

RIGHTLESSNESS OF LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE

CONFERENCE

11 and 12 June 2024

11 June 2024, House of Europe

124 G.S. Rakovski Str., Sofia

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and coffee

09:30 – 11:00

Panel I

Non-implementation of ECtHR judgements on cases related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and/or expression

Moderator:

Radoslav Stoyanov – Co-chair of LGBTI organization Deystvie and Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

Panellists:

Yonko Grozev – Former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2015 – 2024), Bulgaria

Milosz Hodun, PhD – international officer at Polska Association and international advisor at Nowoczesna, Polish liberal party, Poland

Milena Dokova – attorney at law at “Ekimdzhev and partners” legal company, Bulgaria

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45

Panel II

Non-implementation of the Rulings of CJEU on the Cases of “Baby Sara” and “Coman” as a Political Problem

Moderator:

Denitsa Lyubenova – Human rights lawyer, Co-Chair of LGBTI organization Deystvie, Bulgaria

Panellists:

Marquet Benedicte – Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers, Belgium

Marie-Helene Ludwig – Senior Strategic Litigation Officer, ILGA-Europe, Belgium

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon – Constitutional Judge from Slovenian Constitutional Court, Former member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Former director of the Peace Institute, Slovenia

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Panel III

Political and Administrative Response in Bulgaria – Open Discussion

12 June 2024, New Bulgarian University

21 Montevideo St., Hall 310, corpus 1, Sofia

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and coffee

09:30 – 11:00

Panel I

Backlashes and Challenges for the Rights of the LGBTIQ+ People in Europe

Moderator:

Denitsa Lyubenova – Human rights lawyer, Co-Chair of LGBTI organization Deystvie, Bulgaria

Panellists:

Alina Tryfonidou – Assistant Professor of EU law and Family law at the University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Robert Wintemute – Professor of Human Rights Law, King’s College, London

Velina Todorova – Associate Professor of Civil and Family Law, University of Plovdiv, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - Institute for the State and the Law, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Panel II

Rightlessness and Dehumanization of LGBTIQ+ People

Panellists:

Deyana Marcheva – Associate Professor of Constitutional law and Human Rights, New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

Evelina Staikova – Head of the department “Political Sciences”, New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

Vesco Paskalev, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Public law and Jurisprudence, Brunel Law, School, London, UK



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