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# Scholars and Professionals at Risk – Human Rights Issues in Focus



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UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, FROHBURGSTRASSE 3, ROOM 4.B55

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This lecture held jointly by the University of Lucerne and the Scholars at Risk Network looks at human rights violations in the Iranian and Sri Lankan contexts and uncovers some of the reasons why people are forced to leave their home countries.

## Programme

Monday, 20th November 2017

- 17.00     **Prof. Dr. Martina Caroni**, Professor of Human Rights Law and Vice Rector for Teaching and International Relations, University of Lucerne  
*Welcome/Chair*
- 17.05     **Tabassom Fanaian**, Registered 'Scholar at Risk'  
«Human rights in the Iranian context»  
  
Ms. Tabassom Fanaian is a scholar of political psychology and human rights and is currently a guest lecturer in religion and human rights at the MF Norwegian School of Theology. Ms. Fanaian will describe her first hand experience of violations to women's rights, the right to education and the right to life in Iran.
- 17:50     **Dr. Chamira Samarsinghe**  
«Human rights and the War on Drugs»  
  
Dr. Chamira Samarasinghe is a former Chairman/ Chief Executive Officer of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board of Sri Lanka and currently a Master's student of Health Sciences at the University of Lucerne. Dr. Samarasinghe will give his personal account of the circumstances which led to him and his family fleeing Sri Lanka and finding refuge in Switzerland.
- 18:30     **Aperó in the university foyer**

This event is free. No registration is required and all are welcome, however please note that space may be limited.

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