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About

Rosa Freedman joined Birmingham Law School in 2011 having previously taught Law at Queen Mary, University of London. Rosa has written articles on legal matters for national media and online blogs , and has provided research and expertise to a number of NGOs. Her first book, ***The United Nations Human Rights Council: an early assessment*** (/schools/law/news/2013/freedman-unhrc.aspx) was published in March 2013 and her second book ***Failing to Protect: The UN and Politicisation of Human Rights (http://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/failing-to-protect/)*** was published in May 2014.

Feedback and office hours

My office hours are on Thursdays 11am-1pm. Please email me to arrange an appointment outside of office hours.

Please note that I will be on jury service from Monday 28th April and will not hold office hours until I have completed my civic duty.

Qualifications

- LLB (QMUL)
- LLM (UCL)
- BVC (Inns of Court School of Law)
- PhD (Queen Mary, University of London)

Biography

Rosa obtained her LLB in 2005 before undertaking a specialised LLM (Public International Law) at University College London. She was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 2007. Rosa joined Birmingham Law School from QMUL, where she was awarded a studentship for the duration of her doctoral studies.

Teaching

- Criminal Law (LLB and GDL)
- Land Law (LLB and GDL)
- International Human Rights (LLB and LLM)
- Research Skills (LLM)
- Dissertation supervision

Research

Rosa researches and writes on the United Nations human rights machinery and international human rights law. She is interested in the extent to which those bodies discharge their mandates and the intersection of international law and international relations. She has published extensively on the United Nations Human Rights Council and is currently focuisng on the United Nations Special Procedures system. Rosa has a broader interest in the impact of politics, international relations, the media, and civil society both on the work and proceedings of international institutions and on states' compliance with international human rights norms. Rosa has presented papers at national and international conferences on international human rights and international law. Rosa also undertakes interdisciplinary and collaborative research on hybridity, including jointly organising and running an interdisciplinary workshop through the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Other activities

- Academic head of the Legal Skills Advisory Service
- Law School coordinator for the MA in International Law, Politics and Global Ethics
- Member of the University Humanities and Social Sciences Ethical Review Committee

Publications

Books

- ***Failing to Protect: The UN and Politicisation of Human Rights (http://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/failing-to-protect/)*** (Hurst: London; OUP: New York, 2014)
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