This scoping workshop aims to bring together academics working in the field to discuss the added value and significance of minority rights in the 21st century, with the aim of fostering connections, finding common ground/synergies and exploring the potential for future collaborations. We intend to organise a larger minority rights conference in June 2023, with an associated edited collection but would also like to discuss ideas for other events and potential side projects.

Key questions we would like to explore during the scoping workshop:

1. How do you understand minority rights?
2. What are minority rights supposed to do?
3. Who do they include/exclude?
4. What do minorities want/need them to do?
5. Has their function/aim/role changed over time?
6. What changes/improvements are needed for the 21st century?

Format: The scoping workshop will have an informal roundtable format, focused on fostering conversations rather than formal presentations. Participants are asked to reflect on the questions in advance and, if possible, submit some initial reflections in written form (1-2,000 words) by 2nd September. It will be possible to attend virtually, but we would like to get as many people as possible in the same room, given the informal nature of the event.

Participants: This event is by invitation only in order to keep it small and productive. We have invited a range of scholars at different career stages and from different disciplines. However, we are keen to involve PhD students, early-career scholars and scholars from the Global South and CEE States. If you think we should invite someone in particular, please do let us know!

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