

International conference Expression of Opinion Online: Human Rights, Ethics and Case Studies

26 March 2015

Conference hall of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania
Gedimino av. 30, Vilnius

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:35 Introduction

9:00 – 9:05 Chair of the Council of Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights Ms. Inga Abramavičiūtė

9:05 – 9:15 Minister of Justice Mr. Juozas Bernatoniš

9:15 – 9:25 H.E. Ambassador of Sweden Ms. Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin

9:25 – 9:35 H.E. Ambassador of Norway Mr. Dag Malmer Halvorsen

9:35 – 11:50 First session. Freedom of expression and challenges in modern day media

This session will focus on theory of freedom of expression and its' limits and modern challenges. Panellists will talk about the change of boundaries of free speech in modern day media.

9:35 – 10:05 Freedom of speech and changes of its' boundaries in online media
Attorney-at-law Dr. Algimantas Šindeikis

10:05 – 10:35 Freedom of Expression: practise of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania Prof. Dr. Gediminas Mesonis

10:35 – 10:55 Coffee break

10:55 – 11:25 Contemporary media challenges. Media's interrelation with social media
Ms. Dasha Ilic, Media Diversity Institute

11:25 – 11:50 Oppression of free speech. Azerbaijan case
Ms. Arzu Geybullayeva, Free Radio Europe/Radio Liberty

11:50 – 12:35 **Panel discussion:** Changing boundaries of freedom of speech in modern media
Participants: speakers of the session
Moderator: Inga Abramavičiūtė

12:35 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Second session. Freedom of speech and practical aspects addressing its' boundaries

Speakers and panellists will focus on practical aspects of investigating hate speech, online media tendencies and response to hate speech.

- 13:30 – 14:00 Analysis of case law on online media liability and boundaries of freedom of expression. European Court of Human Rights, local judicial system
Member of the Council of Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights and Lithuanian Bar Association Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liudvika Meškauskaitė
- 14:00 – 14:30 Case study: Swedish practice in dealing with hate speech
Swedish Chancellor of Justice Ms. Anna Skarhed
- 14:30 – 15:00 Presentation of the research 'Representation of different groups in biggest Lithuanian news portals, sources of information'
Research conducted by Dr. Monika Frėjutė – Rakauskienė, research fellow at Institute for Ethnic Studies of Lithuanian Social Research Centre

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

- 15:15 – 15:45 Taking back the internet
Mr. John Færseth, Norwegian journalist and author

15:45 – 16:30 Panel discussion: Freedom of speech and hate speech: Lithuanian case *Practical aspects of identifying boundaries of freedom of speech*

Participants: Mr. Rimvydas Valentukevičius, a prosecutor at Prosecutor General's Office, Ms. Eglė Gudelytė-Harvey, Head of Legal Affairs Division, TEO LT, AB Group, Ms. Aistė Žilinskienė, a head of Internet media association and Delfi.lt communication branch, Ms. Dovilė Šakalienė, director of Human Rights Monitoring Institute, Mr. Tomas Vytautas Raskevičius, Policy Coordinator at Lithuanian Gay League.

Moderator: Ms. Rasa Tapinienė

16:30 – 16:40 Closing of conference

19:00 – 21:00 Reception at the Swedish Embassy (Didžioji str. 16)

Conference language – Lithuanian with simultaneous translation to English.