24 May 2024 *Palazzo Zorzi, UNESCO, Castello 4930, Fondamenta San Severo*

25 May 2024 *Monastery of San Nicolò, Riviera S. Nicolò 26, Venice-Lido*

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Venice Conference on
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Friday, 24 May 2024

Palazzo Zorzi, UNESCO, Castello 4930, Fondamenta San Severo

16.45 – 17.00
Registration at UNESCO Venice, Palazzo Zorzi

17.00 – 18.45
Welcome Words
Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights
Gunilla Hallonsten, Chair of Board at Right Livelihood
Wally Merotto, Coordination Officer of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

Roundtable Discussion
Moderator
Thérèse Murphy, Professor at Queen's University Belfast and Raoul Wallenberg Visiting Chair at Lund University

Panelists
Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Olof Skoog, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit "Gender, Human Rights and Democratic Governance" at DG International Partnerships of the European Commission
Mozn Hassan, Egyptian Women's Rights Activist, Exile Fellow and Right Livelihood Laureate 2016

Closing Speech
Koen Vanmechelen, Internationally-renowned artist exhibiting at the Venice Biennale 2024

18.45 – 19.15
Poetry and Music Performance by Lisette Ma Neza, Neil Akenzua and Vernon Chatlein

19.15 – 21.00
Reception and light dinner

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08.30 – 09.00
Registration at the Monastery of San Nicolò, Venice Lido

09.00 – 09.10
Welcome Message (online)
   Veronica Gomez, President of the Global Campus of Human Rights and Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Welcome Words
   Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights
   Ole von Uexküll, Executive Director of Right Livelihood

09.10 – 09.30
Opening Speeches
   Olof Skoog, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
   Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament
   Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division at UN Human Rights

09.30 – 11.15
Roundtable on "Reconceptualising Exile for Human Rights Defenders"

Testimonials
   Name withheld, Iranian Women's Rights Activist and Exile Fellow
   Helen Mack Chang, Guatemalan Human Rights Activist, Exile Fellow and Right Livelihood Laureate 1992

Moderator
   Mike Hayes, Director of Global Campus Asia-Pacific and Professor at Mahidol University Bangkok

Speakers
   Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
   Alice Nah, Associate Professor at Durham University and Chair of the Global Board of Directors of Protection International

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Mozn Hassan, Egyptian Women's Rights Activist, Exile Fellow and Right Livelihood Laureate 2016
Viacheslav Samonov, Human Rights Lawyer at QueerBase and Exile Fellow
Anexa Alfred Cunningham, Nicaraguan Indigenous Rights Defender and Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Peoples

11.15 – 11.45
Coffee break

11.45 – 13.30
Roundtable on "Defending Human Rights During Times of War and Conflict"

Testimonial
    Abdelkhalig Shaib, Sudanese Attorney and Founding Member of the Arab Association of Constitutional Law

Moderator
    Jasmin Lilian Diab, Director of the Institute for Migration Studies at the Lebanese American University and GC Arab World Alumna

Speakers
    Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
    Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
    Raji Sourani, Director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights and Right Livelihood Laureate 2013
    Eamon Gilmore, former EU Special Representative for Human Rights
    Natallia Satsunkevich, Member of the Interim Board of Viasna Human Rights Centre Belarus
    Babatunde Fagbayibo, Professor of International Law at University of Pretoria
    Jamila Raqib, Executive Director of the Albert Einstein Institute

13.30 – 14.30
Lunch break

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14.30 – 14.45
Presentation by the Global Campus Child Leadership Team (GC CLT)
 Una Balta & Marta Milosavljević, Members of the GC CLT South East Europe

14.45 – 15.00
Afternoon Opening Conversation
 Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
 Sirpa Rautio, Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Moderator
 Orla Ní Cheallacháin, European Programme Director at the Global Campus of Human Rights

15.00 – 16.45
Roundtable on "Using Human Rights to Prevent Environmental Disasters"

Moderator
 Neshan Gunasekera, Exile Fellow, Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University

Speakers
 Aoife Nolan, President of the European Committee of Social Rights and Project Lead ACRiSL
 Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer, Managing Trustee for Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) and Right Livelihood Laureate 2022
 Lotte Leicht, Advocacy Director of Climate Rights International
 Name withheld, Nicaraguan Environmentalist and Indigenous Rights Activist
 Wolfgang Kaleck, General Secretary of the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights
 Luisa Neubauer, Fridays for Future Germany

16.45 – 17.15
Coffee break

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17.15 – 17.45
Conversation on "Human Rights Work Outside the Box"
    Askold Kurov, Award-winning Filmmaker and Exile Fellow
    Andra Matei, Founding Director of Avantgarde Lawyers and GC Europe Alumna

17.45 – 18.00
Conclusions and Closing Remarks
    George Ulrich, Academic Director of the Global Campus of Human Rights
    Gunilla Hallonsten, Chair of Board at Right Livelihood

18.00 – 18.45
Reception

18.45 – 19.00
Dance Performance by Iskra Daskalova, choreographed by Kosta Karakashyan
(GC Alumnus)

From 19.00
Dinner at the cloister of the Monastery of San Nicolò

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