EURASIA-Net Final Conference
on
Trans Regional Platform
and
Joint Research Agenda
on
Protection of Minority Rights

Organized by
Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG)

18-20 March 2010
Venue: Swabhumi, Kolkata, India
18 March 2010 (Thursday)

17:00-17:30 Tea and Registration

17:30-19:15 Inaugural Session
Chair: Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, Calcutta Research Group

17:30-17:40 Welcome Address/ Samir Kumar Das, Calcutta Research Group & University of Calcutta

17:40-17:50 EURASIA-Net Project Presentation/ Günther Rautz, European Academy

17:50-18:05 Address by Guest-in-Chief, I. A. Rehman, Human Rights Commission, Pakistan

18:05-18:25 Inaugural Remarks/ Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group

18:25-19:00 Key Note Address/ Asghar Ali Engineer, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism

19:00-19:10 Chairman’s Comments

19:10-19:15 Vote of Thanks/ Paula Banerjee, Calcutta Research Group & University of Calcutta

19:30 Reception and Dinner
19 March 2010 (Friday):

09:00-09:30 Opening Remarks: Presentation of a brief review of the entire programme and formation of the Working Groups (A, B, C, D, E*) / Samir Kumar Das

*Working Groups:

A. Lessons of study visits and summer schools; relevance of educational material and publications.  
   Moderators: Harriet Hoffler, Brunel Law School and Sanjay Barbora, Panos South Asia

B. The Media Segment in the EURASIA-Net Project.  
   Moderators: Rita Manchanda, South Asia Forum for Human Rights, and Subir Bhaumik, BBC, Eastern India

C. Research Policy recommendations and directions; EU sessions and impact of EU Cooperation in South Asia  
   Moderators: Samir Kumar Das & Joanna Pfaff Czarnecka, University of Bielefeld

D. Regional Instruments of Protection: Comparative Experiences.  
   Moderators: Tapan Bose, South Asia Forum for Human Rights and Giovanni Poggeschi, European Academy

   Moderators: Ugo Caruso, Universität Frankfurt and Borhan Uddin Khan, University of Dhaka

09:30-11:00 Working Group Discussion

11:00-11:30 Tea Break

11:30-13:00 Working Group Discussion (Contd.)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Roundtable on: Media and Minorities  
   Chair: Tanveer Jahan, Human Rights Commission, Pakistan

15:30-16:00 Tea Break

16:00-17:30 Reports of the working groups placed for discussion  
   Chair: Harriet Hoffler, and Alexandra Tomaselli, European Academy
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<td>Release of a set of publications on Minority Rights in Europe and South Asia/ To be released by Bharat Bhushan</td>
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20 March 2010 (Saturday):

9:30-11:00 Roundtable on: The Possibilities and Modalities of Trans-regional Platform
[One each from all project partners; Discussion to be held on the basis of a note to be prepared by Calcutta Research Group]
Moderator: Sergiu Constantin, European Academy

11:00-11:30 Tea Break

11:30-13:00 Lessons Learnt: Final Reflections by Project Partners: Samir Kumar Das
Chair: Ranabir Samaddar

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

16:00-17:00 Valedictory Lecture/ Justice Rajinder Sachar/ Chair: Paula Banerjee

17:00-17:15 Concluding Remarks and Vote and Thanks/ Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Calcutta Research Group & Rabindra Bharati University

19:30 Reception and Farewell dinner

Rapporteurs: Geetisha Dasgupta, Ishita Dey, Harriet Hoffler.
Sucharita Sengupta, Ugo Caruso,