



**THE 2015 AHRI  
HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE**

**“Human Rights and Universality”**

21-22 September 2015

Organised by the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

**PROGRAMME**

## SUNDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> September

18:00 - 20:00 **Reception on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights**  
Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4, II floor

## MONDAY, 21<sup>th</sup> September

8.00 – 9.00 **Registration and coffee/tea**  
Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – main hall, Uzun Mirkova 1

9.00 – 9.30 **Welcome addresses and practical information**  
Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – Multimedia room, Uzun Mirkova 1

Vesna Petrović, Professor and Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights and  
Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Research Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights

### Future AHRI activities – Working group sessions

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive, Uzun Mirkova 1

- 9.30 – 10.30
  - An AHRI Journal?  
Facilitated by Felipe Gomez Isa, Professor, Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights, University of Deusto, Bilbao
  - Co-operation within Teaching and Education  
Facilitated by Inga Bostad, Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights with introductions by Inga Bostad and Kjetil Mujezinovic Larsen, Professor and Research Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
  - AHRI as Policy Maker  
Facilitated by Eva Maria Lassen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights with introductions by Manfred Nowak, Professor, University of Vienna and Director, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and Jan Wouters, Professor and Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies
  - Expanding the Membership  
Facilitated by Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Research Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights and Roman Wieruszewski, Professor and Director, Poznan Human Rights Centre

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee/tea**  
Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive, Uzun Mirkova 1

### Collaborative research proposals

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive, Uzun Mirkova 1

- 10.45 – 12:30
  - Innovative Training Networks among AHRI member institutions?  
Coordinated by Kjetil Mujezinovic Larsen, Professor and Research Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
  - EU HRs Policy Toolbox and its Grey Eminence - Financial Instruments in Rhetoric and Practice  
Coordinated by Karolina Podstawa, FRAME Senior Researcher, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation
  - Citizenship Rights vs Citizenship Status: Regional Citizenship as a Loophole or Tool for the Inclusion of TCNs?  
Coordinated by Roberta Medda-Windischer, Senior Researcher, Institute for Minority Rights, European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen
  - Other sessions to be announced

12.30 – 13.45 **Lunch**  
Venue: Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4

**AHRI Executive Committee working lunch**  
Venue: Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4 (smaller, separate room)

13.45 – 15.30 **Annual Assembly Meeting**  
Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – Multimedia room, Uzun Mirkova 1

## In parallel

### Panel sessions for PhD students based on submitted papers

Venue: Centre for the Study of Cultural Development, Rige od Fere 4

- 11.00 – 15.00 Two parallel sessions led by  
Kjetil Mujezinovic Larsen, Professor and Research Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights  
Christian Boe Astrup, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and Inga Bostad, Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights  
(detailed programme is printed separately)

### Public keynote address

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – main cinema theatre, Uzun Mirkova 1

15.30 – 17.00

Introduction Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Research Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights  
Hon. Lady Justice Prof. Dr. Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza, Constitutional Court of Uganda  
**Human Rights and Universality: a view from the global south**

17.30 – 18.30

**Guided tour through the Residence of Princess Ljubica**  
(built in 1829, one of the best examples of Balkan architecture), Kneza Sime Markovića 8

19.00 – 21.00

**Dinner**  
Venue: Komunale restaurant, Karađorđeva 2-4, Beton hala, Belgrade port

## TUESDAY, 22<sup>th</sup> September

9.00 – 9.30

**Arrival and coffee/tea**  
Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – main hall, Uzun Mirkova 1

### Panel sessions 1 (parallel sessions)

#### Freedom of Religion or Belief: a right under pressure?

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – Multimedia room, Uzun Mirkova 1

Chaired by Sylvie Langlaude, Lecturer, Human Rights Centre, Queens University Belfast and  
Eva Maria Lassen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Panellists:

- Silvio Ferrari, Professor, University of Milan and Life Honorary President, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies, Milan

#### **Freedom of religion or belief, a universal right?**

- Marie Juul Petersen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights

#### **Resolution 16/18 and the right to freedom of religion**

- Guy Haarscher, Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles

#### **Is secularism endangering religious minorities?**

- Eva Maria Lassen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights

#### **Are aspirations too high or too low? The role of the EU in the universal promotion of freedom of religion and belief**

9.30 – 11.45

#### Gender and the Right to Equality

Venue: Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4

Chaired by Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska, Research Assistant, Poznan Centre for Human Rights and  
Ingrid Westendorp, Senior Lecturer, Maastricht University

Panellists:

- Cees Flinterman, Professor, Maastricht University

#### **Culture as a dynamic concept: my experiences in CEDAW**

- Ingrid Westendorp, Senior Lecturer, Maastricht University

#### **The influence of gender on land rights; the case of Bali**

- Benedicta Deogratias, PhD candidate, Maastricht University

#### **Fighting violence against women: the criminalisation of marital captivity and forced marriage in The Netherlands**

- Olga Pleshkova, PhD candidate, University of Nottingham

#### **“A job fit for a woman”: rights discourse, organisational culture and the gendered construction of professional identity of Russian police recruits**

- Christoph Houman Ellersgaard, Postdoctoral Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights

#### **Gender in the Danish power elite: the new old men of power**

11.45 – 12.30

**Lunch**  
Venue: Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4

## Panel sessions 2 (parallel sessions)

### Protecting the Rights of Others

Venue: Aero klub, Uzun Mirkova 4

Chaired by Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Research Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Panellists:

- Julian Lehmann, Researcher, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin  
**Asylum jurisprudence as an incubator for human rights universality? The case of freedom of religion?**
- Rebecca Stern, Associate Professor, Uppsala University  
**Assessing credibility in asylum claims based on religion and sexual orientation: challenges and possibilities**
- Emily Bates, Director, University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project and Jennifer Bond, Professor, University of Ottawa  
**Troubling signs: mapping access to justice in Canada's refugee system reform**

12.30 – 14.45

### Universality and the European Union: a tale of autonomy, coherence, good intentions and selectivity

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – Multimedia room, Uzun Mirkova 1

Chaired by Jan Wouters, Professor and Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

Panellists:

- Jakub Jaraczewski, Researcher, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Faculty of Law and Administration  
**Respect, protect, fulfil – the EU and the concept of multi-layered human rights obligations**
- Monika Mayrhofer, Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights  
**Universality of human rights: an ideal or a chameleon? A comparison between the EU and other regional human rights systems**
- Beáta Huszka, Assistant Professor and Zsolt Körtvélyesi, Assistant Lecturer, Eötvös Loránd University  
**The EU's human rights promotion in the Western Balkans in the post-Lisbon era**
- Anna-Luise Chané, Researcher and Arjun Sharma, Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies  
**Universality or selectivity? The European Union and the Human Rights Council**
- Jeff Kenner, Professor, University of Nottingham  
**EU-ILO co-operation: towards a more coherent but selective approach to the universality of labour rights?**

14.45 – 15.15

### Coffee/tea

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive, Uzun Mirkova 1

15.15 – 16.30

### Closing plenary session: Critical reflections on Human Rights and Universality

Venue: Yugoslav Film Archive – Multimedia room, Uzun Mirkova 1

Chaired by Vesna Petrović, Professor and Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

19.30 – 21.30

### Reception hosted by H.E. Ambassador Michael Borg-Hansen

Venue: Residence of the Danish Ambassador, Užička 48

