Appendices RIS

1. Mapping Key Actors

The social networks of General Comments (GC) 12, 14 and 15 were analyzed and visualized with the software Gephi: <https://gephi.org/> The data is available and was submitted in a separate file.

The analysis is based on data gathered from all public summary records of the days of general discussion,[[1]](#footnote-1) summary records of meetings in which the CESCR reported on the progress, and the final general comments.[[2]](#footnote-2) For the node table, identifying the actors (including individuals, states, organizations and treaty bodies) in the network, I assigned IDs to all CESCR members, each organization[[3]](#footnote-3) and every individual mentioned. For the edge table, identifying the relations between each actor, I coded an interaction between individuals who were mentioned as participants in the same meeting and other individuals and organizations. Each individual speaking publicly to the committee and other individuals in the meeting thus interacts with CESCR; when NGOs were referencing each other in their reports or statements I also included this connection in the edge table. Further, when central actors referred to background documents like drafts or codes of conduct, I went through the author’s list of the document and included these connections, too.[[4]](#footnote-4)

On visualization:

* I approach each GC as one network, coloured in red (GC12), purple (GC14), and green (GC15).
* The size of the nodes is based on out-degree, illustrating how many relations are going out.
* The darker grey nodes (e.g., Alston, Riedel) highlight individuals belonging to more than one network – the key actors I focused on in the latter steps of the analysis.



