



**40th anniversary of the Helsinki Conference:
Human rights in the historical and political context of Central Europe**

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Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Slovakia

Academia Istropolitana Nova, Svätý Jur

5. – 6. November 2015

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE (FIRST DRAFT, TBC)

Thursday 5.11. 2015

13.00 – 13.30 Registration, small refreshment for those who did not catch the lunch

13.30 – 13.45 Welcome to the conference, Kálmán Petőcz, Chairman of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Slovakia

13.45 – 15.45 High-level panel, plenary session

Welcome message, Andrej Kiska, President of the Slovak Republic

Opening speech, Miroslav Lajčák, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

The importance of the Helsinki process for the democratization of Eastern Bloc countries, Karel Schwarzenberg, former President of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights

The historical-political context of the Helsinki process and its human dimension, representatives of the OSCE:

Ján Kubiš, former Secretary General of the OSCE, UN Special Representative for Iraq

Astrid Thors, High Commissioner on National Minorities, OSCE

Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR

Discussion

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 18.30 First panel. The relationship of the state and the individual: where we have arrived after 40 years? Perspective of those involved before 1989.

Chair: Kálmán Petőcz

Anna Šabatová, Ombudsperson of the Czech Republic;



János Kis, philosopher, Central European University, Budapest;
Prof. Miroslav Kusý, political scientist, co-founder of the first Slovak Helsinki Committee;
László Öllös, legal philosopher, Nitra University, SK;
Adam Michnik, historian & public intellectual, Poland;
František Mikloško, former politician and public intellectual, SK.

19.00 – 22.00 Dinner/ Wine-tasting at the wine-cellar of the Piarist Monastery in Svätý Jur

Friday 6.11.2015

09.00 – 11.00 Second Panel: The relationship of the state and the individual: where we have moved after 40 years? Perspective of those actively engaged today.

Chair: Dagmar Kusá, lecturer, Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts
Chair: Viliam Jana Dubovcová, Ombudsperson of the Slovak Republic;
László Székely, Ombudsperson, Hungary;
Monika Jankovská, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, SK;
Daniel Milo, Ministry of the Interior, Dpt. of Crime Prevention, SK;
Oľga Pietruchová, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family;
Viliam Kratochvíl, history didactician, SK;
Milan Šagát, Via Iuris, NGO, public interest law, transparency of the judicial system;

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 Third Panel: Current human rights and humanitarian challenges, social scientists' perspective. Intolerance & xenophobia reloaded? First part.

Chair: Andrej Bán, documentary journalist, founder of People in Peril NGO, SK
Márta Pardavi, lawyer, Co-Chairperson of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee;
Danuta Przywara, historian, President of the Polish Helsinki Committee;
Monika Vrzgulová, ethnologist, Holocaust specialist, SK;
Martin Luterán, legal philosopher, Anton Neuwirth College, SK
Péter Hunčík, psychiatrist, SK;
Oľga Gyárfášová, sociologist, SK;
Peter Guráň, sociologist, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child;

12.30 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 Third Panel: Second Part

14.30 – 16.30 Fourth Panel: Current human rights and humanitarian challenges, young experts' and practitioners' perspective. What future for young people?

Chair: Dagmar Horná, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Contest Committee
Lucia Berdisová, Trnava University, expert on human rights & equal treatment law;
Elena Kriglerová-Gallová, sociologist, Centre for Research of Ethnicity and Culture, NGO;



Laco Oravec, Milan Šimečka Foundation, NGO, minorities;
Ingrid Kosová, Quo Vadis, NGO, activist for Roma women rights;
Zuzana Številová, Human Rights League, migrants', aliens' & asylum-seekers' rights;
Viktória Ballová, primary school teacher in an ethnic Roma-Hungarian mixed area;
Hugo Gros, initiative 1000 volunteers, SK;
Max Steuer, Alumnus of the Slovak National Human Rights Contest, CEU, Budapest;

16.30 – 16.45 Closing

17.00 – 18.00 Sight-seeing in Svätý Jur (optional)