

Straniak Academy

for Democracy and Human Rights

Programme

14 - 27 September 2014

Budva/Montenegro

Sunday, 14th September

- 18:00-19:30 Welcome by the leading team of the Straniak Academy
Introduction of students and organisational questions
- 19:30 Welcome by Austrian Ambassador in Montenegro, Deans or Vice Deans of
Universities of Vienna and Podgorica, Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of
Human Rights
Reception on invitation of the Austrian Honorary Consul in Montenegro

Monday, 15th September

- 09:30-11:00 Initial lessons & discussions: What does democracy, rule of law and human rights
mean? Is there a coherence of them? What are the powers in a modern democracy,
how does the system of 'checks & balances' work?
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Concepts & standards, strengths & weaknesses of modern democracies
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:45 Reality of democracy in Southeast European States
- 16:45-17:00 Break
- 17:00-18:30 Impact of globalisation and regionalisation on sovereignty of states and its reception
by peoples – opportunities & threats

Tuesday, 16th September

- 09:30-11:15 The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – its history and
mission & OSCE in practise (human dimension, conflict prevention, early warning,
crisis management, mediation)
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 The impact of the political change 1989/1990 and current challenges and threats for
democracy, rule of law and human rights in the world

- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 The Ukrainian crisis – challenges and threats for Europe
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:30 Principles of human dignity, universality, indivisibility, inter-dependence, freedom, culture and equality of human rights

Wednesday, 17th September

- 09:30-11:00 The United Nations Organisation (UNO) – idea and legal basis, organs & bodies, approach and reality
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and development of the human rights system

Free time & time for studying

Thursday, 18th September

- 09:30-11:15 Responsibility to protect (R2P) – peace enforcement, humanitarian intervention & UN case studies (Ruanda, Kuwait-Iraq, Sudan, Libya)
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 Transitional justice and individual criminal responsibility & the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Transitional justice and individual criminal responsibility & Special International Criminal Tribunals (ICTY, UNICTR, SCSL, Khmer Rouge Tribunal)
- 16:30-17:00 Break
- 17:00-19:00 Evening discussion with legal experts from the ICTY Outreach Programme

Friday, 19th September

- 09:30-11:00 The European Union (EU) – idea & development, structure & competences, accession & integration
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 The fundamental rights framework of the EU – Treaty of Lisbon, Charter of Fundamental Rights (CFR), the role of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Accession of the EU to the ECHR and its implication on the European and national fundamental rights protection

- 16:30-17:00 Break
- 17:00-19:00 Evening discussion: Achievements and challenges of accession countries Montenegro and Serbia

Saturday, 20th September

Excursion to Cetinje, Lovćen, and Kotor

Sunday, 21st September

Free time & time for studying

Monday, 22st September

- 09:30-11:00 Introduction into the Council of Europe (CoE)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 The European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Personal liberty and security, freedom of movement
- 16:30-18:00 Procedural rights, independence and impartiality of the judiciary
- 18:00-18:30 Break
- 18:00-18:30 Visit of the President of the Straniak Foundation:
Presentation of the Straniak Foundation and its goals
- 18:30-20:00 Evening discussion with lawyers and representatives of civil society

Tuesday, 23rd September

- 09:30-11:15 Prohibition of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 CPT, OPCAT and the rights of prisoners
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Combating trafficking in human beings
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:30 Combating corruption and the concept of good governance

Wednesday, 24th September

- 09:30-11:00 Data protection and access to information

- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Freedom of expression & Independence and pluralism of the media as preconditions for a living democracy
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 Political participation and right to vote
- Free time & time for studying

Thursday, 25th September

- 09:30-11:00 Human rights and corporate social responsibility
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Social rights and poverty reduction
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Asylum, refugees, IDPs and immigrant societies: challenges and political concepts
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:15 Children's rights
- 18:15-18:30 Break
- 18:30-19:30 Evening discussion with a representative of UNICEF

Friday, 26th September

- 09:30-11:15 The principles of equality and non-discrimination & Combating discrimination and underlying ideologies like racism, anti-semitism, xenophobia, islamophobia and homophobia
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 Rights of ethnic and national minorities
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-17:00 Time for studying
- 17:00-19:00 Multiple choice test
- 20:00 Reception on invitation of the Austrian Honorary Consul in Montenegro
Farewell Party

Saturday, 27st September

- 10:00 Handing over of students' certificates
Farewell cocktail on invitation of the Universities and the BIM
Departure

All lectures will be given by a **'tandem' of teachers**, namely by one expert from a EU Member State and one from a Western Balkan State.

Among the teachers are (in alphabetical order):

Christina Binder is Associate Professor of international law at the University of Vienna. Her fields of expertise are general public international law, the law of international relations and conflicts, international human rights and humanitarian law and the rights of indigenous peoples. She regularly publishes and teaches in these fields. Christina also has long standing work experience as independent consultant/legal expert for OSCE/ODIHR and EU election observation and assessment missions.

Vedran Džihić is Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Politics and holds lectures at the University of Vienna. His field of expertise are socioeconomic and political transformation, conflict studies, international conflict management, European integration, EU enlargement. Since 2010, he is an Austrian Marshall Plan Fellow and Senior Fellow at the Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, USA.

