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International conference

Human Rights and Democracy in the Context of EU Enlargement – Western Balkan Perspectives

Friday, June 6th 2014, Belgrade

Conference venue: **Centre for Cultural Decontamination** (<http://www.czkd.org/>)
Address: Birčaninova 21, 11000 Beograd, Tel: +381 11 3610270

Preliminary AGENDA

10:00 Registration

10.30 Conference Opening and Words of Welcome

Prof. Stevan Lilić, President, Lawyers for Democracy (LawDem), Belgrade
Prof. Bill Bowring, Barrister, President, ELDH, London
Thomas Schmidt, Lawyer, Secretary General of ELDH, Düsseldorf

11.15 – 12.30

Session One – Human Rights in the Western Balkans

Moderation: Mr. Milan Antonijević, Belgrade

1. **Prof. Alan Uzelac**, Zagreb: *Does the EU Accession Process Really Help the Establishment of the Rule of Law?*
 2. **Dejan Marković**, President of the Forum Roma of Serbia, Belgrade: *Human Rights of Roma in Serbia and in Other Western Balkan Countries*
 3. **Sebastian Baunack**, Lawyer, Berlin: *Protection of the Human Rights of Roma in the EU and in the Candidate Countries*
 4. **Dr. Dražen Cerović**, assistant professor, Podgorica: *Human Rights and Democracy in Montenegro with special reference to the situation in the media*
- Discussion

12:30 Coffee break

12.45 – 13.45

Session Two – EU Enlargement and Democratisation

Moderation: Prof. Bill Bowring

1. **Prof. Stevan Lilić, Mr. Marko Milenković**, Belgrade: *Democratisation and Europeanisation – the Case of Serbia*
2. **Dimitar Gotchev**, former Judge, European Court of Human Rights, Sofia: *Protection of Human Rights in Europe after the Treaty of Lisbon*
3. **Prof. Michelle Everson**, London: *The Quest for Citizenship as Universal Good*
4. **Yiorgos Vassalos**, Political scientist, Athens: *Safeguarding Democracy and the Rule of Law vs. EU Economic Governance: The Case of Peripheral EU Countries*

Discussion

13.45- 14.45

Lunch

14.45 – 16.00

Session Three – Social Rights and Labour Law under Threat in Europe

Moderation: Thomas Schmidt

1. **Prof. Guiseppe Palmisano**, Director of ISGI-CNR, Rome: *Social Rights Under Threat in Europe - The Standpoint of the European Committee of Social Rights*
2. **Aleksandar Lojpur**, Lawyer, Belgrade: *Overview on the Development of Labour Law in Serbia in Times of Neo-Liberalism*
3. **Domagoj Mihaljević**, Zagreb: BRID/OWID (Organization for Workers' Initiative and Democratization): *Changes of labour rights in Croatia: Growing polarization between labour and capital*
4. **John Hendy**, QC, Barrister, London: *The Trade Union Rights to Collective Bargaining and to Strike in Europe*
5. **Hajro Pošković**, Legal advisor to OESC, Sarajevo: *Anti-Discrimination Legislation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Other Western Balkans Countries*

Discussion

16.00 Coffee break

16.30– 17.45

Session Four - Freedom of Assembly

Moderation: Prof. Stevan Lilić

1. **Prof. Bill Bowring**, Barrister, London: *The Right to Assembly under Threat: New Ways of Political Expression – Blockupy, Femen, Pussy Riots (Guarantees of the ECHR and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union)*
2. **Assist. Prof. Öznur Sevdiren**, Istanbul-Bursa, Lawyer: *Freedom of Assembly, Unlawful Use of Force and Culture of Impunity in Turkey*
3. **Dimitris Sarafianos**, Athens, Lawyer: *The Right of Assembly in Times of Austerity and Under the Influence of the Policy of the European Union*
4. **Ivana Stjelja**, Lawyer, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM), Belgrade: *Changes to Freedom of Assembly in Serbia.*

Discussion

17.45 – 18.45 Discussion, Final Remarks and Conclusions

Prof. Stevan Lilić, LawDem
Prof. Bill Bowring, ELDH

19.00 Dinner