



Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi

The Norwegian Academy
of Science and Letters

Research and Human Rights: An International Conference at The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters

Programme

Thursday 26 September 2019

09:00 Coffee and Registration

09:30 Hans Petter Graver (President of The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Professor of Law, University of Oslo):

Opening of the conference

09:40 Jakob Lothe (Leader of the Committee on Human Rights, The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Professor of English literature, University of Oslo): **Introduction**

09:50 Rebecca Everly (Director, International Human Rights Network, Washington DC):

The role of national academies in promoting human rights

10:20 Ayşe Erzan (Professor Emerita in Physics, Member of the Committee for Human Rights, Bililm Akademisi/Science Academy, Turkey):

Research and reaching out to the public – chance and necessity

10:50 Coffee break

11:30 Homa Hoodfar (Professor Emerita in Anthropology, Concordia University, Canada):

Academic freedom as transnational rights: Reflections from Iran's Evin prison.

12:00 Odin Lysaker (Professor of Ethics, University of Agder):

A new law on earth: Hannah Arendt on human rights between inherent dignity and death penalty

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Geir Ulfstein (Professor and Co-director, PluriCourts, Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, University of Oslo):

The relationship between human rights and human rights law

14:00 Helle Porsdam (Professor of Law and Humanities, UNESCO Chair in Cultural Rights, University of Copenhagen):

Linking research and human rights: the right to science

14:30 Coffee break

15:00 Cassandra Falke (Professor of English, UiT The Arctic University of Norway):

The language of all nations: Defining human rights fiction

15:30 Anton Weiss-Wendt (Senior Researcher, The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies):

The Universal Declaration of human rights and the Genocide Convention as a casualty of the Cold War, 1947–1948

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09:00 Cathrine Moe Thorleifsson (Researcher, Centre for Research on Extremism, University of Oslo):

Understanding dehumanization: how scholarship can defend the human in an era of new nationalism

09:30 Petra Gyonyi (Researcher, The Faculty of Law, University of Oslo):

Judicial independence research and human rights in Hungary

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 Nigel Biggar (Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Christ Church College, University of Oxford):

Why the right to academic freedom is not enough

11:00 Arne Johan Vetlesen (Professor of Philosophy, University of Oslo):

The precarious relationship between cultural diversity and biodiversity: Consequences for human rights

11:30 Open discussion/Concluding words

12:00 Lunch