



HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE INTERCULTURAL CITY

Thematic Seminar

Oslo (multiple venues), 14-15 June 2017

FINAL AGENDA

Intercultural cities strive to ensure conditions that enable individuals and groups to live together in their diversity and allow the expression of pluralism, tolerance and broadmindedness, all hallmarks of a democratic society. Promoting human rights and their effective enjoyment for all residents is essential to achieve inclusive intercultural societies and complies with States' obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights¹, which sets international human rights standards (including on equality and non-discrimination) applicable to all human being subject to the jurisdiction of one of the 47 Council of Europe member states.

The Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue describes the latter as a way to learn to live together peacefully and constructively in a multicultural world and to develop a sense of community and belonging. In this sense, the intercultural integration policy approach is also a tool for the prevention and resolution of conflicts by enhancing the respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law, by investing in measures and activities that help build trust.

Still, there is a need to highlight the relationship of the Intercultural Cities model to the broader human rights agenda and to encourage intercultural cities to seek to form alliances and common understanding with the advocates of human rights.

This thematic seminar will showcase examples from cities clearly following a "Human rights agenda" applied to policies on inclusion and promotion of the diversity advantage, as well as from cities members of the Intercultural Cities network. It will help answering the question of the presumed disjuncture between an adherence to Human Rights and the 'cultural recognition' that underpins Interculturalism.

¹ See : http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf



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14 June 2017 - OSLO CITY HALL

- 09:00 Welcoming remarks
Mr Geir Lippestad, Deputy Mayor for diversity, City of Oslo
Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Intercultural Cities project manager, Council of Europe
- 09:30 Human Rights and Interculturality - Keynote speech
Ms Marta Bivand Erdal, Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute, Oslo
Discussion
- 10:15 Human Rights in inclusive cities
- Vienna – City of Human Rights
Ms Shams Asadi, Human rights coordinator
 - Gdansk – City of Solidarity
Ms Anna Fedas, project coordinator, European Solidarity Centre
 - Barcelona – Rights to the City
Ms Núria Martínez, head of the Citizens' Rights department
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 Human Rights and Equality
*Ms Eli Knøsen, Senior Adviser,
Ombudsman for equality and anti-discrimination*
- 11:45 Protection against discrimination
Ms Mari Linløkken, The Norwegian Centre against Racism
Ms Nina Bahar, Queer World
- 12:00 Victims of injustice
Mr Tor B Jørgensen - People in Limbo

Q&A Discussion – Information about the workshops
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch



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AFTERNOON SESSION - NOBEL PEACE CENTER

14:00 Detours – Exhibition about Refugees
Ms Liv Tørres, Director, Nobel Peace Center

14:30 Working groups (two tables; participants are requested to split)

Themes

- Democratic rights and participation
Moderated by Mr Sølve Sætre, Ssenior advisor, the City of Bergen
- LGBTi rights under an intercultural perspective
*Moderated by Ms Juul van Hoof, Senior project manager Local LGBTI policies
Coordinator Rainbow Cities Network*

16:00 End of 1st day



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15 JUNE - THE HOUSE OF LITERATURE

- 09:00 Human Rights in inclusive cities (continued)
- Oslo – A City for All
Mr Toralv Moe, Senior advisor on inclusion and diversity, City of Oslo
 - Reggio Emilia – Citizenship in the Intercultural city
Ms Serena Foracchia, Deputy Mayor for International city, European development projects, citizenship's rights and Intercultural city
 - Botkyrka – Social sustainability
Ms Helena Rojas, head of development
- 10:00 Human rights and city level mediation
Ms Siri Kemeny, deputy director, The Norwegian Mediation Service
- 10:15 RADAR - for equality and against discrimination
Mr Cyriel Triesscheijn, Director of RADAR, Rotterdam
- 10:30 Human rights and religious dialogue
Ms Lena Larsen, project director, Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief
- 10:45 Women and human rights
Ms Fakhra Salima – MiRA, Center for Minority Women
- 11:00 Q&A Discussion - Information about the workshops
- 11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 Working Groups (two tables; participants are requested to split)
- Civil rights and non-discrimination
Moderated by Mr Toralv Moe, Senior advisor on inclusion and diversity
 - Gender equality and inclusive integration
Moderated by Ms Brigitte Vassallo, writer and Professor of the Master on Gender and Communication at the Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 Working groups (cont.)
- 14:30 Reporting from the Workshops
- 15:00 Closing
Closing remarks, by Ivana d'Alessandro, ICC project manager

