude afforded to the relevant authorities in determining whether fair balance had been struck – Legitimate aim – Control of market in works of art for purposes of protecting cultural and artistic heritage – Margin of appreciation in determining what is in general interest – Fair balance – Conduct of the parties – Lack of transparency on the part of the applicant – Obligation on the authorities to act in good time, appropriately and

with consistency – Unjust enrichment derived by authorities from uncertainty created to the applicant's detriment – Disproportionate and excessive burden borne by the applicant

Beyeler v. Italy [GC], 2000-I

Claim for compensatory land in respect of property abandoned as a result of boundary changes following the Second World War

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Claim for compensatory land in respect of property abandoned as a result of boundary changes following the Second World War – Grand Chamber principal judgment finding a violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 – Dysfunction affecting the protection of the right of property in the national legal order – Systemic problem – Friendly settlement – Measures of a general character – Legislative amendments – Removal of obstacles to the exercise of the “right to credit” of Bug River claimants – Individual measures – Matter resolved – Striking out of application

Broniowski v. Poland (friendly settlement) [GC], 2005-IX

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Enjoyment of possessions – Property – Debt – Nationalisation – Compensation – Failure to pay final compensation for nationalised property – Margin of appreciation – Economic and social policy – Public interest – Proportionality – Special and excessive burden – Relevance of delay in payment of compensation – Legal certainty

Almeida Garrett, Mascarenhas Falcão and Others v. Portugal, 2000-I

Repeated prohibitions on building

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Repeated prohibitions on building – Regional development – Margin of appreciation – General interest – Balance between general interest and right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Prolonged state of uncertainty – No possibility of compensation – Individual and excessive burden

Elia S.r.l. v. Italy, 2001-IX

Lack of compensation following expropriation

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Lack of compensation following expropriation – Applicants debarred, at advanced stage of lengthy proceedings, from relying on their right to compensation for expropriation – Balance between private interest and public interest

Yagtzilar and Others v. Greece, 2001-XII

Discrepancy between assessment of market value of property for the purpose of expropriation and assessment of market value for the purpose of taxation

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Discrepancy between assessment of market value of property for the purpose of expropriation and assessment of market value for the purpose of taxation – Deprivation of property – Expropriation – Interference – Lawfulness of interference with property rights – Public interest – Adequacy of compensation for expropriation – Margin of appreciation – Procedural requirements – Reasonable relationship between compensation and value of property – Secure the payment of taxes – General interest – Discrepancies in assessment of value of property in different proceedings – Combined effect of separate interferences – Legitimate expectation of consistency – Absence of sufficient explanation for discrepancy in assessment of market value of property

Jokela v. Finland, 2002-IV

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Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Cases that could not be classified in any specific category – Examination in the light of the general rule – Direct link between the unfairness of the proceedings and the right to the peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Permanent state of uncertainty – Fair balance

Sovtransavto Holding v. Ukraine, 2002-VII

No right to restitution of property situated in the German Democratic Republic that had been transferred after the border was opened

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – No right to restitution of property situated in the German Democratic Republic that had been transferred after the border was opened – Possessions – Interference – Statutory basis – General interest – Exceptional background: German reunification – Proportionality – Lack of duress, although the period following German reunification had been a time of considerable legal uncertainty – No disproportionate burden – Fair balance between private interests and the general interest

Wittek v. Germany, 2002-X

Loss of disability pension entitlements as a result of legislative amendments

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Loss of disability pension entitlements as a result of legislative amendments – Interference – Proportionality – Differential treatment in comparison with other disability pensioners – Excessive and disproportionate burden – Margin of appreciation

Kjartan Ásmundsson v. Iceland, 2004-IX

Non-execution of judgments awarding salary arrears to employees of a State-owned company

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Non-execution of judgments awarding salary arrears to employees of a State-owned company

Mykhaylenky and Others v. Ukraine, 2004-XII

Delays in enforcing judgments awarding judicial benefits and salary arrears to judges

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Legitimate public interest – Proportionality – Delays in enforcing judgments awarding judicial benefits and salary arrears to judges – Delay incompatible with the need to ensure judges' ability to exercise their functions independently and impartially – Prolonged uncertainty

Zubko and Others v. Ukraine, 2006-VI (extracts)

Requisition of building for government use and imposition of quasi-lease agreement lasting sixty-five years

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Requisition of building for government use and imposition of quasi-lease agreement lasting sixty-five years – Control of the use of property – General interest – Proportionality – Lengthy lease yielding very low rent – Excessive individual burden

