

VIENNA – HUMAN RIGHTS CITY
CONFERENCE: „HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY: A CITY FOR ALL“
DECEMBER 10TH, 2014

What relevance do Human Rights have in the City of Vienna and, which for its inhabitants? What initiatives and approaches are there in other European cities? How can a comprehensive human rights based approach be defined for and realized in the city?

The conference, which is held in the context of the ongoing process "Vienna – Human Rights City", which began at the end of 2013, will deal with these questions from a variety of perspectives.

Scientists, representatives from civil society as well as experts from cities which have already declared themselves Human Rights Cities, as well as will participate in panel discussions with selected topics, dealing with concepts, ideas, as well as policies of a comprehensive human rights based approach.

The event is hosted by the City of Vienna (MA 7 – Department of Culture, MA 17 – Department of Integration and Diversity and Human Rights Coordination in the City of Vienna). It is conceptualised and realized by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in cooperation with the Research Centre Human Rights of the University of Vienna.

Due to limited number of seats, it is essential to register at bim.office@univie.ac.at by 4 December 2014. Should you need a translation into Austrian Sign Language, please let us know before 24 November 2014.

Venue

Auditorium, Campus of the University of Vienna (1. Hof, Spitalgasse 2-4, 1090 Vienna)

Programme:

08:30 **Registration**

09:00-09:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

- **Sandra Frauenberger**, City Council for Integration, Gender Issues, Consumer Protection and Personnel, City of Vienna
- **Shams Asadi and Karin König**, City of Vienna: Process “Vienna – Human Rights City”
- **Manfred Nowak**, Research Centre Human Rights, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights

MODERATOR: **Irene Brickner**, Author and Journalist, Der Standard and **Lisa Mayr**, Der Standard

09:30-11:00 **Introduction: Human Rights in the city**

Today, most of the world’s population lives in cities, which makes cities key actors with a particular responsibility in the implementation of human rights. The complexity of societal processes in cities makes them centres of innovation and societal development, as well as spaces in which cultural differences clash and where conflicts need to be resolved. The first panel will deal with the role and the relevance of the human rights based approach in this context.

Panel:

- **Michele Grigolo**, Nottingham Trent University
- **Hans Sakkers**, City Utrecht
- **Monika Mokre**, Austrian Academy of Sciences,

Afterwards: Q&A Session

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 **Panel 1: Human Rights in Open Space: The right to a City**

How can resources be commonly used in the city? How are commons created and how is public space used in this context? Which forms of participation are necessary for the articulation of various interests? Can a city cope with these diverse and potentially conflicting interests?

Panel:

- **Bettina Köhler**, International Network of Urban Research and Action, University of Vienna
- **Andrea Binder-Zehetner**, Local Agenda 21 Vienna
- **Iva Cukic**, Civil Initiative „Ministry of Space“ (EN)
- **Elke Rauth**, dérive, Festival urbanize

Afterwards: Q&A Session

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Panel 2: Economy and Human Rights – The city as economic actor

Which responsibilities and obligations of the city of Vienna arise from its role as an economic actor? What relevance do CSR concepts have here, both in theory and in practice? Which questions arise from the dual role of the city on the one hand as economic actor, on the other hand as a governmental and political actor?

Panel:

- **Hannes Tretter**, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights: The Human Rights approach and its relevance for the city
- **Gabriele Tatzberger**, Vienna Business Agency
- **Karin Küblböck**, Austrian Foundation for Development Research
- **Jan Niessen**, Migration Policy Group (EN)

Afterwards: Q&A Session

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Panel 3: Social Inclusion in the city

What does social inclusion in the city mean? What specific prerequisites, but also obstacles does the urban network offer? What measures are necessary to ensure the social inclusion of all inhabitants of the city? How can the urban fabric contribute to a solidary society? Which role do “urban competences”, civil society and neighbourhood initiatives play in this context?

Panel:

- **Christoph Reinprecht**, Research Centre Human Rights, Institute for Sociology, University of Vienna
- **Eva Garcia Chueca**, United Cities and Local Governments, Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
- **Michaela Moser**, Poverty Conference, Ilse Arlt Institute on Social Inclusion Research, FH St. Pölten

Afterwards: Q&A Session

17:30 End of Conference

18:00 Festive Reception at Vienna City Hall on the occasion of “Vienna - Human Rights City”. RSVP by December 4 to MA 17 – Ministry for Integration and Diversity,



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