

III. CONFERENCE / 6-8 FEBRUARY 2015 / BONN

“The so-called anti-terror struggle using the example of the Kurds in the light of International Law”

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Friday 6 February

17:00 - 18:00 Reception

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 7 February

09:00 - Greeting

09:10 - The concept of the ‘democratic nation’ as a new approach to self-determination. Case of Kurdistan: Theoretical perception and practical implementation”:

Hatip DICLE (Co-Chairman of the Democratic Society Congress, HDK/DTK)

09:30 - 12:30

I. THE RIGHT OF NATIONS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE KURDS

- The meaning, historical development and the practices of self-determination right/The right of self-determination and non-state actors:
Dr. Noelle HIGGINS (Senior Lecturer in Law at University of Maynooth/Ireland)
- The recent historical development of Kurdish Question, colonialism and self-determination:
Joost LONGERDEN (Social scientist, University of Wageningen/Netherlands)
- Right of nations to self-determination, nationalism and solutions beyond nation state:
Dr. Thomas Jeffrey MILEY (Social scientist, lecturer in social sciences at the University of Cambridge/United Kingdom)
- The resistance of Rojava/Syria in light of International Law:
Prof. Dr. Norman PAECH (Expert on International Law, Hamburg/FRG)

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.00

II. KURDS AND THE DISCOURSE ON THE CONCEPT OF “TERRORISM”

- What does terrorism rhetoric mean today?
Prof. Fiona de LONDRA (Durham Law School, Durham/UK)
- State terrorism, Kurds and the silence of international law:
Emran EMEKCI (Lawyer, Asrın Hukuk Bürosu, Istanbul/Turkey)
- Towards a just solution of the ‘Kurdish question’: Peace policy demands to both EU and the Federal Republic of Germany given the current developments in the Middle East:
Dr. Rolf GÖSSNER (Vice-President of the International League for Human Rights, Berlin, lawyer, publicist)

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 - 18.30

- Appeal proceedings before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg to delist the PKK from the ‘EU terror list’ and possible outcomes:
Tamara BURUMA (lawyer, Amsterdam/Netherlands)
- The Kurdish Political Movement’s view of ‘terror’ and ‘resolution’:
Marq WIJNGAARDEN (lawyer, Amsterdam/Netherlands)

Sunday, 8 February

09.00 - 13.00

III. QUESTS FOR LEGAL AND POLITICAL SOLUTIONS

- A critical analysis of the debate on the concept of ‘terror’ and ‘terrorism’:
Jan FERMON (lawyer, Brussels/Belgium) and
Andrej HUNKO (Member of the German Parliament and member of Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe)
- The political and social consequences of PKK ban in the Federal Republic of Germany and the terror list of EU:
Berthold FRESENIUS and **Stephan KUHN** (lawyers, Frankfurt/M./FRG)

Conclusion: How can opportunities for legal and political struggle be developed ?

Thomas SCHMIDT (Secretary general of the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights, ELDH) and
Dündar GÜRSES (lawyer, Utrecht/Netherlands)

Final declaration, discussion and closing

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