

Invitation

**Workshop on "Tolerance in Europe: Definition, Reality, Limits"
25th November 2009**

Salzburg, Edmundsburg, Mönchsberg 2

Organized by the Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research and the Salzburg Centre for European Union Studies, University of Salzburg

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We invite you to participate in a working conference to expand the further scientific discussion on tolerance, its political content, and the possibilities to encourage tolerance between ethnic, religious, and linguistic groups in Europe. On the basis of considered focused presentations by scientists and experts in the field, together with the opportunity for broad-based discussion, the possibilities for publication and further cooperation can be developed.

In the context of continuing ethnic and religious caused friction and conflicts in Europe, this conference focuses on one of the basic European values: tolerance. The conference will seek to explore the definition, reality and the limits of tolerance through presentations and participative discussions. Themes and issues to be explored, include how tolerance forms features in political action in Europe, how tolerance is anchored in European political institutional life, how tolerance is lived in practice and can be realized in politics. The question about the limits of tolerance is relevant. What role does the understanding of tolerance play in countering rightist extremism?

The conference is planned in workshop-format to facilitate dialogue between scientists and scholars from different disciplines and countries. If you have some interesting research questions and ideas for a cooperative research project on tolerance, please introduce them to the other participants. Hopefully, we should arrive at some concrete ideas on the possibilities for cooperative research.

Working languages are English and Russian. A translator is available.

Programme:

9.30 – 10.00
Welcome Coffee

10.00 – 10.30
Welcome Address

Sonja Puntscher-Riekmann (Vice-Rector University of Salzburg) and/or Clemens Sedmak (King's

College London and Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research at the University of Salzburg)

10.30 – 12.00

Panel 1: Definition: Tolerance as an European principle

Impulse (15 minutes)
Clemens Sedmak

Discussion

Impulse (15 minutes)
Eric Sean Nelson (Scholar in Residence at the IFZ)

Discussion

Impulse (20 minutes)
Merja Pentikäinen, ECRI on behalf of Finland

Discussion

12.00 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 15.00

Panel 2: Reality: Living tolerance

Impulse (20 minutes)
L.V.Afanasieva and Maxim Zubarev, MGPU Melitopol

Discussion

Impulse (20 minutes)
Johan Leman, Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, Leuven

Discussion

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee Break

15.30 - 17.00

Panel III: Fighting Right Wing Extremism
(Examples from Austria and Germany)

Impulse (20 minutes)
Helga Embacher, Department of History, University of Salzburg

Discussion

Impulse (20 minutes)
Larissa Weber, Anne-Frank-Zentrum Berlin

Discussion

17:15
Summary and follow-up
Publication

18:30

Dinner