

THE HUMAN RIGHT TO SCIENCE

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**The right to science: what's
next?
Towards a new social contract
between science and society**

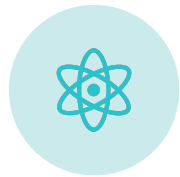
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outline

- Theoretical work on General Comment no. 25
- General Comment no. 25 and the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science
- A new social contract for science and society?

Article 15 as a bundle of rights



Right to access scientific knowledge



Right to access applications of scientific knowledge



Right to innovation



Right to policies based on scientific evidence



Right to participate in scientific progress



Right to scientific and technological self-determination

General Comment + UNESCO Open Science

- Different purposes but moving in the same direction
- “Non-open” science is compatible with human rights law
- UNESCO Recommendation for states go beyond States’ core obligations under the ICESCR, with some exceptions

→ **some incoherence**

A new social contract for science and society?

- Current social contract – reliance on
 - Robust public funding of basic research
 - Private sector develops applications
 - The market delivers and distributes applications to the beneficiaries
- New social contract
 - public and private actors collaborate in all stages of knowledge production
 - the goals of science are more explicitly oriented toward intervening on pressing social problems
 - benefits are shared efficiently and equitably worldwide and among all segments of the population
- Human rights standards are the cornerstone of this new social contract