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 HİGGİNS (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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