Fleri Soler and Camilleri v. Malta, 2006-X

Transfer to State of money in dormant bank accounts owing to operation of statutory limitation period

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Transfer to State of money in dormant bank accounts owing to operation of statutory limitation period – Agreement between the parties subject to application of the law – Legitimate aim – Public interest – Termination of legal relationships created in distant past whose existence has become uncertain – Individuals placed at disadvantage – Requirement for banks to inform holders of dormant bank accounts when limitation period due to expire – Affording opportunity to stop time running – Fair balance between interests at stake – Proportionality

Zolotas v. Greece (no. 2), 2013-I (extracts)

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Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Forfeiture of applicant's bail notwithstanding his acquittal – General interest – Ensuring proper conduct of criminal proceedings – Fighting and preventing crime – Proportionality – Conduct of criminal proceedings significantly hampered by applicant's failure to comply

with bail conditions – Applicant’s staying out of country for several years without maintaining regular contact with trial court – Forfeiture of bail ordered after full adversarial proceedings and careful judicial scrutiny

Lavrechov v. the Czech Republic, 2013-III

Inability to recover “old” foreign-currency savings following dissolution of former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Inability to recover “old” foreign-currency savings following dissolution of former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia – Lawfulness – Legitimate aim – Fair balance – Wide margin of appreciation

Ališić and Others v. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 2014-IV

Failure of State to maintain purchasing power of sums deposited in a housing savings account

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Investments – Housing savings account – Failure of State to maintain purchasing power of sums deposited in a housing savings account – Refusal of housing grant to investor due to new conditions – Economic constraints on State

Rudzińska v. Poland (dec.), 1999-VI

Refusal to grant permanent residence to foreign national owning a house in the country concerned

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Refusal to grant residence permit to foreign national owning a house in the country concerned – Absence of right of foreign property-owner to reside permanently in the country concerned – Alternative possibilities of access to property

Ilić v. Croatia (dec.), 2000-X

No compensation in full for repatriated French nationals dispossessed of their property

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – No compensation in full for repatriated French nationals dispossessed of their property – Expropriation – Jurisdiction *ratione personae* – Property – Debt – No right to compensation from the French State

Teytaud and Others v. France (dec.), 2001-I

Confiscation of possessions of person suspected of belonging to criminal organisation, pursuant to statutory presumption that they are proceeds of unlawful activities

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Confiscation of possessions of person suspected of belonging to criminal organisation pursuant to statutory presumption that they are proceeds from unlawful activities – Deprivation of property – Control of use of property – General interest – Prevent unlawful use in a way dangerous to society of possessions not proved to have been lawfully acquired – Fight against mafia-type organised crime – Margin of appreciation – Problem of public concern warranting measures of control – Presumption of fact or of law – Statutory presumption that possessions of person suspected of belonging to criminal association are proceeds from unlawful activities – Procedure offering adequate opportunity to submit arguments

Arcuri and Others v. Italy (dec.), 2001-VII

Confiscation of assets acquired by prominent GDR officials through abuse of authority

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Confiscation of assets acquired by prominent GDR officials through abuse of authority – Control of the use of property – Provided for by law – General interest – Proportionality – Distinction between assets to which applicants have lawful title and assets acquired unlawfully – Exceptional context: reunification of Germany – Balance between applicants' interests and general interest of German society – Legislation on convertible funds

Honecker and Others v. Germany (dec.), 2001-XII

Imposition of restrictions on withdrawals from foreign-currency savings accounts

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Imposition of restrictions on withdrawals from foreign-currency savings accounts – Interference – Control of the use of property – Margin of appreciation in implementing economic policy – Economic situation – Public interest – Proportionality – Limited possibilities for using frozen savings – Payment of interest on frozen savings – Issuing of redeemable government bonds

Trajkovski v. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (dec.), 2002-IV

Forfeiture of money believed to be intended for use in drug trafficking

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Forfeiture of money believed to be intended for use in drug trafficking – Control of use of property – Legal basis for interference – General interest in combating drug trafficking – Proportionality – Fair balance

between competing interests – Margin of appreciation – Statutory limits on discretion of authorities – Judicial supervision – Burden of proof placed on defence – Adversarial proceedings

Butler v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2002-VI

Procedure for processing claims for compensation at the enforcement stage

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Procedure for processing claims for compensation at the enforcement stage – Dispute over date from which the victims' compensation award should bear default interest – Calculation of compensation in individual cases – Application of domestic legislation by the relevant courts – Extent of the State's obligation to pay interest

