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# Forgotten Victims

## International Conference on the Situation of Victims of Hate Crimes/Hate Violence and Victim Assistance in the Czech Republic

April 22-23, 2010, Prague

Conference is held under the auspices of Jan Fischer, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

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## Conference Programme

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### THURSDAY, April 22

#### Goethe Institut Prague

09:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
10:00 – 10:20	<b>WELCOME REMARKS (CZ / EN / RU)</b>  <i>Ralf Possekel</i> , Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”, Germany <i>Michael Kocáb</i> , Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Czech Republic
10:20 - 10:40	<b>KEYNOTE 1 (CZ / EN / RU)</b> <b>Project Outcomes (Presentation of the Publication)</b>  <i>Klára Kalibová</i> , In IUSTITIA, Czech Republic
10:40 - 11:00	<b>KEYNOTE 2 (CZ / EN / RU)</b> <b>Project Outcomes (Interview Evaluation)</b>  <i>Miroslav Bohdálék</i> , Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V., Germany
11:00 – 11:20	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:20 – 11:40	<b>KEYNOTE 3 (CZ / EN / RU)</b> <b>Hate Crimes/Hate Violence in the Czech Republic: Definition, Cases, the Victim's Point-of-View</b>  <i>František Valeš</i> , Lawyer, Czech Republic
11:40 – 12:45	<b>DISCUSSION (CZ / EN / RU)</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Eva Dobrovolná</i> , Amnesty International, Czech Republic (to be confirmed)
12:45 – 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>

13:30 – 15:30

## WORKSHOPS

### **WS 1: Police and the Investigation of Hate Crimes/Hate Violence** (EN / RU individual translation)

**Moderator:**

**Miroslav Bohdálék**, Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V., Germany

**Participants:**

**Zuzana Candigliota**, League of Human Rights, Czech Republic

**Stanislav Daniel**, European Roma Rights Centre, Hungary

The workshop will focus on the investigation of hate violence incidents. The discussion will cover the main problems of preliminary proceedings (proving of hate motive, second-class victims, discouragement of victims while reporting a “minor” hate incident). The attitude of the police towards an injured party and witnesses will be discussed (reluctance while investigating hate violence, perception of the victim as an inanimate tool of evidence, cultural incompetence while interviewing people from different backgrounds). The role of an advocate will be presented as well as some possible solutions (concept of the vulnerable victim).

### **WS 2: Roma in the Czech Republic** (CZ / EN individual translation)

**Moderator:**

**Jarmila Balážová**, Journalist, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

**Martin Šimáček**, Agency for Social Inclusion, Office of the Government, Czech Republic

**Lucie Horváthová**, Romodrom, Czech Republic

**Karel Holomek**, The Association of Romanies in Moravia, Czech Republic

Czech Roma is the group most vulnerable to hate violence. The discussion will focus on the recent situation and position of the Roma community in the Czech Republic, with emphasis on the vicious circle of poverty, social exclusion and general hostility towards this largest Czech minority group. Long-term social exclusion and day-to-day discrimination will be addressed as possible sources and prerequisites of consequent hate violence. The generally hostile atmosphere against Roma may act as a justification for perpetrators.

### **WS 3: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT)** (EN / RU individual translation)

**Moderator:**

**Aleš Rumpel**, Director of the Queer Film Festival Mezipatra, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

**Jan Swierszcz**, Campaign against Homophobia, Poland

**Serhiy Ponomaryov**, Gay Forum, Ukraine

**Olga Pechová**, Philosophical Faculty, Palacký University, Czech Republic

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community is not recognized by the Czech Penal Code as a community at risk of hate violence. Any crime committed on the grounds of sexual identity or orientation bias is therefore investigated as a common crime, and any subsequent punishment will not take this motive into consideration. As an incident of hate violence often results in the victim *coming out*, the LGBT community faces a higher level of secondary victimization. Persistent homophobia and the prevalence of heterosexuality in society as well as the attitude of law enforcement and the fears and barriers of the victims of homophobic hate violence will be discussed. Experiences from different European countries will be compared.



