

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP:
CONDITIONS FOR CO-EXISTENCE IN CONFLICT-RIDDEN SOCIETIES**

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18th June

Venue: Nobel Peace Institute

9.00 – 17.00

09.00 – 11.00 Opening session

Opening addresses

Guri Hjeltnes, Director, Center for the Study of Holocaust and Religious Minorities (HL)

Henrik Syse, Research director, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Opening panel

Moderator **Ingvill Plesner**, Researcher and Minority Network coordinator, HL

Keynote speaker **Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

Autonomy, internal self-determination and other approaches for maintaining peace, stability and effectively protecting minorities

Heiner Bielefeldt, Professor University of Erlangen, Germany (prev. UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief): *Human rights foundations of inclusive citizenship and minority rights*

Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Chair of Ph.D. Program in Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University, Thailand: *Inclusive citizenship, human rights and identity politics*

Comments **Laila Susanne Vars**, Deputy Director, Norway's National Human Rights Institution (tbc)

11.00 – 11.15: Coffee

11.15 – 13.00 Panel 1

Citizenship, national identity, power-sharing and diversity: Common challenges in different contexts?

Moderator **Kristian Berg-Harpviken**, Research Professor, (PRIO)

Panel **Georges Fahmi**, Research Fellow, Middle East Directions Program, European University Institute, Florence

Sonja Biserko, Director, Helsinki committee for Human Rights in Serbia

Eric Hirari, Professor, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Jakarta

Seng Raw Lahpai, Founder and director, Airvanti Organisation, Myanmar

Anne Julie Semb, Head of Department, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.30 Panel 2

Can “minorities within the minority” be protected with regional ethnic self-determination? Iraq as a case

Moderator **Henrik Thune**, Director, Norwegian Institute of Conflict Resolution (NOREF)

Presentation **Saad Salloum**, Director, Masarat for Cultural and Media Development, Iraq

Panel **Miriam Puttinck**, Senior Advisor, Minority Rights Group (MRG)

Muslih Irwani, Director, Center for Peace and Human Security, American University of Kurdistan

Jaje Ameer, Co-founder of Iraqi Council for Inter-Faith Dialogue

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee

15.45 – 17.30 Panel 3

Can identity-based rights contribute to inclusive citizenship and equal human rights?

Moderator **Gunnar Ekeløve-Slydal**, Deputy Secretary General, Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)

Panel **Dian A. H. Shah**, Professor, Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALs), National University of Singapore

Sai Oo, Director, Pyidaungsu Institute for Peace and Dialogue, Myanmar

Yong Zhou, Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

Tine Gade, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo

Nils Butenschøn, Professor, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo

19th June

Venue: Fritt ord

9.00 – 16.30

9.00 – 10.45: Panel 4

What is the role of inter-faith relations for conflict resolution and reconciliation?

Presentation **Gunnar Stålsett**, Honorary President, Religions for Peace
Panel **Nayla Tabbara**, Director of Cross-Cultural Studies Department, ADYAN foundation, Lebanon
Iselin Frydenlund, Associate professor (MF), Director CASR, Oslo
Michel Nseir, Program Executive, World Council of Churches
Greg Reichberg, Research Professor, PRIO
Moderator **Henrik Syse**, Research Professor, PRIO

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 5

How can education contribute to co-existence and inclusive, human rights based citizenship?

Presentation **Audrey Osler**, Professor, University of South-Eastern Norway
Panel **Fadi Daou**, Director, ADYAN Foundation
Steinar Bryhn, Director, Nansen Dialogue
Marte Nilsen, Senior Resarcher, PRIO
Moderator **Claudia Lenz**, Professor Norwegian School of Theology (MF) and Research professor, HL

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 14.45 Panel 6

What is the role of civil society, academia and the international community in conflict prevention and resolution?

Presentation **Carl Söderberg**, Director of Policy and Communications, Minority Rights Group (MRG)
Panel **Cindy Horst**, Research Professor, PRIO
Kjetil Selvik, Senior Researcher, NUPI
Nbyen Dan Hkung Awng, Director, Humanity Institute, Myanmar
Moderator **Ellen Stensrud**, Senior Researcher and Project coordinator, HL

14.45 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 16.30 Closing session – plenary discussion

Good practices and lessons learned: Conditions for co-existence in conflict-ridden societies

Moderator **Ed Brown**, NHC and International Panel of Parliamentarians on Freedom of Religion or Belief
Plenary discussion

The conference is free and open to all, but has limited access. Information about registration, deadline 25 May 2018: www.minoritynetwork.no. For any other questions, please contact Ingvill Plesner: i.t.plesner@hlsenteret.no