Fernández-Molina González and Others v. Spain (dec.), 2002-IX

Donation from GDR political party placed under administration of Trust Agency after German reunification

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Donation from GDR political party placed under administration of Trust Agency after German reunification – Interference – Control of use of property – Prescribed by law – General interest – Proportionality – Political-party assets of questionable origin returned or used in public interest – Exceptional circumstances of German reunification – Balance between individual's interests and general interest

Islamische Religionsgemeinschaft e.V. v. Germany (dec.), 2002-X

No prior communication of Government Commissioner's submissions and impossibility of replying to them at hearing before the Conseil d'État

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Public interest – Works related to land consolidation project, aimed at general improvement of re-parcelled land – Proportionality

G.L. and S.L. v. France (dec.), 2003-III (extracts)

Refusal to return to its owner a vehicle seized from persons who had hired it and used it for the illegal transport of clandestine immigrants

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Refusal to restore to its owner a vehicle seized from persons who had hired it and used it for the illegal transport of clandestine immigrants – Interference – Control of the use of property – General interest – Prohibiting use of a possession unlawfully and in a manner prejudicial to the community – Legitimate aim – Prevention of clandestine immigration – Margin of

appreciation – Presumption of fact or law – Crime-prevention policy – Procedure affording an adequate opportunity of putting one's case – Proportionality

Yildirim v. Italy (dec.), 2003-IV

Interpretation by arbitration tribunal of clause in contract

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interpretation by arbitration tribunal of clause in contract – Arbitration clause – No arbitrariness – No interference by public authorities with right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions

Transado-Transportes Fluviais do Sado, S.A. v. Portugal (dec.), 2003-XII

Refusal by authorities to execute decision ordering restitution of a building housing an embassy

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Refusal by authorities to execute decision ordering restitution of a building housing an embassy – Public interest – State immunity – Safeguarding of relations between two sovereign States – Claimant with valid title to disputed property – Balance between general and individual interest

Manoilescu and Dobrescu v. Romania and Russia (dec.), 2005-VI

Forfeiture of police officer's pension for serious offences

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Forfeiture of police officer's pension for serious offences – Disciplinary measure – Discretionary measure – Procedural protection afforded to the applicant during the forfeiture proceedings – Legal basis for interference – Margin of appreciation – Proportionality – Damage caused by such behaviour to the reputation of the police – Fair balance

Banfield v. the United Kingdom (dec.), 2005-XI

Changes in social security legislation following social developments and resulting in the reduction of benefits payable to existing beneficiaries

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Interference – Public interest – Proportionality – Changes in social security legislation following social developments and resulting in the reduction of benefits payable to existing beneficiaries – Reduction of widow's pension – Large number of beneficiaries concerned – Transitional provisions intended to ease the effects of new legislation – Original legislation conceived as safeguard against poverty

Goudswaard-van der Lans v. the Netherlands (dec.), 2005-XI

Levies imposed on farm cooperatives under Community law for exceeding milk quotas

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Levies imposed on farm cooperatives under Community law for exceeding milk quotas – Legitimate aim – General interest – Effective international cooperation – Policy to stabilise milk market of direct benefit to applicants – No manifest deficiency in the protection of Convention rights capable of rebutting the presumption of protection of those rights by Community law

Coopérative des agriculteurs de la Mayenne and Coopérative laitière Maine-Anjou v. France (dec.), 2006-XV (extracts)

DEPRIVATION OF PROPERTY

Irrebuttable presumption of benefit accruing from expropriation

Deprivation of property – Amount of compensation for expropriation – Proportionality – No right under Convention to full compensation – Irrebuttable presumption of benefit offsetting compensation claim – Individual and excessive burden

Papachelas v. Greece [GC], 1999-II

Quashing of a final judicial decision, already executed, whereby a property nationalised under the communist regime had been returned to owner

Possessions – Deprivation of possessions – Quashing of a final judicial decision, already executed, whereby a property nationalised under the communist regime had been returned to owner – No public interest justifying non-return of an unlawfully nationalised property – Proportionality – Individual and excessive burden

Brumărescu v. Romania [GC], 1999-VII

Expropriation, without compensation, of property belonging to former King and royal family

Deprivation of property – Expropriation, without compensation, of property belonging to former King and royal family – Possessions – Examination of nature of ownership of royal property – Legal basis for deprivation of property – Constitutionality of law – Public interest – Transition from monarchy to republic – Absence of compensation for expropriation

Former King of Greece and Others v. Greece [GC], 2000-XII

Obligation to transfer property without compensation after reunification of Germany

