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The Reykjavik Roundtable on Human Rights

Democratic Accountability, State Sovereignty, and International Governance

Reykjavik, 28 April 2016

Program

Thursday, 28 April 2016

9:00–9:15

Roundtable Opening

Opening Address

Lilja Alfreðsdóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

9:15–10:30

Panel 1: Human Rights Violations and State Sovereignty

Chair: **Gréta Gunnarsdóttir**, Ambassador for Human Rights, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

James Pattison, Professor of Politics, University of Manchester
The Responsibility to Protect and Just War Theory

Pórdís Ingaðóttir, Associate Professor of Law, Reykjavik University
The International Criminal Court and State Sovereignty: Current Challenges

Ali Jalali, Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies of the United States' National Defense University and former Interior Minister of Afghanistan
Promoting Human Rights in a Transitional Political Environment: The Case of Afghanistan

Thuli Madonsela, Public Protector of South Africa
State Sovereignty and International Responsibility to Guard Human Rights: Revisiting South Africa's History during Apartheid

Valur Ingimundarson, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Iceland
Contested Pasts, Transitional Justice, and Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Janis Judson, Professor of Law and Political Science at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland
International Law, Human Rights and Truth Commissions: A Model for Restorative Justice

Discussion

10:30–10:50 Coffee and Tea

10:50–12:20

Panel 2: Democratic Accountability, Transnational Rights, and International Obligations

Chair: **Mark Donfried**, Director of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Berlin

Rosa Pavanelli, General Secretary of Public Services International, the Global Federation for Public Sector Trade Unions
International Trade Agreements and Democratic Rights

Thomas Hammarberg, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Gaps are Growing: How to Ensure Universal Economic and Social Rights?

Yvonne Vissing, Professor of Sociology, Salem State College
Child Rights in the United States: 25 Years Later and Counting

Azril Mohd Amin, Chief Executive, Centre for Human Rights Research & Advocacy (CENTHRA)
ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms: EU Assistance to the NGO Sector

Dimitris Christopoulos, Professor and Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights
Can the EU-Turkey Agreement on Refugees be reconciled with international Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Convention?

Akaash Maharaj, CEO of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)
How Can National Democracies Reassert Public Accountability over Offshore Anonymous Corporations?

Discussion

12:20–14:00 Lunch

14:05–15:35

Panel 3: Mediating Human Rights Protection: Great Power Politics and the United Nations

Chair: **Julia Sebutinde**, Judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

Xavier-Jean Keïta, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, International Criminal Court (ICC)

How Continued State Cooperation via Agreements on Provisional Release and Acquittal are Vital to Uphold the Rome Statute Principle of Presumption of Innocence

Össur Skarphéðinsson, Member of Parliament and former Foreign Minister of Iceland

The United Nations and the Politics of Self-determination

Fabian Hamilton, British Labour Member of Parliament and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, United Kingdom

Power Politics and the "Tibetan Question"

Fayik Yagizay, Representative of the Council of Europe, People's Democratic Party (HTP), Turkey

Juxtaposing State Interests against Fundamental Values: The Kurdish Experience

Discussion

15:35–15:55 Coffee and Tea

16:00–17:30

Panel 4: Human Rights Conventions: International Governance, State Prerogatives, and Non-State Involvement

Chair: **Ingibjörg Davíðsdóttir**, Ambassador and Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Iceland, Prime Minister's Office

Christos Giakoumopoulos, Professor and Director for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Enforcing Human Rights Regimes: The Collective Responsibility of States and Non-State Actors

Julia Sebutinde, Judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

The International Court of Justice: Holding Sovereign States to Account for Human Rights Violations

Alexander Belohlavek, University Professor of International Law, Ostrava, Czech Republic

The Right to Access to the Secret Security Service Archives In Light of the European Convention on Human Rights

Djoomart Otorbaev, former Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan

Finding the Best Governance Model to Reduce Poverty and Protect Human Rights

Ögmundur Jónasson, Chairman of the Constitutional and Supervisory Committee of Parliament and former Icelandic Minister of the Interior
Roundtable Summary and Conclusion

Discussion

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