

A European Conference

on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights

Kristiansand, 5th May 2020

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Session 1		
Welcome to Kristiansand, introduction		
09.45	Welcome speech	Mayor of Kristiansand, Jan Oddvar Skisland
	Presentation of the Council of Europe Banner awarded in 1966.	
	The European Anthem	Quintet of Kristiansand Symphony Orchestra
	Conference Moderator	Director of Culture Torbjørn Urfjell, Kristiansand
Key note speakers		
10.00	Anniversary address on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights.	President of the European Court of Human Rights, Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos
10.20	The importance of human rights for pan-European cohesion and peace	fmr. SG of the Council of Europe, fmr. Prime Minister of Norway, Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland
10.40	Challenges to democracy; presentation of his book «Den nya oredans tid»/“The New Age of Disorder” :	fmr. Prime Minister of Sweden, Co-Chair European Council on Foreign Relations, Mr. Carl Bildt
11.00	Closing of session 1 by moderator	
11.05	Coffee break – Panoramic images from Kristiansand	

Session 2		
Moderator		
11.15	Protecting freedom of expression in Europe today,	Vice President Ingjerd Schou, leader of the Norwegian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)
	A working group to solve everything that's challenging with freedom of expression?	Kjersti Løken Stavrum, Chair of the Norwegian Freedom of expression commission and Chair of the Board of Cultiva
	Challenges to media freedom: Information disorder and fake news.	Head of the Media Department, Council of Europe, Patrick Penninckx.
	Panel debate	moderated by Adele Matheson Mestad,



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		Norwegian National Human Rights Institution
12.15	Break - Artistic performance "Culpa! In a state of emergency" by Taro Vestøl Cooper based on a concept by Mine Nilay Yalcin The text is inspired by Jens Bjørneboe's poem "Mea Maxima Culpa" (My great shame)	Kilden Performing Arts Center
Session 3		
12.30	Moderator	
	Sunset of democracy?	Journalist Mads Havskov Hansen, Socialdemokratiet, København
	The Empire fights back: The strength of European institutions in defending democracy.	Director of Democracy of the Council of Europe, Matjaz Gruden
	Protecting Human Rights in Practice: the case of the CPT - Protection Against Torture.	Dr. med Birgit Lie, Sørlandets Sykehus, fmr. Norwegian Member of the CPT.
	Moderation and comments	Political Editor of Fædrelandsvennen, Vidar Udjus
Session 4		
13.30	Implementation of human rights at local and regional level	The Contribution of Arkivet Peace and Human Rights Centre, by director Audun Myhre
	The young perspective on human rights and the future	Kristiansand youth council members Siri Knudsen and Joel Nziza
14.00	Closing	



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