Deprivation of property – Obligation to transfer property without compensation after reunification of Germany – Provided for by law – Public interest – Lack of compensation – Uncertainties inherent in transitional period between two regimes – Complex issues arising during transition to democratic regime – Reasons of social justice – Exceptional context: reunification of Germany – Fair balance – Legislation relating to liquidation of land reform

Jahn and Others v. Germany [GC], 2005-VI

Compensation on account of a disability

Deprivation of possessions – Compensation on account of a disability – Possessions – Claim for damages – Immediate application of a law to pending proceedings – Loss of a substantial portion of damages claimed, through the operation of retrospective legislation – Public interest – Fair balance – Individual and excessive burden

Maurice v. France [GC], 2005-IX

Compensation awarded following use of domestic remedy open to victims of excessively long proceedings

Deprivation of property – Expropriation – In the public interest – Compensation arrangements – Fair balance – Insufficient amount of expropriation compensation – Isolated expropriation – Expropriation compensation far below market value of property

Scordino v. Italy (no. 1) [GC], 2006-V

Cocchiarella v. Italy [GC], 2006-V

Musci v. Italy [GC], 2006-V (extracts)

Compensation on account of a disability

Deprivation of possessions – Compensation on account of a disability – Possessions – Claim for damages – Immediate application of a law to pending proceedings – Loss of a substantial portion of damages claimed, through the operation of retrospective legislation – Public interest – Fair balance – Individual and excessive burden

Maurice v. France (just satisfaction – striking out) [GC], 2006-IX

Completion of illegal works by authorities on land owned by the applicants amounted to a transfer of property

Deprivation of possessions – Completion of illegal works by authorities on land owned by the applicants amounted to a transfer of property – *De facto*

expropriation – Failure to return land despite retrospective orders quashing authorities' resolutions to take possession of and build on land – Unlawful interference

Belvedere Alberghiera S.r.l. v. Italy, 2000-VI

***De facto* expropriation by the authorities without compensation**

Deprivation of property – *De facto* expropriation by the authorities without compensation – Transfer of property without compensation formalised by decision of final appellate court – *De facto* expropriation – Requirement of lawfulness – Interference unforeseeable – Protection afforded by right to compensation rendered ineffective – Arbitrary interference

Carbonara and Ventura v. Italy, 2000-VI

Amount of compensation for expropriation

Deprivation of property – Expropriation – Compensation – Amount of compensation for expropriation – Reasonable relationship between the amount of compensation and the true value of the property – Evidence to show the existence of a reasonable relationship

Platakou v. Greece, 2001-I

Length of time since property was expropriated not taken into account in assessment of compensation due

Deprivation of property – Expropriation – Length of time since property was expropriated not taken into account in assessment of compensation due – Public interest – Accommodation of refugees – Amount of compensation for expropriation – Fair balance

Malama v. Greece, 2001-II

Failure of authorities to return property

Deprivation of possessions – Failure of authorities to return property – Possessions – Applicant's substantive interest in view of relevant law and facts – Conduct of State authorities – Public interest – Fair balance – Individual and excessive burden borne by applicant

Zwierzyński v. Poland, 2001-VI

Dispossession in favour of owner expropriated under communist regime

Deprivation of possessions – Dispossession in favour of owner expropriated under communist regime – Legal basis – Public interest – Fair balance – Proportionality – Importance of personal and social situation of dispossessed persons – Purchasers

in good faith should not bear burden of responsibility rightfully incumbent on State which confiscated possessions – Compensation – Amount of compensation essentially corresponding to property's purchase price fixed nearly thirty years earlier – Impossible to assert right to alternative accommodation in domestic courts – Applicants deprived of their only property and home – Individual and excessive burden

Pincová and Pinc v. the Czech Republic, 2002-VIII

Obligation to return land without compensation after it had been acquired in good faith by a gift made freely and for equivalent consideration

Deprivation of property – Obligation to return land without compensation after it had been acquired in good faith by a gift made freely and for equivalent consideration – Statutory basis – Public interest – Lawful expropriation – Fair balance – Lack of compensation – No possibility of obtaining a review in individual cases involving transfers of land under the Communist regime in special circumstances – Disproportionate burden on the applicants

Zvolský and Zvolská v. the Czech Republic, 2002-IX

Demolition of house built on jointly owned land without the consent of all joint owners, while proceedings concerning division of ownership pending

Deprivation of property – Demolition of house built on jointly owned land without the consent of all joint owners, while proceedings concerning division of ownership pending – Public interest – Measures in pursuit of social or economic policies without direct benefit to the community – Effective functioning of a system of joint ownership – Fair balance – Conflicting positions of different authorities – Limited interest of joint owners

