



Anti-Semitism, Radicalisation and Violent Extremism Conference

Programme

30 September 2015

Vilnius, Hotel Novotel Vilnius Centre (Gedimino ave. 16)

8:30 – 9:00	Arrival of participants Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome note <i>Faina Kukliansky</i> , Head of the Lithuanian Jewish Community <i>Natalija Bitiukova</i> , Deputy Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute

I PANEL

Moderator:

ANTI-SEMITISM IN CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Jūratė Guzevičiūtė, Legal Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute

09:30 – 09:40	Contemporary forms of anti-Semitism in Lithuania <i>Faina Kukliansky</i> , Head of the Lithuanian Jewish Community
09:40 – 10:00	The crime of Holocaust: how it all started, how it all ended <i>Saulius Sužiedėlis</i> , Professor Emeritus of History, Millersville University of Pennsylvania
10:00 – 10:20	Holocaust denial and distortion as a form of anti-Semitism: why is it dangerous? <i>Leonidas Donskis</i> , Professor of Political Science at Vytautas Magnus University
10:20 – 10:40	Thoughts on distinctions between criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism <i>Jonas Ohman</i> , Film producer, Human Rights Activist
10:40 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break

II PANEL

RADICALISATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Moderator:

Jūratė Guzevičiūtė, Legal Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute

- 11:20 – 11:40 **Preventing radicalisation and violent extremism: sharing Norwegian experience**
Marit Bjørnsnøs, Adviser at the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Police Department
- 11:40 – 12:00 **Radicalisation and violent extremism: its origins, trends and dynamics**
Samia Hathroubi, European coordinator at Foundation for Ethnic Understanding
- 12:00 – 12:20 **Individuals at risk of radicalization and recruitment: who are they and how can they be stopped?**
Moussa Al-Hassan Diaw, European Network of Deradicalisation
- 12:20 – 12:40 **Discussion**
- 12:40 – 13:40 **Lunch break**
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III PANEL

BUILDING BRIDGES: WAYS TO PREVENT ANTI-SEMITISM, RADICALIZATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Moderator:

Jūratė Guzevičiūtė, Legal Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute

- 13:40 – 13:50 **Open society: respect, diversity, dialogue**
Vilana Pilinkaitė-Sotirovič, Research fellow at the Institute for Ethnic Studies
- 13:50 – 14:00 **Response by international community to radicalization**
Šarūnas Liekis, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (CoE)
- 14:00 – 14:10 **Strengthening political involvement in the fight against radicalisation: impact of national policies, practices and legislation**
Mantvydas Bekešius, Vice-Minister, Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)
- 14:10 – 14:40 **Role of civil society in addressing radicalisation and anti-Semitism:**
1. Raising awareness on radical ideologies, intercultural and interreligious dialogue
Moussa Al-Hassan Diaw, European Network of Deradicalisation (Austria)
 2. Bagel Shop: fighting hate via the prism of social life
Lauras Sabonis, Project Manager at Lithuanian Jewish Community (Lithuania)
 3. Challenging anti-Semitism in the classrooms of Hungary
Bulcsu Hunyadi, Analyst at Political Capital Institute (Hungary)

14:40 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	Closing remarks

About the Conference

The event organized by the HRMI, Lithuanian Jewish Community and Vytautas Magnus University aims to contribute to deeper discussions among the NGO Fund Operators, project promoters, academia, civil society organisations and political leaders on countering anti-Semitism, as well as radicalisation and violent extremism.

Shortly, the conference will discuss the contemporary forms of anti-Semitism, analyse the root causes, trends and dynamics of hate crimes, radicalisation and violent extremism that keeps spreading across Europe and beyond. Participants shall also discuss what individuals are at the highest risk of becoming radical and violent, and what actions are needed to prevent that. With the input of NGOs, researchers, as well as representatives of state institutions and international organisations active in this field, the participants will aim to identify useful and necessary steps that could be taken in the future in order to address the issue and fight these so immense threats.

The participants of the event will include experts of human rights, practitioners working in the field of inclusion, de-radicalisation, prevention of extremism, as well as representatives of international organisations and NGOs.