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PROGRAMME

9:00–9:20 OPENING SESSION

- ▶ Prof. Henryk Malewski,
President of the Association of Polish Academics in Lithuania
- ▶ Dr. Elżbieta Kuzborska,
Scientific Secretary of SNPL
- ▶ Dr. Vida Montvydaitė,
Director of the Department of National Minorities under the Government of Lithuania
- ▶ Doc. dr. Galina Miškinienė,
President of the Council of National Communities in Lithuania

9:20–9:40 INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION

- ▶ Belen Rodriguez de Alba,
Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section of Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights: *“The United Nations’ Minorities framework for the protection
of minority languages”*

9:40–11:00 PART I

Moderator: ELŻBIETA KUZBORSKA

- ▶ Prof. Dr. Francesco Palermo,
President of the Council of Europe’s Advisory Committee on the Framework
Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Director of the Institute
for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism at the European Academy (EURAC)
in Bolzano/Bozen, University of Verona:
“Language rights as a litmus test for the future of minority protection”
- ▶ Dr. Fernand de Varennes,
Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Université de Moncton in Canada,
Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria in South Africa:
“The Human Rights Dimension and Challenges of Linguistic Rights”
- ▶ Prof. Lauri Hannikainen,
University of Turku in Finland, former member of European Commission against
Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): *“How serious violations of minorities’ linguistic rights
in contemporary European states?”*

11:00–11:15 DISCUSSION

11:15–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–12:50 PART II

Moderator: FERNAND DE VARENNES

- ▶ Dr. Ewa Chylinski,
European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI):
“Language Rights in South Caucasus – Policies and Practice”
- ▶ Dr. Łukasz Wardyn,
“The protection of language rights from the perspective of EU”
- ▶ Prof. Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieytes,
Dean of the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Deusto (Bilbao)
in Spain:
“The Spanish Mosaic: an asymmetrical recognition of minority languages”
- ▶ Dr hab. Katarzyna Łasak,
Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Poland:
“Language rights of minorities in Poland”

12:50–13:10 DISCUSSION

13:10–14:00 LIGHT LUNCH

14:00–15:00 PART III

Moderator: FRANCESCO PALERMO

- ▶ Boriss Cilevics,
Member of the Latvian Parliament:
“Language policies in Latvia: lessons for minority protection”
- ▶ Dr. Elżbieta Kuzborska:
“The protection of language rights of minorities in Lithuania”
- ▶ Dr. Hanna Vasilevich,
European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI): *“Linguistic diversity in Belarus”*

15:00–15:20 DISCUSSION

15:20–15:35 COFFEE BREAK

15:35–16:35 PART IV

Moderator: DOC. DR. GALINA MIŠKINIENĖ

- Dr. Katarzyna Bogdziewicz-Mikszta,
Mykolas Romeris, Lithuania: *“The importance of name in self-determination”*
- Sergiu Constantin,
researcher at the Institute for Minority Rights of the European Academy (EURAC)
in Bolzano/Bozen: *“Linguistic Rights of National Minorities in Romania: Between Law
in the Books and Law in Practice”*
- Dr. Milena Ingielewicz-Citak:
“Language rights in transition. The case of Kosovo”

16:35–17:00 DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

Elżbieta Kuzborska, Galina Miškinienė

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