Allard v. Sweden, 2003-VII

Presumption of benefit accruing from expropriation

Deprivation of property – Amount of compensation for expropriation – Proportionality – Presumption of benefit accruing from expropriation – Obligation on owner to show absence of benefit – Procedure ensuring overall assessment of consequences of expropriation – Fair balance between general and individual interest

Efstathiou and Michailidis & Co. Motel Amerika v. Greece, 2003-IX

Sale of nationalised property by State before settlement of dispute relating to nationalisation

Deprivation of property – Sale of nationalised property by State before settlement of dispute relating to nationalisation – Annulment of nationalisation – Property right recognised with retrospective effect – Partial restitution of property – Issue of lawfulness not settled – Discrimination – Lack of compensation – Breach of fundamental principles – Disproportionate and excessive burden

Străin and Others v. Romania, 2005-VII

Deprivation of ownership of coastal land and demolition of partially built hotel without compensation

Deprivation of possessions – Deprivation of ownership of coastal land and demolition of partially built hotel without compensation – In the public interest – Fair balance

N.A. and Others v. Turkey, 2005-X

Nationalised assets returned retrospectively but sold by the State to third parties

Deprivation of property – Nationalised assets returned retrospectively but sold by the State to third parties – Impossibility for the owner to recover his property, sold by the State to a third party in breach of a judicial decision – Presumption of purchaser's good faith – Basis in law – Whether there was a "possession" – Positive obligations – Return and sale of nationalised property – Question of public interest – Obligation on the authorities to take timely, correct and consistent action – General climate of lack of legal certainty and security – Fair balance

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Drastic reduction in value of shareholding in a bank as a result of measures taken by a Board of Receivers to deal with threatened insolvency

Deprivation of property – Drastic reduction in value of shareholding in a bank as a result of measures taken by a Board of Receivers to deal with threatened insolvency – Possessions – Company shares – Victim – *Locus standi* – Shareholder – Measures prejudicial to shareholders' rights but of benefit to the company – Drastic reduction in value of shareholding amounting to deprivation of property – Lawfulness of measure – Interests of a bank's customers compatible with notion of public interest – Fair balance

Olczak v. Poland (dec.), 2002-X

Refusal to return property which had been nationalised during the Soviet regime

Possessions – Deprivation of property – Refusal to return property which had been nationalised during the Soviet regime – Bona fide acquisition by new owner – Statutory amendments aimed at avoiding further injustices and affording due protection to rights of new property owners – Asset – Sufficiently established and enforceable claim – Compensation amount not challenged at domestic level – Proportionality

Pöder and Others v. Estonia (dec.), 2005-VIII

Forced relocation of Inughuit in Greenland in the 1950s

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Deprivation of property – Forced relocation of Inughuit in Greenland in the 1950s – Relocation of applicants from native village and prohibition on hunting – Instantaneous act – Incompatibility *ratione temporis* – Compensation granted and various measures taken by Danish courts and government – Fair balance struck

Hingitaq 53 and Others v. Denmark (dec.), 2006-I

CONTROL OF THE USE OF PROPERTY

Landowners opposed to hunting unable to obtain exemption from statutory obligation to transfer hunting rights over their land to their local municipal hunters' association and to join the association

Control of the use of property – Landowners opposed to hunting unable to obtain exemption from statutory obligation to transfer hunting rights over their land to their local municipal hunters' association – Interference – General interest – Proportionality – Disproportionate burden

Chassagnou and Others v. France [GC], 1999-III

Staggering of police assistance to enforce eviction orders

Control of the use of property – Landlord and tenant – System of suspending and staggering enforcement of eviction orders – General interest – Public order – Margin of appreciation – Balance between property rights and general interest – Procedural guarantees

Immobiliare Saffi v. Italy [GC], 1999-V

Impounding of a leased aircraft pursuant to United Nations sanctions regime and regulation of the Council of the European Communities

Control of the use of property – Impounding of a leased aircraft pursuant to United Nations sanctions regime and regulation of the Council of the European Communities – General interest – Compliance with international legal obligations – Legal basis for the impoundment – Foreseeability of powers to impound – Absence of discretion – Substantive guarantees and control mechanisms – Protection of fundamental rights by Community law equivalent to that of the Convention system, unless the presumption to that effect is rebutted

Bosphorus Hava Yolları Turizm ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi v. Ireland [GC], 2005-VI

