Minority Policies in Transition

Experiences and trends around the Baltic Sea

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November 16th 2007

The symposium is organized in collaboration between the Åland Islands Peace Institute (Finland), the Centre for Multiethnic Research at Uppsala University (Sweden) and the Uppsala University Forum of International and Area Studies, held at SCAS (The Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies). The Symposium is organized with financial support from the Nordic Culture Fund.

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Programme

09.30 Opening of the Symposium
Opening. Björn Wittrock, Professor, SCAS and Sverker Gustavsson, Professor, on behalf of the Uppsala University Forum for International and Area Studies.

The main results of the research project: achievements and remaining questions. Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Associate Professor, Director, The Åland Islands Peace Institute and Alastair Walker, Senior Lecturer, Kiel University.

Coffee / Tea

Priorities and issues around the Baltic Sea: an evaluation of the task and experience as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Rolf Ekeus.

11.00 Main developments in the field of minority protection and non-discrimination in the ten countries around the Baltic Sea (15 min. each).

Denmark: Karen Margrethe Pedersen, Director of the Institute for Border Studies, Aabenraa.


Finland: Kristian Myntti, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Human Rights, Åbo/Turku.

Germany: Alastair Walker, Senior Lecturer, Kiel University.

Latvia: Brigita Zepa, Professor, Director, Baltic Institute of Social Sciences, Riga.

12.15 Lunch

14.00 Main developments in the field of minority protection and non-discrimination in the ten countries around the Baltic Sea (15 min. each).

Lithuania: Vida Beresneviciute, Dr., Institute for Social Research, Vilnius.

Norway: Einar Niemi, Professor, University of Tromso.

Poland: Julita Rybczynska, Dr., Marie Curie Sklodowska University, Lublin.

Russia: Alexander Ossipov, Dr., The Memorial Human Rights Center.

Sweden: Leena Huss, Associate Professor, Centre for Multiethnic Research.

15.30 Minority protection in transition: concepts and trends in a European context. Tove Malloy, Dr., Senior Researcher, EURAC, Bolzano.

16.00 Coffee – Tea


17.00 Closing of the Symposium.