Dear interested parties,

In the fall, we will again host online talks on disability rights. The topics include "The Impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on Persons with Disabilities” and "Dealing with Sexuality and Family". Each event lasts 1.25 hours and consists of a presentation and a Q&A session with the speaker.   
All contributions will be simultaneously translated into German and French spoken and sign language, as well as written translation. **The events on September 22 and October 28 will be also simultaneously translated into spoken English.**

We very much look forward to your participation!

Caroline Hess-Klein, Markus Schefer and Andreas Rieder

# Online Talks: The Covid 19 Pandemic - Sexuality and Family

## Wednesday, 22 September 2021, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. (also with English translation)

**The Covid 19 pandemic and the rights of persons with disabilities**

This presentation by Rosemary Kayess explores the experiences of people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of ableism, discrimination, and inequality. It considers the role of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in addressing these issues and recommends that governments adopt a human rights approach to transform society to be equitable, sustainable and resilient into the future.

**Rosemary Kayess** is Chair of the U.N. Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and  
Senior Researcher and Lecturer, Faculty of Law UNSW, Sydney (Australia)

## Thursday, 28 October 2021, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. (also with English translation)

**The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on people with disabilities in Europe**

Catherine will reflect on the pandemic and its impact on persons with disabilities in Europe. She will explain the actions taken by EDF and EDF’s members and highlight the lessons learned from the pandemic and summarise the recommendations to the disability movement for the future.

**Catherine Naughton** is the Director of the European Disability Forum, Brussels

## Monday, 29 November 2021, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. (German/French translations only)

**Sexuality, family and disability**

Sébastien Kessler, Member of the Board of Inclusion Handicap, Founding Partner of the planning office www.id-Geo.ch and City Councillor of Lausanne

# Registration and Participation instructions

[**Link to registration via external website\***](https://tools.3way.ch/?content=behindertenrecht2021)

* Please register online at the latest **2 days before the event.**
* Your attendance is **free of charge.**
* All contributions will be simultaneously **translated** into **German and French spoken and sign language, as well as written translation.** The events on **September 22** and **October 28** will be also simultaneously translated into spoken **English**.
* To attend the online talks, you will need a **stable internet connection with enough bandwidth** to watch a video.
* You can attend from a **PC, Mac, tablet** or even a smartphone if need be.
* For a good readability of the presentation slides we recommend though to choose a **screen that is not too small.**
* **For viewing the sign language interpretation in particular,** we recommend a screen on which two video windows can be displayed side by side in sufficient size.

\*The registration form is provided for us by Threeway AG in Brugg/Switzerland.

# Participating

The online talks will be of particular interest to representatives of federal, cantonal and municipal bodies responsible for implementing disability equality law, as well as at people with disabilities and their organisations. However, the online talks are open to all interested parties.

# Organisers

* Faculty of Law of the University of Basel
* Federal Office for the Equality of Persons with Disabilities (EBGB)
* Inclusion Handicap - Umbrella association of organisations for people with disabilities in Switzerland