The Role of Human Rights Bodies in Promoting a Human Rights Culture

A Conference organised by the Human Rights Programme of the University of Malta
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| 9.00am – 9.15am | Welcome Address by Dr. Austin Bencini  
*Head of Department of Public Law, Chairperson of the Human Rights Programme* |
| 9.15am – 10.15am | Panel 1: Establishing National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)  
- ‘Creating National Human Rights Institutions in Lithuania: theoretical and practical lessons’ Dr. Aida Kisunaite  
- ‘Protecting and Promoting Human Rights in Italy: The Renewal of the proposal for a national and independent Agency for Human Rights’ Dr. Isolde Quadranti |
| 10.15am – 11.15am | Panel 2: Comparative Studies of Existing NHRIs  
- ‘Human Rights Bodies in England, Scotland, France and South Africa: A Comparative Study’ Dr. Kathleen Vella  
- ‘National Human Rights Institutions in the EU: Spain and Portuguese Experience’ Prof. Sofia Oliveira Pais |
| 11.15am | Coffee Break |
| 11.30am – 12.30pm | Panel 3: NHRIs and Vulnerable Groups  
- ‘The Need for Increased Awareness and Effectiveness of Housing Rights in Malta’ Dr. Kurt Xerri  
- ‘Disabled People Determining Their Human Rights Through the CRPD’ Dr. Ann Marie Callus and Ms. Amy Camilleri Zahra |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm – 3.00pm | Panel 4: Exploring the Weaknesses of NHRIs  
- ‘Combating Discrimination in Employment: The Case of Third Country Nationals in Malta’ Dr. David. Zammit and Dr. Robert Suban  
- ‘Lack of “human rights culture” and weakness of institutional protection of human rights in South Caucasus’ Dr. Tamar Zurabishvili and Dr. Tinatin Zurabishvili |
| 3.00pm | Coffee Break |
| 3.15pm – 4.15pm | Panel 5: Evaluating NHRI’s Contribution to the Promotion of a Human Rights Culture  
- ‘Intersectionality lenses for national Human Rights Institutions: The Potential for a Transformative Impulse for Upholding the Principle of Equality – cases of Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina’ Prof. Biljana Kotevska  
- ‘The Promotion of a Human Rights Culture Through Adequate Implementation of ECHR Judgements’ Dr. Joseph Grech and Dr. Carl Grech |
| 4.15pm – 4.45pm | Presentation by Panel Rapporteurs *chaired by Dr. Marceline Naudi* |
| 4.45pm – 5.00pm | Closing Speech by Professor Kevin Aquilina  
*Dean of the Faculty of Laws* |