1. Short biographies of key actors in the case studies

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| Representative | Position in the Context of GC | Nationality | Other Positions | Education |
| Philip Alston | CESCR member & Chairperson  (1987-1998) | Australian | Professor of Law, New York University School of Law; Harvard Law School, Sidley Austin Visiting Professor, 2010-11, James Barr Ames Visiting Professor, Fall 2008, Visiting Professor/Lecturer, Spring 1993, Fall 1984 – Fall 1989. Professor of International Law, European University Institute, Florence, 1996-2002.  Special Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Millennium Development Goals, appointed by Sergio Vieira de Mello, 2002-2006. Member, Millennium Development Goals Task Force on Poverty and Economic Development, chaired by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs (2002-2004) Independent Expert, appointed by UN Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, at the request of the General Assembly, to report on measures to ensure the long-term effectiveness of the UN human rights treaty bodies, reports submitted in 1989, 1993 and 1997 | 1972 – LL.B (Hons), University of Melbourne, Faculty of Law 1976 – B. Comm., University of Melbourne, Faculty of Economics and Commerce 1976 – LL.M by thesis, University of Melbourne, Faculty of Law 1977 – LL.M, University of California, Berkeley 1980 – JSD (doctorate in law) University of California, Berkeley |
| Virginia Bonoan-Dandan | CESCR member  (1998-2010) | Philippines | National Project Manager (Human Rights Community Development Project in three Philippine Indigenous Peoples’ Communities,  a bi-lateral project of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines and the New Zealand Human Rights Commission) | Bachelor of Fine Arts (University of the Philippines) 1977 MA Anthropology (University of the Philippines) 1989 PhD Anthropology (University of the Philippines) 1995 |
| Asbjørn Eide | Human Rights Council Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities & others | Norwegian | Chair, UN Working Group for the protection of minorities (1995-2004) Member, Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1981-2003) Norwegian human rights project, cooperation with Torkel Opsahl and Jan Helgesen (1979-1986) Secretary-General, International Peace Research Organization (1971-1975) Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo PRIO (1970-1987) Rapporteur, Nobel Symposium (1967) Lecturer, Law Faculty, University of Oslo (1962-1963) Legal Division, Ministry of Justice (1960) Compulsory miltary service, Norwegian brigade, Flensburg, Germany (1952-1953) | Law School (1954-1960) University Fellowship, Royal Institute of International Affairs, London and Columbia University, New York (1965-1969) |
| Wenche Barth Eide | World Alliance on Nutrition and Human Rights (WANAHR) | Norway | Consultant, UN Protein-Calorie Advisory Group (PAG) to prepare a report on ”Women in Food Production, Food Handling and Nutrition” (1975-1976) Technical Adviser in Nutrition, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (1989-1994) Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition, University of Oslo Co-director, International Project of the Right to Food in Development Co-Chair, Working Group on Nutrition, Ethics and Human Rights, UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition | Postgraduate Academic Diploma in Nutrition, University of London (1965-1966) Cand. real. Zoology (1962) |
| Julia Häusermann | Founder and President (1986-??)  Rights and Humanity | UK? | *Inactive Website of Rights & Humanity*  *Frequently referred to as “Professor”, but no university address could be found.* | London School of Economics and Political Science (1975-1996) |
| Malcolm Langford | Senior Legal Officer (2001-2006)  Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions | Australia | Guest Lecturer, International Law, University of Philippines (2002) Lecturer, Right to Food Summer School, Central European University (2001-2002) Founding Member, NGO Coalition for an Optional Protocol-ICESCR (2001-2005) Campaign Policy Officer for Children’s’ Rights, World Vision Australia (2000) Advocate, Lewis & Hutchinson Solicitors (1997-2000) Policy Officer, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, (1996) Inaugural Coordinator, Australian Human Rights Information Centre, University of NSW (1995-1996) | Ph.D, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (2014) LL.M, Comparative, European and International Law, European University Institute (2001) LL.B, University of NSW, Australia (1995) B.Econ., University of NSW, Australia (1993) |
| Scott Leckie | Legal Advisor and UN Representative (1989-1999)  HABITAT  Director  Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions | USA/  Netherlands/  Australia | Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (1994-??) Netherlands Institute of Human Rights International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia (??-??)  Legal Counsel and United Nations Representative for Habitat International Coalition (1989-1999)  <https://www.scottleckie.com.au/about> | Law, Essex |
| Gerald Moore | Legal Counsel FAO |  | "Honorary Fellow, Bioversity International (??-??)  Legal Counsel, FAO (1988-2000)" | B.A., Cambridge University LL.M., University of California at Berkeley |
| Eibe Riedel | CESCR member  (1998-2014)  Swiss Chair of Human Rights (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies IHEID, Geneva, Switzerland) Director (Institute for German, European and International Medical Law, Public Health Law and Bioethics of the  Universities of Heidelberg and Mannheim) Director (Institute for Inland Navigation Law) University of Mannheim Honorary Adjunct Professor (University of Adelaide, Australia) | Germany | Chair of German and Comparative Public Law, European and International Law, University of Mannheim, Germany (1993-2008), Pro-vice-chancellor (1997-2001) Director of Studies for International Law and Examiner Foreign Office, Bonn/berlin (1989-2008) Member of Scientific Advisory Council, German Foreign Office, Berlin Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague, Netherlands Member of Joint Expert Group, Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, UNESCO, and UN CESCR Member and Chairperson (Since 2008), Board of Trustees, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin | Studies in Law and Theology (King's College London, UK) LLB (King's College London, UK) Studies in Law (University of Kiel, Germany) Dr. Juris (University of Kiel, Germany) Dr. Juris Habil (University of Kiel, Germany) |
| Virginia Roaf | WaterAid | Australia | No previous ties to human rights /UN work, later Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation. |  |
| Philippe Texier | CESCR member  (2000-2012)  Member of the National Advisory Commission to the Prime Minister on Human Rights | France | French Government representative as an expert on the Sessional Working Group of Government Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Director, Human Rights Division, United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) 1991 Independent expert, Haiti, Human Rights Commission 1988-1990 Technical Counsellor to the Secretary of State for the Family, Population and Migrant Workers (1983-1984) Director, Judicial Division (National School for Administration and the Judiciary, Yaounde, Cameroon) 1977-1979 Technical Cooperation Attaché at the Embassy of France in Bogotá (1966-1967) Examining magistrate, Châlons-sur-Marne (1970-1971), Marseille (1972-1977), Paris (1978-1983) Deputy public prosecutor, Marseille (1971-1972) | LLM (University of Montpellier, France) 1965 Certificate in Sociology (University of Montpellier, France) 1963 |
| Brigit Toebes | Research Coordinator  T.M.C. Asser Instituut for International Law | Netherlands | T.M.C. Asser Instituut for International Law, Researcher and Research-Coordinator  Legislative Advisor at the Netherlands Council of State | PhD, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (Utrecht University) 1990s.  Visiting Scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health. |
| Michael Windfuhr | UN-Representative for Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) (1994-2003) | Germany | Executive Director, Secretary General, FIAN (2003-2006) FIAN-representative for FAO / IFAD / WFP (1994-2003) Lecturer, Institute for Political Science, University of Heidelberg (1994-2008) Program Officer, FIAN (1986-1994) Secretary-General, Germanwatch (1991-1993) Director, Human Rights, Brot für die Welt Head, Human Rights Department, Diakonisches Werk der Evangelischen Kirche in Germany | Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg, Germany |

1. Days of general discussion is the term used by the UN human rights bodies when inviting interested stakeholders to give statements on a specific state report or topic in a public meeting with the expert body. Such days are attended by government officials, civil society organizations, scholars, representatives from other international organizations, and human rights defenders. In the present case, the days of general discussion served as an opportunity to discuss ideas for the scope and content of the general comments. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The documents used have the symbols E/C.12/1993/SR.1; E/C.12/1993/SR.41; E/C.12/1993/SR.42; E/C.12/1997/SR.18; E/C.12/1997/SR.46; E/C.12/1997/SR.47; E/C.12/1999/SR.1; E/C.12/1999/SR.21; E/C.12/1999/SR.28; E/C.12/1999/SR.22; E/C.12/2000/21; E/C.12/2002/11; E/C.12/2002/13; E/C.12/2002/46; E/C.12/2002/SR.50. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Organization is used in this context as an all-encompassing term for the professional entity an individual is connected to. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. For example, CESCR Chairperson Philip Alston in a discussion on the right to food in 1997 highlighted the report on the 1996 World Food Summit, and the Programme of Action as drivers for the work of the committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)