



Monday, 23 November

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS



Ivana Randjelovic

Senior Programme Officer at Civil Rights Defenders

Lecture Human Rights in the Western Balkans will be facilitated discussion on key challenges human rights organisations and HRDs are faced with. We will talk about mechanisms for the protection, how effective they are and who are the most vulnerable groups in the society. What are the role of States, organisations and citizens, and what are the ways we can all contribute to make our societies better place for everyone.

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UNITED NATIONS MECHANISMS FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS



Milan Markovic

Head of Human Rights at United Nations in Serbia

The United Nations, through its Member States, expert bodies and global conventions, is home to key universal human rights standards. The structure of human rights protection at the universal (UN) level also includes ‘UN mechanisms for human rights’, through which Member States which are obliged by convention standards, are provided with expert clarification of norms, instructions on protection and implementation of human rights at the national level, and also monitors the human rights situation in all member states, and directly intervenes in the event of specific human rights violations or risks to certain groups or rights. Among the basic mechanisms of the UN for human rights are “treaty bodies”, “special procedures” and “Universal Periodic Review (UPR)”, which will be discussed, among other things.

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE MECHANISMS FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS



Maja Micic Lazovic

Senior Project Officer at Council
of Europe in Serbia

The lecture will focus on the proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The main stages of the proceedings before the ECtHR will be presented and a review of the conditions of admissibility of applications submitted to the Court (eg. non-exhaustion of domestic remedies, manifestly unfounded applications) will be provided. In addition, the procedure for monitoring the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights conducted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe will be described, as well as communications in accordance with Rule 9.

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Wednesday, 25 November

INTRODUCTION TO WRITING POLICY PAPERS

Wednesday, 2 December | Thursday, 3 December

HOW TO WRITE A POLICY PAPER



Simonida Kacarska

Director and Cofounder European
Policy Institute Skopje

The lectures on writing policy papers delivered by the European Policy Institute at the Human Rights Defenders Academy would entail an overview of the following topics: Understanding public policy and the policy cycle, role and objectives of policy research and writing effective policy documents, including papers, briefs and op-eds. The lecture will combine instruction and short exercises helping participants to develop their ideas in a policy relevant document. The lecturer will use examples relevant to the topic of the academy for illustration of good practice examples and will provide recommendations for further readings to the participants.

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Thursday, 26 November

ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EU



Tommaso Nodari

Advocacy Officer at Civil Rights
Defenders

In this session, we will look at what human rights advocacy is and why the EU is an interesting target for it. We will also skim through the EU's main relevant institutions and understand better how human rights activists from the Western Balkans can influence the accession process. You will leave this session with a better and more practical understanding of the EU's human rights action, as well as how to effectively have an impact on it.

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Monday, 30 November

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON DISCRIMINATION



Goran Miletic

Director for Europe at Civil Rights
Defenders

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS ON DISCRIMINATION

During this lecture the key international and human rights standards on prohibition of discrimination will be presented, as well as their implementation in the practice. We will cover what discrimination means, the grounds of discrimination, severe cases of discrimination and what are the possible actions if such situations occur. We will use examples from judgements of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

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Tuesday, 1 December

COMBATING SOCIAL INJUSTICE THROUGH CAMPAIGNS



David Vig

Director at Amnesty International

During this workshop we will learn why some human rights campaigns succeed, while others fail. We will learn what are the goals of a campaign and how to explore the root causes of problems. This lecture will also teach you to understand your supporters and how to mobilize and engage people using certain practical tools. Finally, we will discuss tactics, how to plan and implement a campaign, going through the whole process and structure of a campaign.

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Wednesday, 2 December

COMMUNICATING HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGES



Gordana Andric

Journalist

This training aims to provide participants an opportunity to learn how to cooperate with mainstream media and use social media to draw people's attention on human rights issues, but more importantly – how to motivate them to act to bring change.

The training covers all key points of communication between HRDs and wider audiences from the choice on how to frame your message, define what's your aim, who is your audience, how and where to reach it.

During the training you will get practical guidelines on how to create efficient communication plans, tips and tricks on how to use different social media, advice on do's and don'ts in communication and hear why emotions are crucial for success.

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