

## ***INFORMING HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT***

We are scholars who produce comprehensive data on European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Judgments to promote justice, accountability and transparency through the legal process. The database (ECHRdb) includes over 15,000 ECHR judgments from 1960-2014, and identifies all interest and advocacy organization participation in the case. The ECHRdb establishes new field standards in data sharing, management and usability protocols easing access to vital human rights data.

## ***USERS***

The ECHRdb is cross-temporal, across legal domain and is broadly cross-national and is accessible to students, researchers, practitioners and the general public.

- Researchers and Educators can examine and analyze ECHR judgments on participation and decision level variables enabling innovative social science analysis and enhancing classroom curriculum.
- Practitioners are able to quickly track trends in human rights violations by key variables such as defendant country, legal domain and decision outcome.
- Advocacy Groups can quickly identify successful litigation strategies and mobilization patterns, facilitating a growing network, community and infrastructure for human rights protection.

## ***DATA***

The ECHRdb is available both as a set of downloadable raw data files and includes an online analysis tool enabling broad access to the data. The database includes variables detailing judicial decision patterns (subject matter, violation rate, defendant country, etc) and organization participation and effects (organization identification, participation rates, types of participation, amicus impact, domestic legal change, etc).

- 3 Datasets : Users can examine all the variables (Comprehensive) or narrow their analysis to focus on the judgment level patterns (Judgment Centered) or organization participation patterns (Participation Centered).
- Online Analysis and Visualization : Users can filter the data, analyze frequencies, and compare variables. The data visualization uses an innovative new platform, *Arrays*, designed by Seattle based research and design firm, Schema Design. The ECHRdb comes to life through a fully interactive design offering custom views to visualize the data, from basic charts and graphs to interactive galleries and timelines.

## ***TEAM AND FUNDING***

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