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PROGRAMME

Thursday 8 November 2012

Venue: Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles
(Hôtel de Ligne, Rue Royale/Koningsstraat 72, 1000 Brussels)

09:00 - 14:00 Registration

10:00 - 12:30 **Pre-conference seminars for participants who already arrived**

on Parental Rights in Education

(room: Salle Audiovisuelle)

Chair: *Jos Goffin*
(Christian European Parents/Parents Européens Chrétiens - Belgium)

Introduction to the session by: *Georgios Paraskevaidis* (CEPEC - Greece)

Rapporteur: *Beatrice Lukas* (Förderverband Freier Schulen - Austria)

Q&A

on Good Governance in Higher Education - on Corruption in Higher Education

(room: Salle de Réunion de l'Atrium)

Chair: *Luisa Ribolzi* (University of Genova - Italy)

Presenters on good governance in (higher) education:
Genc Alimehmeti (Tirana University/ Bologna University - Albania)
Luis Delgado (Ministry of Education - Spain)
Jiri Nantl (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports - Czech Republic)

Q&A

Presenter on corruption in (higher) education:
Alina Mungiu Pippidi (Hertie School of Governance GmbH - Germany)

Rapporteur: *Ligia Deca* (University of Luxembourg - Luxembourg, Romania)

Q&A

on Linguistic Rights in Education

(room: Salle du Parc)

Chairs: *Ingo Richter*
(Irmgard Coninx Stiftung/ University of Tübingen - Germany) &
Gracienne Lauwers
(University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels - Belgium)

Introducion to the session by: *Karen Bjerg Petersen* (Aarhus University - Denmark)

Rapporteur: *Susanne Bartels* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)
Jacob De Boer (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 14:00 Welcome buffet in the Atrium of the 'Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles'

14:00 - 16:00 **Opening session 'The Pivotal Role of the Right to Education'**
(room: Hemicycle du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)

Welcome by: *Mr. Yves Reinkin* (Président de la Commission de la Jeunesse et de l'Aide à la Jeunesse du *Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles,* vice-Président de la Commission de l'Education, de la Communi cation et des Affaires culturelles de l'Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie)

Chair by *Jan De Groof*
(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Gerard Niyungeko*
(President of the African Court for Human and Peoples' Rights)
Margarette May Macaulay
(Justice in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights)
Marta Santos Pais
(UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children)

Q&A
Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade
(Justice in the International Court of Justice)
Jan Truszczyński
(EC Director General for Education, Training, Culture and Youth)

Rapporteurs: *Maria Smirnova* (Federal Centre for Educational Legislation - Russia)
Mariëtte Reyneke (University of the Free State - South Africa)

Q&A

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 **Plenary thematic session on 'Language in Education, Migration and Integration in Society'**
(room: Hemicycle du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)

Chair: *Germain Dondelinger*
(Ministry of Education, University of Luxembourg - Luxembourg)

Presenters: *Philippe Van Parijs* (UCLouvain - Belgium / University of Oxford - UK)
Gali Venkatesh Rao (Advocate General - India)
Ben Vermeulen
(Council of State, Free University Amsterdam - Netherlands)

Rapporteur: *Daphne Acoca* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)
Jacob De Boer (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

Venue: Prins Albert Club (Rue des Petits Carmes/Karmelietenstraat 20, 1000 Brussels)

Informal gathering

19:30 Reception

20:00 - 20:10 Welcome by *Jan De Groof*
(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

20:10 - 22:30 Walking dinner

Friday 9 November 2012

Venue: Belgian Parliament - Senate (Rue de Louvain/Leuvenseweg 7, 1009 Brussels)

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome coffee

09:30 - 11:00 Welcome by: *Sabine de Bethune* (President of the Belgian Senate)

Plenary session on 'Global Justice, Migration, Language, Integration in Society and the Role of Education'

(room: Hemycycle of the Belgian Senate)

Chairs: *Francis Delpérée* (Member of the Belgian Senate, Emeritus Professor UCLouvain - Belgium) &
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Presenters: *Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos* (Justice in the European Court of Human Rights)
Sari Nusseibeh (President of al-Quds University - East Jerusalem)
Willem Van Genugten (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Rapporteur: *Pablo Meix* (University of Castilla-La Mancha - Spain)
Jacob De Boer (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Presenters: *Hanafy A. Gebali* (Justice, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Constitutional Courts and Councils/ Vice President of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt)
Majid Al-Haj (Haifa University - Israel)
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Rapporteur: *Genc Alimehmeti* (Tirana University/ Bologna University - Albania)

Q&A

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch buffet in the Salons of the President of the Belgian Senate

14:00 - 17:00 **Thematic session:**

on Peace, Tolerance, Holocaust Education and Intercultural Dialogue

Chairs: *Hans-Peter Füssel* (DIPF and Humboldt-University Berlin - Germany) &
Hassan Bousetta (Member of the Belgian Senate, University of Liège)

