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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	<i>Tea</i> 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	<i>Reception and Dinner</i>

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
- E. Legal Pluralism, National Laws, and Possibilities of Dialogue.
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
Participants: Rita Manchanda, Bharat Bhushan, Mail Today, Jehan Perera, National Peace Council, Sri Lanka, and Sanjay Barbora.
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

17:30-18:00

Release of a set of publications on Minority Rights in Europe and South Asia/ To be released by Bharat Bhushan

18:00-19:30

Evening Reception

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,