Alexander Egger is Attorney-at-law at the Central European law firm Lansky, Ganzger + partner (Vienna) specialised in EU law. He practices and publishes in economic law (i.a. regulatory, state aids, public procurement) and in institutional law (i.a. fundamental rights, Council). After graduating in law (Dr.iur.) and political science (Dr.phil.), he got a degree at the College of Europe in EU law and the *habilitation* (PhD) at the University of Economy and Business (Vienna) where he is still teaching. He served many years in the Austrian Foreign Ministry and as *référéndaire* at the Court of justice of the EU. The EU entrusted him with several TAIEX- and Twinning-projects of the EU in new member states as well as candidate countries.

Ajša Hadžibegović is the Program Director of the NGO Civic Alliance in Montenegro. She has professional experience as trainer on peace education, conflict transformation, human and children rights, employability, inclusion, project management, training and presentation skills, communication and fundraising. She is also a member of the Working Groups for drafting the Strategy for Development of the NGOs sector and the Law on Youth in Montenegro.

Aleksa Ivanović is a member of the Council at the Agency for Personal Data Protection. He worked for diverse international organisations such as the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, and has profound experience in the rule of law and in the NGO sector. Also, he was a member the Working Group for drafting Montenegrin Law on NGOs, Working Group for Preparation of the Draft Law on Discrimination, and the State Committee for Reducing Weapons.

Ivana Jelić, the Deputy-director of the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights, is Associate Professor at the Law Faculty and Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, University of Montenegro, and teaches public international law, human rights law and diplomatic and consular law. She regularly holds visiting lectures at Universities in the region, EU and USA. She has profound working experience as consultant/expert with the CoE, EU, OSCE, OECD, ICRC, UNDP, and provided expertise on the harmonisation of Montenegrin legislation with EU standards. Since 2012 she is a member of the Advisory Committee on the CoE Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Montenegro.

Olivera Komar is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, University of Montenegro and teaches on contemporary political systems, introduction to political science, political communication, political behavior, introduction to comparative politics, political marketing and public opinion. Since November 2012 she is Vice-dean for international cooperation at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro. **Ivana Krstić** is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade and holds lectures on international human rights law, international public law, minority rights, animal rights, international jurisprudence with particular emphasis on the ECtHR. She has profound working experience in diverse international organisations such as the World Bank, UNICEF, IOM, OSCE, UNHCR and UNWOMEN.

Karin Lukas is Senior Researcher and Team Leader of the Human Rights in Development Cooperation and Business Team at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. She holds lectures, trainings and presentations for various target groups on human rights and business, women's rights and development cooperation. She is a member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe and works as consultant for UNDP, Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Austrian Development Agency, OMV, etc.

Julia Planitzer works as Legal Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in the Unit for Women's Rights, Children's Rights and Trafficking in Human Beings. Her current work focuses on trafficking in human beings. Between 2010 and 2013 she was a research fellow at the Doctoral College "Empowerment through Human Rights" of the University of Vienna.

Milan M. Popović is the Program Director of the PhD-Studies in World-Systems Analysis at the Law School of the University of Montenegro. He was the Founder and Director of the Center for International Studies of the University of Montenegro and of its first generation of the MA in European and Southeast European Studies. He was a member of many committees such as the Executive Committee of the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, the International League of Humanists, and the International Forum Bosnia in Sarajevo.

Vasilka Sancin is Assistant Professor on public international law, international humanitarian law, diplomatic and consular law, law of the sea, and international organisations at undergraduate and postgraduate level at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana. She is also Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana and Director of the Center for International and Business Law in Ljubljana.

Hennie Strydom is Professor in Public Law at the University of Johannesburg and teaches public international law and administrative law. He is Programme Leader for the LLM in Public International Law and specialises in environmental law and humanitarian law. He is also President of the South African Branch of the International Law Association.

Sonja Tomović-Šundić is the Dean and Professor at the Faculty of Political Science Podgorica, University of Montenegro. Since 2008 she is Advisor on Human Rights of the President of Montenegro, Mr Filip Vujanović.

Christof Tschohl is Scientific Director of the Research Institute AG & Co KG in Austria, Of Counsel at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Lecturer in education and training of Austrian judges and prosecutors at the Danube University Krems, and the University of Vienna. He is also a Board Member of the 'Working Group on Data Retention Austria' (AKVorrat.at). His fields of expertise are fundamental and human rights in the digital information society, technology and law, telecommunications law, media law and IT law, and fundamental rights in the judicial practice.

Hannes Tretter, the Director of the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights, is Associate Professor for fundamental and human rights law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna, Co-Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) in Vienna, and a Board Member of the Austrian League for Human Rights. He is also teaching at the Danube University Krems/Austria and as a Visiting Professor at the University of Montenegro. He was and is acting as human rights expert in various EU and CoE projects. Between 2007 and 2012 he was Vice-chair of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).

Verena Wessely works as Independent Consultant and Project Officer in the Agency for European Integration and Economic Development in Austria providing Consultancy services for the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption. Before that function she worked among other functions as OSCE Long-term election observer and Programme and Project Manager within the European Commission/EU Delegation in Belgrade.

Katrin Wladasch works as Legal and Socio-Economic Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. Her main areas of research are anti-discrimination, diversity and access to justice. She is chair of the NGO ZARA – Civil Courage and Anti-Racism Work, vice-president of the Litigation Association of NGOs against discrimination, member of the Human Rights Advisory Board to the Austrian Ombudsman Board, member of the monitoring body for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Vienna, lecturer at the University of Vienna, the Modul University Vienna, the Danube University Krems and the University of applied sciences bfi Vienna and has been working as a human rights consultant and trainer since 1999.