Presenters: *Kurt Graulich* (Federal Administration Court - Germany)
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Eva Sobotka (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)
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Rapporteur: *Florian Lehne* (Salzburg University - Austria)
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Q&A

on Creating a Safe Educational Environment

Chairs: *Paul De Hert* (Free University of Brussels - Belgium) &
Gracienne Lauwers (University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels - Belgium)

Presenters: *Mariëtte Reyneke* (University of the Free State - South Africa)
Paul Meredith (University of Southampton - UK)
Pieter Huisman (Erasmus University/ Haagse Hogeschool - Netherlands)
Nils Duquet (Flemish Peace Institute - Belgium)
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Rapporteur: *Susanne Bartels* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)
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Q&A

on Religion in Education and the Pluriformity of Parental Convictions in Education

Chairs: *Ben Vermeulen* (Council of State/ Free University of Amsterdam - Netherlands) &
Fauzaya Talhaoui (Member of the Belgian Senate, University of Antwerp)

Presenters: *Charles Russo* (Dayton University - USA)
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Q&A

on Poverty and the Broad School Concept

Chairs: *Ingo Richter* (Irmgard Coninx Stiftung - Germany) &
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Q&A

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee Break

17:00 Drink in the Peristylium of the Senate

Venue: Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium
(Paleis der Academiën, Rue Ducale/Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussels)

19:30 - 22:30 **Piet Akkermans Lecture 2012**
'The Role of Inter- and Supranational Institutions for the Implementation of the Right to Education'

20:00 Welcome by *Rector Demaret* (College of Europe) &
Peter De Wilde (General Administrator of 'Toerisme Vlaanderen')

Introduction by: *Jan De Groof*
(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Gerard Niyungeko*
(President of the African Court for Human and Peoples' Rights)
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Discussion panel
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Roberto Toniatti (Trento University - Italy)

Q&A

21:15 - 22:30 Reception and walking dinner

Saturday 10 November 2012

Venue: Flemish Parliament (Rue Ducale/Hertogsstraat 6, 1000 Brussels)

09:00 - 09:30 Coffee

09:30 - 10:45 **Plenary session on 'Protecting the Dignity of Children Against Violence in Educational Environments'**
(room 'De Schelp')
Chair: *Roberto Toniatti* (Trento University - Italy)
Presenters: *Albie Sachs* (Former Justice in the Constitutional Court of South Africa)
Nina Ranieri (University of São Paulo - UNESCO Chair, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State Department of São Paulo - Brazil)
Solomon Sacco (Interights - Zimbabwe)
Charles Russo (Dayton University - USA)
Rapporteur: *Mariette Reyneke* (University of the Free State - South Africa)
Jacob De Boer (Tilburg University - Netherlands)
Q&A
Presentation of the special volume of the '*Tijdschrift voor Onderwijsrecht en Onderwijsbeleid*', by dieKeure

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 13:00 **Plenary Session on 'Freedom in Education: Private v. Public?'**
(room 'De Schelp')
Chair: *Jan De Groof* (President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)
Presenters: *Charles Glenn* (Boston University - USA)
Sylvia Eyzaguirre (Ministry of Education - Chile)
Luisa Ribolzi (University of Genova - Italy)
Theodore Fortsakis (University of Athens - Greece)
Rapporteur: *Marco Matthijsen* (Dutch Association of Independent Schools - Netherlands)
Susanne Bartels (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)
Q&A
Presentation of the 4 volumes of '*Balancing Freedom, Autonomy, and Accountability in Education*', by Wolf Legal Publishers

12:50 ***'Brussels Declaration'*** by *Gracienne Lauwers* (University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels) for the Education Law and Policy Associations

13:00 - 14.30 Reception and walking lunch in room 'Zuilenzaal' of the Flemish Parliament

14.30 - 17:00 Cultural programme

Venue: KBC Grand Place (Grand Place/Grote Markt 17, 1000 Brussels)

18:00 Farewell reception and walking dinner, offered by *Mr. Thomas Leysen*, Chairman of the Board of Directors KBC Group

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1) Conference hotel: 'Royal Windsor Hotel Grand Place' Rue Duquesnoy/ Duquesnoystraat 5, 1000 Brussels

2) Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (Hotel de Ligne, Rue Royale/ Koningsstraat 72, 1000 Brussels)

3) Prins Albert Club (Rue des Petits Carmes/Karmelietenstraat 20, 1000 Brussels)

4) Belgian Parliament - Senate (Rue de Louvain/Leuvenseweg 7, 1009 Brussels)

5) Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium (Paleis der Academiën, Rue Ducale/ Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussels)

6) Flemish Parliament (Rue de Louvain/Leuvenseweg 86, 1000 Brussels)

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