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**UNIDEM Campus Trieste**

**CONCERTED EFFORTS AT THE  
EUROPEAN LEVEL TO PROTECT  
ETHNIC, LINGUISTIC AND NATIONAL  
MINORITIES**

**Trieste, Italy**

**Palazzo del Ferdinando,  
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**26 – 29 November 2007**

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 26 November 2007**

09.30 – 09:45

Opening of the seminar

- [Mr Sergio BARTOLE](#), Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Trieste, Italy, *Member of the Venice Commission*
- [Ms Elisabetta GREGORIC](#), Expert Consultant, Trieste

09.45 – 11.00

1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on: *"United Nations Standards and Mechanisms for the Protection of Minority Rights"*

[Ms Ilona KLIMOVA-ALEXANDER](#), Associate Human Rights Officer, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland

11:15 – 12:30

Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture : *"United Nations Standards and Mechanisms for the Protection of Minority Rights"*:

[Ms Ilona KLIMOVA-ALEXANDER](#)

12:30 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 - 15:45

2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on: *"Council of Europe Perspective: the Formation of a Law on the Protection of National Minorities and its implementation"*:

[Mr Sergio BARTOLE](#), Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Trieste, Italy, *Substitute Member of the Venice Commission*

16:00 – 17:30

Workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on: *"Council of Europe Perspective: the Formation of a Law on the Protection of National Minorities and its Implementation"*:

[Mr Sergio BARTOLE](#), Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Trieste, Italy, *Member of the Venice Commission*

**Tuesday, 27 November 2007**

09:00 – 10:30

1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on: *"Protecting Minorities and Promoting Stability in the OSCE Region"*:

[Ms Zdenka MACHNYIKOVA](#), Independent Expert, former Legal Advisor of the HCNM OSCE, Czech Republic

10:45 – 12:15

Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on: *"Protecting Minorities and Promoting Stability in the OSCE Region"*

[Ms Zdenka MACHNYIKOVA](#), Independent Expert, former Legal Advisor of the HCNM OSCE, Czech Republic

12:30 - 14:15	Lunch
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14:30 – 15:45      2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on: “*The work of the Venice Commission on the Status of Non-citizens in relation to Minority Rights*”

[Mr Alain CHABLAIS](#), Head a.i. of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

16:00 - 17:30      Workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on “*The work of the Venice Commission on the Status of Non-citizens in relation to Minority Rights*”:

[Mr Alain CHABLAIS](#), Head a.i. of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

### Wednesday, 28 November 2007

09:00 – 10:30      1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on: “*Implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in the Field of Education*”:

[Ms Sia SPILIOPOULOU ÅKERMARK](#), Associate. Professor, Director, The Åland Islands Peace Institute, Finland

10:45 – 12:15      Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on: “*Implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in the Field of Education*”:

[Ms Sia SPILIOPOULOU-ÅKERMARK](#), Associate. Professor, Director, The Åland Islands Peace Institute, Finland

12:30 - 14:15	Lunch
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14:15 – 15:45      2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture on: “*Protection of Minorities in Serbia through Extensive Constitutional Provisions and Monitoring of International Standards*”:

[Ms Lidija BASTA FLEINER](#), Professor, Director of International Department, Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland

16:00 – 17:30      Workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture : “*Protection of Minorities in Serbia through Extensive Constitutional Provisions and Monitoring of International Standards*”:

[Ms Lidija BASTA FLEINER](#), Professor, Director of International Department, Institute for Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

09:00 - 10:30

National presentations: discussion facilitated by:

[Mr Sergio BARTOLE](#), Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Trieste, Italy, *Member of the Venice Commission*

10:30 - 11:00

Conclusions:

[Mr Sergio BARTOLE](#)

12:15 – 13:45

Lunch