



## Promoting Tolerance In Latvia: Legislation, Policy and Practice

Riga Graduate School of Law, 6 December 2013

### Programme

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration**

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9.30 – 9.45 **Opening**

- **George Ulrich**, Rector of the Riga Graduate School of Law
  - **Jānis Tomels**, Adviser to the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Latvia
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9.45 – 10.30 **Forms of Intolerance in the European Union**

- **Paul Giannasi**, Police Superintendent of the Ministry of Justice of the United Kingdom
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10.30 – 12.00 **Regulation of Hate Motives in Criminal Law**

- **Joanna Perry**, Hate Crime Officer of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- **Ēriks Kalnmeiers**, Prosecutor General
- **Emils Plaksins**, Representative of the Cabinet of Ministers before International Human Rights Institutions
- **Iona Kronberga**, Researcher at the Center for Public Policy *Providus*

**Moderator: Mārtiņš Mits**, Prorector of the Riga Graduate School of Law

*The main goal of the panel is to discuss regulation of the aggravating circumstances in the context of hate crimes in Latvian Criminal Law. Participants of the panel will analyse the current situation and practices in Latvia and abroad, and discuss the best options for amendments to Latvian Criminal Law.*

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12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

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13.00 – 14.30 **State Policies to Promote Tolerance**

- **Aija Karlsberga**, Representative of the Working Group on Action Plan for Advancing Equality and Respectful Society
- **Juris Jansons**, Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia
- **Anhelita Kamenska**, Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights

- **Deniss Kretalovs**, Senior Desk Officer from the Department of Society Integration at Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia
- **George Ulrich**, Rector of the Riga Graduate School of Law

**Moderator: Viktors Makarovs**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

*The main goal of the discussion is to reflect on the needs of state policies for inclusive society in Latvia. Participants are invited to discuss new initiatives and make proposals for further practical steps in policy making.*

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14.30 – 16.00 **Hate Speech and Responsibility of the Politicians**

- **Vitālijs Orlovs**, Chairman of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia
- **Anda Rožukalne**, Associate Professor, Head of the Communication Study Department at Riga Stradins University
- **Iveta Kažoka**, Researcher of the Center for Public Policy *Providus*
- **Arina Melse**, PhD student at Riga Graduate School of Law

**Moderator: Ineta Ziemele**, Judge, President of Section II of the European Court of Human Rights and professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law

*The main goal of the discussion is to address the role of politicians and their responsibility in developing an inclusive society, as well as the borderline between freedom of expression and hate speech. Participants are invited to discuss the current situation in Latvia and give their suggestions, in view of the standards set by the European Court of Human Rights.*

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16.00 – 16.30 **Closing discussion by the moderators**

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16.30 – 17.00 **Coffee and informal discussions**

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