

Citizenship & Nationality Status in the New Europe

A two-day conference to consider the changing significance of nationality and citizenship status throughout Europe and the policy implications for human rights, peace and security. The objective is to bring together 50 policy-makers at national and European level with academics, lawyers and representatives of NGOs working in the field to discuss the policy options and the ideas and priorities which lie behind them. Summaries of each presentation will be circulated to participants in advance and copies of the full papers published subsequently.

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The Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland
The Foundation on Inter-Ethnic Relations, The Netherlands
The Institute of Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Latvia

Provisional programme

09.30 Registration and coffee

SESSION 1 – Nationality and Citizenship Status

Considering the changing significance of citizenship and nationality status as they are evolving throughout Europe; whether the benefits which a state derives from maintaining an exclusive status for citizens is outweighed by the disadvantages which arise from excluding non-citizens; and whether there are common principles which would be appropriate for countries throughout the region.

In the chair: **Bhikhu Parekh** Professor of Political Theory, Hull

10.00 *Overview*10.45 *Council of Europe's view and current policy initiatives*

Margaret Killerby Head of Private & International Division,
Directorate of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

11.30 *Nordic Citizenship: a model for the rest of Europe?*

Allan Rosas Professor of Law, Åbo Akademi, Finland

12.15 *Perspective of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE)*

Arie Bloed Director, Foundation on Inter-Ethnic Relations

13.00 Lunch

SESSION 2 – Citizenship status in the European Union

Considering the current policy of individual member states, the potential for harmonisation across the EU and the options for reform of European Union Citizenship at the 1996 IGC.

14.30 *Comparison between laws of EU member states*

Bruno Nascimbene Professor of Law, University of Milan

15.15 *EU citizenship – Options for reform*

Kerstin Jorna European Commission DG I5

16.00 Tea

16.30 **H U J d'Oliveira** Professor of Migration Law, Amsterdam
(–17.30) **Dr Siofra O'Leary** Law Faculty, University of Cadiz

18.00 Reception at the House of Commons

SESSION 3 – Nationality and citizenship in the UK

The objectives of current UK citizenship policy; the potential influence of future European developments and the case for reform.

In the chair: **Ranjit Sondhi** Deputy Chair,
Commission for Racial Equality, UK

09.30 *UK Government policy*10.00 *The case for reform* **Laurens Fransman** Barrister

10.30 Coffee

SESSION 4 – Nationality status and minorities

The significance of nationality and citizenship status for minorities and the options for reform in particular countries.

In the chair: **Arie Bloed**

11.00 *Overview* **Asbjørn Eide**
Director, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights

11.45 *Former Yugoslavia* **Dr Zoran Panij** King's College, London

Baltic Republics **Ineta Ziemele** Faculty of Law, University of Latvia,
Adviser to the Prime Minister of Latvia
Rein Müllerson Professor of Law, King's College, London

13.00 Lunch

14.00 *Czech & Slovak Republics* **Frederick Wehle** Office of the High Commissioner
on National Minorities, OSCE

Germany **Rainer Hofmann** Max Planck Institut, Heidelberg

SESSION 5 – Conclusion

15.00 *Highlighting key arguments from previous sessions and observations on the way forward*
Asbjørn Eide

15.45 End of Conference. Tea