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Control of the use of property – General interest – Return of nationalised property – Failure by new landlords to comply with certain formalities, resulting in an obligation to keep tenants for several years without receiving rent – Protection of tenants during housing crisis inherited from communist regime – Provided for by law – Foreseeability – Incomplete and imprecise emergency legislation – Proportionality – Margin of appreciation – Fair balance to be struck between competing interests – Individual and excessive burden

Radovici and Stănescu v. Romania, 2006-XIII (extracts)

Arbitrary seizure for over a year of ship and its cargo on suspicion of arms smuggling

Peaceful enjoyment of possessions – Control of the use of property – Arbitrary seizure for over a year of ship and its cargo on suspicion of arms smuggling – Proportionality – Protection from arbitrariness

Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines v. Turkey, 2007-V

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Right to education – Respect for parents' religious and philosophical convictions – Refusal to grant full exemption from instruction in Christianity, religion and philosophy in State primary schools – Positive obligations – State's obligation to safeguard pluralism and objectivity in State schools – Place of Christianity in national history and tradition – Preponderant weight of Christianity in curriculum – Margin of appreciation – Practical and effective rights – Limited effectiveness and practical difficulties of partial-exemption arrangement – Risk of undue exposure of parents' private life

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Closure of schools teaching in Latin script and harassment of pupils wishing to be educated in their national language

Right to education – Right of access to educational institutions – Right to be educated in one's national language – Respect for parents' religious and philosophical convictions – Closure of schools teaching in Latin script and harassment of pupils wishing to be educated in their national language – Absence of legitimate aim – Positive obligations – Considerable efforts by territorial State to provide alternative solutions – Responsibility of State in effective control for policies and actions of subordinate local administration

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Right to education – Respect for parents' religious convictions – Refusal to grant children exemption from compulsory primary-school attendance for religious

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Exclusion of Gibraltar from European parliamentary elections

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Disqualification from standing in parliamentary elections on account of active participation in a political party, given the latter's involvement in an attempted *coup d'état*

Stand for election – Disqualification from standing in parliamentary elections on account of active participation in a political party, given the latter's involvement in an attempted *coup d'état* – Dispute as to historical events – Protection of democracy – Fair balance between requirements of defence of democratic society and protection of individual rights – Applicable criteria for the purpose of Article 3 of Protocol No. 1 – Principle of the rule of law – National security – Proportionality – Specificity of political and historical context which led to enactment of statutory restriction – Transition from totalitarian society to democracy – State's broad margin of appreciation – Legislation defining in detail the scope and conditions of application of restriction – Scope of jurisdiction of national courts – Imputability of political party's acts to its leaders and members unless they distance themselves from it

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Representation of political parties in Parliament conditional upon obtaining a very high percentage of the votes cast nationally

Free expression of the opinion of the people – Choice of the legislature – Representation of political parties in Parliament conditional upon obtaining a very high percentage of the votes cast nationally – Legitimate aim of avoiding excessive and debilitating fragmentation of Parliament – Lack of a European consensus – Assessment of the electoral threshold in the light of the electoral system and the political context – Strategies developed by parties to attenuate negative effects of the high threshold – Role of the Constitutional Court – Proportionality – Lowering of the electoral threshold recommended

Yumak and Sadak v. Turkey [GC], 2008-III

Inability of persons with multiple nationality to stand as candidates in parliamentary elections

Stand for elections – Inability of persons with multiple nationality to stand as candidates in parliamentary elections – Loyalty to the State – Proportionality – European consensus – Historico-political context of the electoral reform – Margin of appreciation – General restrictions on electoral rights more difficult to justify with passage of time – Existence of other means of protecting State's laws, institutions and national security – Detrimental impact of the electoral reform on the opposition – Changes to electoral legislation introduced shortly before elections

Tănase v. Moldova [GC], 2010-III

Permanent disqualification of former President from standing for election to Parliament following removal from office

Standing for election – Permanent disqualification of former President from standing for election to Parliament following removal from office – Right to free elections applicable only to election of the legislature – Interference – Preservation of democratic order – Exclusion from any office requiring an oath under the Constitution – Electoral rights not affected by impeachment in other Council of Europe member States – Proportionality – Measure unlimited in time and not subject to review – Permanent disqualification from standing for election – Law in question influenced by circumstances

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Lack of legislation governing arrangements enabling nationals resident abroad to exercise their voting rights in parliamentary elections from their place of residence