#### **WS 4: Anti-Semitism (EN)**

**Moderator:**

**Irena Kalhousová**, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

**Michal Frankl**, Jewish Museum in Prague, Czech Republic

Anti-Semitism is still present in European societies, although its visible manifestation is almost solely by right wing extremists. Holocaust denial still persists as a leading idea, and new forms of anti-Semitism relying on hatred against the new State of Israel also occur. Mr. Frankl will present the modern contextual face of this ancient problem with an example from the Czech Republic.

#### **WS 5: Anti-Extremism and Hate Crime Legislation (CZ / EN / RU)**

**Moderator:**

**Klára Kalibová**, In IUSTITIA, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

**Alexander Verkhovsky**, SOVA Center for Information and Analysis, Russia

**Kati Lang**, Opferberatung, The Regional Centre for Education, Integration and Democracy, Germany

The group will focus on anti-extremism and hate violence as a political issue. It will closely examine the negative impact of “fighting extremism” on civil rights and liberties. We will address state counteractions and legislative changes, dispute the necessity and legitimacy of them and bring to the table some recent legislative actions. Finally we will discuss the role of the law and law enforcement. International experience will be presented.

15:30 – 16:00

**COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 – 17:00

**DISCUSSION**  
**Workshop Evaluation**

**Oldřich Černý**, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

**Louvre Gallery**

19:00

**DINNER**

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**FRIDAY, April 23**

**Goethe Institut Prague**

09:30 – 09:50

**KEYNOTE 4 (CZ / EN / RU)**  
**Monitoring of Hate Crimes**

(to be confirmed)

09:50 – 10:10

**KEYNOTE 5 (CZ / EN / RU)**  
**Victim Assistance – the Needs of the Victims and the Counselling Organizations**

*Dominique John*, Opferperspektive, Germany

10:10 – 10:40

**DISCUSSION (CZ / EN / RU)**

**Moderator:**

*Miroslav Bohdálék*, Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V., Germany

10:40 – 11:00

**COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 – 13:00

**WORKSHOPS**

**WS 1: Monitoring (EN / RU individual translation)**

**Moderator:**

*Tanja Katsbert*, European Exchange, Germany

**Participants:**

*Agnieszka Mikulska*, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

*Stanislav Daniel*, European Roma Rights Centre, Hungary

**WS 2: Victim Assistance (CZ / EN / RU)**

**Moderator:**

*Klára Kalibová*, In IUSTITIA, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

*Irena Biháriová*, Ľudia proti rasizmu, Slovakia

*Serhiy Ponomaryov*, Gay Forum, Ukraine

*Markus Pape*, Journalist, Czech Republic/Germany

*Armonies Grit*, The Regional Centre for Education, Integration and Democracy, Germany (to be confirmed)

**WS 3: Prevention of Hate Crimes (EN / RU individual translation)**

**Moderator:**

*Dana Moree*, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

*Maria Grjasnow*, Network for Democracy and Courage, Germany

*Monica Vasile*, Romani Center for Social Intervention and Studies, Romania

13:00 – 13:45

**LUNCH**



13:45 – 15:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION (CZ / EN / RU)**

**Moderator:**

**Jan Urban**, Journalist, Czech Republic

**Participants:**

**Franz Hammer**, Kulturbüro Sachsen e. V., Germany

**Viktória Mlynářčiková**, Open Society Fund, Slovak Republic

**Zdeněk Ryšavý**, Romea, Czech Republic

**Czesław Walek**, Deputy Minister for Human Rights, Czech Republic (to be confirmed)

**Michael Kocáb**, Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Czech Republic (to be confirmed)

15:30 – 16:00

**SUMMARY (CZ / EN / RU)**

**Klára Kalibová**, In IUSTITIA, Czech Republic

**Oldřich Černý**, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

16:00

**END OF THE CONFERENCE**