

Annual Conference of Human Rights 2016

BLACK AND WHITE VALUES IN A POLARIZING WORLD

PROGRAM

8 December

19:30 - 22:00

Welcome reception (for panelists only)

9 December

12:00 - 13:00

Registration of participants & light lunch

13:00 - 13:15

Opening remarks by

Welcome speech

Welcome remarks

WELCOME REMARKS

Mart Nutt, MP, Host of the Conference

Kersti Kaljulaid, President of the Republic of Estonia

13:15 – 13:35

Research presentation

The day will start with the introduction of a survey, which researched public opinion regarding the human rights situation in Estonia and examined the level of acclimation by the new immigrants.

Karin Reivart, Research director at market research firm Turu-uuringute AS

13:35 – 14:35

Panel I: ESTONIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT AND IMMIGRANTS' OPINION SURVEY 2016

The survey conducted among the new immigrants examined their level of acclimation, interest in the Estonian language and visions for the future. At the conference we will get an overview of what Estonians and the foreigners living in Estonia think about the human rights situation in Estonia. The panel will discuss the results of the survey and analyse the situation of the new immigrants and their opportunities for acclimation in Estonia.

Martin Bak Jørgensen, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Humanities in the Aalborg University

Tiit Tammaru, Professor of Urban and Population Geography in the University of Tartu

Tuomas Martikainen, Assistant Professor of Comparative Theology at the University of Helsinki

Thella Johnson, Swedish Radio Correspondent to Finland, Baltic countries and Poland

Moderator:

Eva-Maria Asari, Auditor in the National Audit Office of Estonia

14:35 – 14:55

Coffee Break

14:55 – 16:25

Panel II: FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN MULTICULTURAL EUROPE

The migration crisis has raised questions related to human rights and made many people doubt the fundamental values of the European Union, while raising issues related to the freedom of speech and expression. Based on the universality of human rights and discussing European values, we must ask, “Who is European and who has the right to be European?” We will examine whether the spread of extremist ideologies has caused a crisis in freedom of speech and expression.

Thilo Sarrazin, German writer, politician and a former member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank

Dominique Reynié, French politician and Professor of Political Science at the Sciences Po

16:25 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:15

Panel III: COLLECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROPAGANDA

During third part of day, we will discuss collective human rights and the impact of propaganda thereon. How can we cope with propaganda that is helping to deepen the crisis in European values? Considering the security situation, will human rights be just as important or do they need to be reinterpreted in the name of a collective defence?

Georgii Pocheptsov, Ukrainian media expert

Jelizaveta Surnacheva, Journalist at the independent Russian TV-channel ‘Rain’

Maksim Gorjunov, Philosopher and publicist

Ivan Makarov, Radio editor in Radio 4 (Russian radio in Estonia)

Moderator:

Raul Rebane, Independent media analyst, expert of media and communication and a publicist

Moderator of the Day:

Vootele Hansen, Chairman of the Board, Institute of Human Rights

18:15 – 20:00

Networking