Vote – Free expression of the opinion of the people – Lack of legislation governing arrangements enabling nationals resident abroad to exercise their voting rights in parliamentary elections from their place of residence – Facilitating exercise of voting rights by expatriates – Not mandatory for States – Lack of European consensus concerning arrangements for exercise of this right – Wide margin of appreciation – Optional provision of the Constitution in place for thirty-five years – Failure of attempts to implement legislation for lack of political agreement – Similarity of interests between expatriates and residents not sufficient to call legal situation into question – General rules unable to take account of each individual situation – Disruption to financial, family and professional lives not disproportionate in this case

Sitaropoulos and Giakoumopoulos v. Greece [GC], 2012-II

Candidate struck out of list of candidates for election to Latvian parliament for insufficient command of official language

Standing as candidate in elections – Candidate struck out of list of candidates for election to Latvian parliament for insufficient command of official language – Parliamentary elections – Implied limitations on right to stand for election – Practical and effective rights – Legitimate aim – Proportionality – Constitutional rules – National characteristics – Margin of appreciation regarding criteria for declaring candidates for election to parliament ineligible – Safeguards against arbitrary decisions declaring candidates ineligible – Margin of appreciation regarding choice of a national parliament's working language – Requirement of high level of

knowledge of official language as condition of eligibility – Examination of fairness and legality of procedures for assessing linguistic competence

Podkolzina v. Latvia, 2002-II

MPs removed from office on account of the dissolution of their party by Constitutional Court

Right to stand for election – Right of an elected candidate to sit as a member of parliament – MPs removed from office on account of the dissolution of their party by Constitutional Court – Dissolution of a political party – Member of parliament prohibited from engaging in his political activities – Opposition MP – Proportionality – Nature and severity of penalty – Sovereign power of electorate

Sadak and Others v. Turkey (no. 2), 2002-IV

Refusal to register Turkish Cypriot in Greek-Cypriot electoral roll

Right to vote – Refusal to register Turkish Cypriot in Greek-Cypriot electoral roll – Choice of legislature – Parliamentary elections – Exclusion of persons or groups of persons from participation in political life – Absence of legislation resolving problems ensuing from ineffective constitutional provisions

Aziz v. Cyprus, 2004-V

Delay in implementing disenfranchisement as automatic consequence of imposition of a preventive measure

Right to vote – Delay in implementing disenfranchisement as automatic consequence of imposition of preventive measure – Choice of the legislature – Parliamentary elections – Regional elections – Competence and powers of regional councils

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Right to stand for elections – Eligibility – Condition and proof of residence – Margin of appreciation – Safeguards against arbitrariness

Melnychenko v. Ukraine, 2004-X

Right to vote in elections to New Caledonian Congress refused on account of ten-year residence rule

Right to vote – Right to vote in elections to New Caledonian Congress refused on account of ten-year residence rule – Legislature – New Caledonian

Congress – Examination of role played in overall legislative process – Choice of legislature – Length-of-residence requirement – Margin of appreciation

Py v. France, 2005-I (extracts)

Personal and professional restrictions arising out of entry of person's name in bankruptcy register

Electoral rights – Bankruptcy proceedings – Suspension of bankrupt's electoral rights – Prohibition on occupying public-sector posts – Interference – Aim pursued – Punitive nature of restrictions

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Refusal to register candidate for parliamentary elections as he had failed to pay an electoral deposit exceeding his annual income

Stand for election – Refusal to register candidate for parliamentary elections as he had failed to pay an electoral deposit exceeding his annual income – State's margin of appreciation – Development of sufficiently representative political currents – State's participation in the campaign costs of registered candidates – Deposit system subject to scrutiny by the legislature and the judiciary – Possibility for a candidate to have recourse to external funding – Electoral deposit of relatively low amount – Proportionality

Sukhovetskyi v. Ukraine, 2006-VI

Immediate application during current parliamentary term of provision disqualifying those engaging in professional activities from sitting as MPs

Free expression of the opinion of the people – Choice of legislature – Immediate application during current parliamentary term of provision disqualifying those engaging in professional activities from sitting as MPs – Disqualification from sitting as an MP – Principle of legitimate expectation – Lack of pressing ground which could have justified the immediate application of the absolute disqualification

Lykourezos v. Greece, 2006-VIII

Arbitrary invalidation of votes obtained by the leading candidate in several electoral divisions of a parliamentary constituency, resulting in victory for his opponent

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law on outcome of the vote – Particular caution required from authorities when domestic law lacks clarity – Failure to address issues of conflicting legal provisions and credibility of various actors in the elections – Margin of appreciation

Kovach v. Ukraine, 2008-I

Voting procedures in parliamentary election in a “post-revolutionary” political context

