

Straniak Academy

for Democracy and Human Rights

Budva/Montenegro – Programme 2013

Sunday, 8th 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 of Universities of Vienna and Podgorica, Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and Chairman of the Straniak Foundation
Reception on invitation of the Austrian Honorary Consul in Montenegro

Monday, 9th September

- 09:00-10:30 Initial lesson & discussion: 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?
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson: Concepts & standards, strengths & weaknesses of modern democracies
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson & workshop: Reality of democracy in Southeast European States
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson & workshop: Impact of globalisation and regionalisation on sovereignty of states and its reception by peoples – opportunities & threats

Tuesday, 10th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: Freedom & equality, democracy & rule of law: philosophical roots & historical development
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson: The principles of human dignity, universality, indivisibility, inter-dependence, culture and equality of human rights
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the development of the current international and regional human rights regimes

- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson: The impact of the political change 1989/1990 on the prevalence of and actual challenges and threats for democracy, rule of law and human rights in the world
- 17:45-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:00 Evening discussion with politicians and representatives of civil society: Is civil society becoming an additional power in states? Which role do social media play in that regard?

Wednesday, 11th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: The United Nations Organisation (UNO) – idea and legal basis, organs & bodies, approach and reality
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson: The UN human rights system
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson: UN tasks – Responsibility to protect (R2P), peace enforcement and humanitarian intervention, peace building and peace keeping, humanitarian aid, international criminal justice
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Workshop: UN case studies (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ruanda, Kuwait-Iraq, Sudan, Libya)

Thursday, 12th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: European Union (EU) – idea & development, structure & competences, accession & integration
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson: Law making in the EU and relationship between EU law and national law
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson: The fundamental rights framework of the EU – Treaty of Lisbon and Charter of Fundamental Rights (CFR)
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson: EU Fundamental rights protection – by Council, Parliament and Commission, COHOM, Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and Court of Justice (CJEU)
- 17:45-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:00 Evening discussion with representatives of EU and Montenegrin Government: Special challenges of implementation of EU fundamental rights

Friday, 13th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – its history and mission
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Workshop: OSCE in practise (human dimension, conflict prevention & early warning, crisis management, mediation)
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson: The Council of Europe (CoE) – overview about the establishment, aim & mandate, instruments & organs
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson: The European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

Saturday, 14th September

- 10:00-11:00 Morning discussion with representatives of EU and Montenegrin Government: Actual situation and further challenges of Montenegro's accession to the EU

Monday, 16th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: Theories, categorisation and dogmatic of civil & political, economic, social & cultural human rights
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson: Judicial and non-judicial enforcement and monitoring of fundamental and human rights on national, European and international level
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson: Human rights protection – The relationship between national fundamental rights protection, EU FRC/CJEU and ECHR/ECtHR
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson & workshop: Procedural rights, independence and impartiality of the judiciary
- 17:45-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:00 Evening discussion with judges and a lawyers

Tuesday, 17th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson & workshop: Prohibition of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson & workshop: Data protection and access to information
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach

- 14:30-16:00 Lesson & workshop: Combating trafficking in human beings
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson & workshop: Children Rights

Wednesday, 18th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson & workshop: Forms of political participation and the right to vote
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson & workshop: Combating corruption & the concept of good governance
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson & workshop: Freedom of expression and independence of the media as preconditions for a living democracy
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Lesson & workshop: The disputatious democracy and the forfeiture of human rights
- 17:45-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:00 Evening discussion with politicians, journalists and representatives of civil society

Thursday, 19th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson & workshop: Economic rights including protection of investments
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson & workshop: Social rights and poverty reduction
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson & workshop: Corporate governance and Corporate social responsibility
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16.15-17:45 Lesson & workshop: Asylum and migration

Friday, 20th September

- 09:00-10:30 Lesson: The principles of equality and non-discrimination regarding gender and other various grounds according to the standards of EU and CoE
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 Lesson & workshop: Combating racism, Anti-semitism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and homophobia
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch & Beach
- 14:30-16:00 Lesson & workshop: Rights of ethnic minorities
- 16:00-16:15 Break
- 16:15-17:45 Multiple choice test

19:00 Reception on invitation of the Straniak Stiftung, the Universities of Vienna and Podgorica and the BIM

Farewell Party

Saturday, 21st September

10:00 Handing over of students' certificates

Farewell & Departure

Nearly 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 and expert in international law at the University of Vienna. She holds lectures on international conflicts, general public international law, international human rights and humanitarian law and rights of indigenous peoples. She has long-standing working experience with international organisations such as the OSCE/ODHIR and different EU Election Observation Missions where she worked as legal analyst/expert.

