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Human rights in times of crisis

ONLINE CONFERENCE

9-11 November 2020

MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

10:00 h

OPENING SPEECHES

10:15 – 12:00 h

HUMAN RIGHTS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

A State of emergency suspends or imposes limitations to a number of human rights. Some of these limitations are justified as a temporary measure, but a state of emergency is also often misused to decrease the overall human rights protection and to combat political opponents, including local human rights defenders and media.

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SPEAKERS:

- Snjezana Ivandic-Ninkovic, Director, Association for Democratic Initiatives
- Gjyljeta Mushkolaj, Professor of Law, University of Pristina
- Ardita Kolmarku, Coordinator, Free Legal Aid Clinic, Albanian Helsinki Committee
- Vildan Drpljanin, Legal Advisor, Macedonian Helsinki Committee
- Sonja Toskovic, Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

MODERATOR:

Damjan Zdravev, Programme Officer, Civil Rights Defenders

14:00 – 16:00 h

ARTICLE 19: HOW DO WE PROTECT THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION?

Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights defines the Right to opinion and freedom of expression. Even though countries ratified the provision of the declaration, mechanisms for the protection of this right differ to a great extent.

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SPEAKERS:

- Dorian Matlija (tbc), Director, Res Publica
- Ugljesa Vukovic, Researcher and Analyst, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Laurens Hueting, Advocacy Officer, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom
- Ana Lalic, Journalist, Nova.rs news portal
- Veysel Ok, Lawyer

MODERATOR:

Ivana Randjelovic, Senior Programme Officer, Civil Rights Defenders

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TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

10:00 – 12:00 h

JUDICIAL ACADEMY PANEL

Transparency of the process of enrollment and education of future judges and prosecutors. Presentation of the database of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.

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SPEAKER:

- Nenad Vujic, Director, Judicial Academy, Serbia.

MODERATOR:

Biljana Braithwaite, Western Balkans Programme Director, AIRE Centre

14:00 – 16:00 h

COUNCIL OF EUROPE PANEL

How are human rights taught at law faculties? A presentation of the baseline study on human rights education at law faculties in the region.

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SPEAKERS:

- Midhat Izmirlija, Professor, Law Faculty in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ivana Krstic, Professor, Law Faculty University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Miroslav Djordjevic, Researcher, Institute for Comparative Law
- Valentina Boz, Project manager, HELP in the Western Balkans, Council of Europe

MODERATOR:

Biljana Sladojevic Milatovic, Project manager, Human Rights National Implementation Division, Council of Europe

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WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

10:00 – 12:00 h

BECOMING A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

Human rights lawyers discuss the importance of cases they represent and their legal implications to human rights protection in their respective countries. They share experiences about how they become human rights lawyers and the most interesting cases that marked their careers.

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SPEAKERS:

- Theodoros Alexandridis (tbc) Human Rights Lawyer
- Rina Kika, Partner and Attorney, Kika and Associates LLC
- Zoran Drangovski, Lawyer, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association
- Danilo Curcic, Programme Coordinator, A11 Initiative
- Benan Molu, Lawyer

MODERATOR:

Emina Zahirovic-Pintaric, Human Rights Lawyer, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:00 – 16:00 h

GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

In times of global crisis, the position of minority groups can easily deteriorate disproportionately. Gender gaps increase too and new challenges arise. It is therefore important to determine how the law guarantees gender equality and what can be done as an adequate response to growing inequality.

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SPEAKERS:

- Vladana Vasic, Coordinator, Sarajevo Open Centre
- Biljana Kotevska, Research Coordinator, European Policy Institute
- Vanja Macanovic, Lawyer, Autonomous Women's Center Belgrade
- Aylin Onursev, Lawyer

MODERATOR:

Catrin Söderberg, Strategic Communications Officer, Civil Rights Defenders