Free expression of the opinion of the people – Stand for election – Voting procedures in parliamentary election in a “post-revolutionary” political context – Introduction of an active system of voter registration shortly before the election, aimed at remedying the problem of chaotic electoral rolls – Universality and equality of the vote – Effectiveness of the right to stand for election contingent upon the fair exercise of the right to vote – Authorities’ diligent conduct within tight deadlines – Wide margin of appreciation – Independence and impartiality of electoral bodies – Checks and balances between different State powers within a body of electoral administration – No evidence of abuse of power or electoral fraud adduced to back up a complaint of a pro-presidential majority in electoral commissions at all levels – Disenfranchisement – Principle of universal suffrage – Positive obligations – Failure to resort to investigative measures in view of allegations of voting irregularities – Failure to take reasonable measures to ensure fresh polls were conducted in two electoral districts following annulment of initial results

Georgian Labour Party v. Georgia, 2008-IV

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Hilbe v. Liechtenstein (dec.), 1999-VI

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Right to free elections – Choice of the legislature – Failure to hold valid elections

of municipal council and mayor – Examination of whether municipal council and mayor exercise legislative powers

Cherepkov v. Russia (dec.), 2000-I

Election dispute relating to refusal to declare list of candidates eligible for municipal elections

Standing for election – Choice of legislature – Election dispute relating to refusal to declare list of candidates eligible for municipal elections – Legislative power – Municipal elections – Examination of question whether municipal councils exercise legislative powers

Salleras Llinares v. Spain (dec.), 2000-XI

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Boškoski v. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (dec.), 2004-VI

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ARTICLE 2 OF PROTOCOL NO. 4**FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT****Imposition of special surveillance measures on a suspected member of the Mafia after his acquittal**

Liberty of movement – Interference – In accordance with law – Maintenance of *ordre public* – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Imposition of special surveillance measures on suspected member of the Mafia after his acquittal

Labita v. Italy [GC], 2000-IV

Seizure and non-restitution of applicant's passport in criminal proceedings against third parties

Freedom of movement – Seizure and non-restitution of applicant's passport in criminal proceedings against third parties – Interference – Circumstances external to impugned measure – Restriction on freedom of movement – Necessary in democratic society – Requirements of criminal investigation

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Freedom of movement – Order excluding individual from specified area for fourteen days – Restriction – In accordance with law – Discretionary power of Burgomaster – Accessibility of law – Accessibility of primary legislation and published case-law – Foreseeability – Issuing of warning enabling individual to regulate conduct – Maintenance of *ordre public* – Prevention of crime – Necessary in a democratic society – Emergency situation – Proportionality

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Chechen prevented from crossing administrative border between two republics of the Russian Federation

Freedom of movement – Restriction – Prescribed by law – Chechen prevented from

crossing administrative border between two republics of the Russian Federation – Oral instruction not to admit anyone of Chechen origin – Order held to be unlawful by domestic authority

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Withdrawal of suspect's passport for over a decade pending outcome of criminal proceedings

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Freedom of movement – Freedom to leave country – Long-term prohibition on travel abroad imposed on person having had access to State secrets – Unqualified restriction on international travel – Interference – Prescribed by law – Necessary in a democratic society – National security

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PROHIBITION OF EXPULSION OF NATIONALS

Expulsion of family from Latvia on basis of treaty providing for withdrawal of Russian troops

Expulsion of nationals – Expulsion of family from Latvia on basis of treaty providing for withdrawal of Russian troops – Notion of “national” – Determination of nationality with reference to national law

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Prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens – Reasonable and objective examination of the particular case of each individual alien of a group – Single decision refusing asylum to a couple – Single decision taken as a consequence of applicants' own conduct

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law – Expulsion in absence of judicial decision despite contrary requirement in domestic law

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Krombach v. France, 2001-II

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Right to a fair trial – Fair hearing – Criminal proceedings – Plea bargaining – Conviction without examination of merits of case following plea bargain – Guilty plea – *Nolo contendere* – Waiver of procedural rights – Procedural safeguards – Waiver of right to examination of case on the merits – Voluntary entry into agreement – Judicial review of plea bargain – Accusations supported by prima facie evidence – Right of appeal in criminal matters – Scope of right where conviction based on plea bargain – Margin of appreciation – Waiver of right to ordinary appellate review – Absence of arbitrary restriction falling foul of requirement of reasonableness

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Right to review by higher tribunal – Body dealing with case at first instance not regarded as tribunal under domestic law

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