Siniša Bjeković works as trainer of civil servants in ombudsman law and European integration at the Human Resources Agency of Montenegro. He is also lecturer at the Police Academy of Montenegro in human rights and EU law and trainer of younger court servants in Montenegro at the Center for Democracy and Human Rights. He is a member of the National Council for the Civic Control of Police Forces in the Parliament of Montenegro and was a member of the Working Group for EU negotiations.

Marko Dokić is Assistant Professor at the University of Montenegro in Podgorica and teaches sociology, philosophy and theory of law. He was awarded the Most Successful Young Scientist under 35 Years by the Ministry of Science in Montenegro.

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 Assistant Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business and Attorney-at-law at Lansky, Ganzger + partners in Vienna. His fields of expertise are energy law, public procurement, competition law, European law and capital markets and stock exchange law. He also worked for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Court of Justice.

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.

Manfred Nowak is Professor for International Law and Human Rights at the University of Vienna and Co-Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. Amongst many of his functions, he is also Vice-President of the Austrian UNESCO Commission, Head of the Inter-disciplinary PhD Research School "Empowerment through Human Rights" and the inter-disciplinary research platform "Human Rights in the European Context" at the University of Vienna. Since 2012 he is also Vice-chair of the Management Board of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). From 2004-2010 he was UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Antonija Petričušić works as Assistant at the Faculty of Law, Chair of Sociology, at the University of Zagreb. She was a member of the Negotiation Team of the Republic of Croatia for the Accession to the EU (Working Group on Justice and Fundamental Rights). She is trainer on minority rights, advocacy, and diversity management. She is dealing with the cultural heritage of minorities in the drafting of the Strategy for Protection of National Minorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and is expert for Croatia in the CoE project 'Promoting Human Rights and Minorities Protection in South East Europe'.

Julia Planitzer works as Legal Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. Her fields of expertise are women's rights and trafficking in human beings. She is a member of the Austrian Task Force on Human Trafficking and coordinates anti-human trafficking related issues of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. She has sound knowledge of gender mainstreaming policies and usage of this strategy to reach gender equality.

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.

Boris Raonić is the President of the NGO Civil Alliance in Montenegro and was the founder of one of the first NGOs in Montenegro. He was the pioneer in the promotion of conscience objection in Montenegro and a member of the Crisis Group for the Protection of the Tara River. He publishes in the fields of dialogue, tolerance, political culture and dispute resolution, and produced two documentary films dealing with facing the past. He is also a member of the National Council for European Integration and Director of the School of Democratic Leadership.

Nataša Ružić is Assistant Professor at the Department of Journalism, Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro. Her fields of expertise are media, monitoring of the media, freedom of the media, violence in the media and internet.

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. He is Director of the Center for International and Business Law in Ljubljana.

Vladimir Savković is Assistant Professor at the Business Law Department, Faculty of Law at the University of Montenegro. He is a member of the Montenegro's EU Accession Negotiation Team charged with leading accession negotiations with EU under Chapters 3 (right of establishment and freedom to provide services, company law, intellectual property law, and enterprise and industrial policy).

Gjergi Sinani is Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana, and teaches philosophy of history, philosophy of religion, history of political ideas and phenomenology. Also, he researches on philosophy of law and human rights, minority rights protection, religion, higher education, governance and management, and didactics of social science. He was Head of the Albanian Center for Human Rights (1995-1999), and a member of the Albanian Association of Philosophers, the European Center in Albania, the Albanian Forum of Intellectuals and the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (2004).

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 i.a. at the University of Montenegro. He was and is acting as human rights expert, i.a., 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).

Nebojša Vučinić is a Judge of the ECHR in Strasbourg since 2008. Before that he held lectures at the Law Faculty in Podgorica from 1976 to 2008. He was a member of various expert groups for international legal and political issues from 1993 to 2008. From 2000-2008 he was Director of the Law Faculty Human Rights Center, University of Montenegro.

Miloš Vukčević is Professor at the Faculty of Law and Faculty for Business Studies of the Private Mediterranean University. He worked on many different projects dealing with national, international and European Union law and public administration capacity building. He cooperated with many stakeholders on national and international level (Government of Montenegro, Delegation of the EU in Montenegro, foreign government officials, international institution representatives from the World Bank, Council of Europe, EBRD, USAID, UNDP, etc., domestic and foreign private companies).

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