

Promoting Human Rights in a Changing World: Threats, Challenges and Opportunities

Mr. Michel Forst

UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

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The University of Hong Kong



In June 2014, **Mr. Michel Forst** was appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council as the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. Mr. Forst has extensive experience on human rights issues, including human rights defenders, the rights of children with disabilities, extreme poverty, and the elderly. He has held a number of leading positions within the field of human rights, including the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, the Cimade (Comité inter-mouvements auprès des évacués), UNESCO, the first World Summit on Human Rights Defenders (Paris), and Amnesty International (France).

From 2008 to 2013, Mr. Forst was the UN Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, and between 2012 and 2013 he was the Chair of the Coordination Committee of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

On the occasion of a working visit to South East Asia, Michel Forst, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders will give a public lecture to present the global situation of human rights defenders as well as the actions undertaken by his mandate and other mechanisms to better protect them.

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