



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**

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**UniDem Seminar**

Chisinau (Moldova), 4 – 5 July 2003

**“STATE CONSOLIDATION AND  
NATIONAL IDENTITY”**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

Strasbourg, 19 June 2003

**FRIDAY 4 JULY**

***First working session 9.30 – 12.45***

9.30 Opening of the seminar

1. Introductory address by **Mr Valentin Dergaciov**, Doctor habilitat of History, State Pedagogical University of Chisinau, Moldova
2. Introductory address by **Mr Gianni Buquicchio**, Secretary of the Venice Commission

## 1. Ethnic or Political State?

9.45 – 10.05 “*Modern nation-state and European standards of minority rights*”, **Mr Boriss Cilevics**, Member of the Parliament of Latvia, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

10.05 – 10.25 **Mrs Alla Svortzova**, Doctor habilitat of History, State Pedagogical University of Chisinau, Moldova

10.25 – 10.45 Questions to the rapporteurs followed by a general discussion on the introduced subjects

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

## 2. Single or Multiple Identity?

11.15 – 11.35 “*Identity Politics in Multination States*”, **Mr William Kymlicka**, Professor in political philosophy, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

11.35 – 11.55 **Mr Nicolai Russev**, Doctor habilitat of History, State Pedagogical University of Chisinau, Moldova

11.55 – 12.45 Questions to the rapporteurs, followed by a general discussion on topics of the morning session

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break

## *Second working session 14.00 – 18.00*

## 3. Monoculturalism or multiculturalism? Case studies.

14.00 – 14.20 **Mr Sergiu Nazaria**, Doctor of History, State Pedagogical University of Chisinau, Moldova

14.20 – 14.40 “*The Spanish constitutional experience: from centralization to cooperative federalism through devolution and autonomy*”, **Mr Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar**, Professor of Public Law, Member of the Spanish parliament, Spain.

14.40 – 15.00 “*Statehood and national identity in Hungary*”, **Mr Peter Kovacs**, Professor of Public Law, University of Miskolc, Hungary.

15.00 – 16.30 Questions and discussion

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 17.05 “*Moldova as a pulse of a history to Eurasia, as seen from Ukraine*”, **Mr Andrey Dobrolyubsky**, Professor, South-Ukrainian Pedagogical University, Odessa, Ukraine

17.05 – 17.25 “*How we won the inter-ethnic peace: Lessons Learned*”, **Mr Cristian Ghinea**, Professor, Romanian Academic Society, Bucuresti, Romania

17.25 – 18.00 Questions and discussion

## **SATURDAY 5 JULY**

### ***Third working session 9.30 – 13.30***

#### **4. Multiculturalism and federative model of State. Case studies.**

9.30 – 10.00 “*Le modèle belge est-il exportable ?*”, **Mr Simon Petermann**, Professor of Political Science, University of Liege, Belgium.

10.00 – 10.20 “*Intégration et respect des diversités: l'exemple suisse*”, **Mr Etienne Grisel**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

10.20 – 10.40 “*National Interests in Multiethnic Societies*”, **Mr Lev S. Voronkov**, Professor in International relations and Political science, Moscow State University of International Relations, Russia.

10.40 – 11.00 Questions to the Rapporteurs

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

11.20 – 13.00 Questions followed by a round table on the examined subjects.

13.00 – 13.30 Conclusions of the conference