

# Investigative Commons

A new era for human rights investigations

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# Introduction

- ECCHR
  - Strategic human rights litigation
  - In four different programme areas
- Myself
  - BA Political Science and Public Law, LLM International Law
  - Human rights investigations and evidence analysis
  - Coordinator of the Investigative Commons at ECCHR

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# Agenda

- Paving the way – past collaborations
- Investigative Commons
  - What is it?
  - Goals/ideas
  - Methodology
- What is next?

# Past collaborations

- [Drone strikes in Pakistan](#)
- [Ali Enterprise Factory Fire](#)
- [ND and NT vs. Spain](#) before the ECtHR

# Investigative Commons - I

- Physical and ideological space
- Set up by ECCHR, Forensic Architecture, FORENSIS
- Collaborating with Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Mnemonic, Bellingcat, Laura Poitras/Praxis Films... and more to come!
- Develop joint investigations on human rights and environmental violence
- Flexible arrangements

# Investigative Commons - II



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# Investigative Commons - III

- Socialize evidence – new fora for human rights evidence
- „Democratize evidence“
- Develop new models of collaboration

# Investigative Commons - IV

- Joint projects
  - Yemen
- Develop methodologies
  - Trial and error
  - Combine expertise
- Organize „side-events“
  - Workshops
  - Fire-side talks
  - Exhibitions
- Residencies



# What is next?

- Investigative Commons exhibition at Haus der Kulturen der Welt until 8 August
- „Socializing evidence“ conference at Haus der Kulturen der Welt on 9 October
- [Yemen Time Map project](#)

# Thank you!

- Contact: [schroeter@ecchr.eu](mailto:schroeter@ecchr.eu)
- Investigative Commons Newsletter? Email me!
- Have ideas for collaboration? Email me!
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