

The Role of Academicians and Religious Leaders in relation to Refugees and “Refugee Crisis”

Discussion and conference

26 – 27 October 2017

Bratislava

Held under the auspices of Professor PhDr. Jaroslav Šušol, PhD. Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Comenius University.

The conference aims to discuss questions related to the role of academia and religious leaders when it comes to State's politics related to refugees, to influence public discourse and on activism, cooperation and exchange of ideas with other stakeholders.

Conference

27 October 2017

Comenius University, Šafarikovo namestie no. 6, Bratislava, room no. S3

Venue: <https://www.flaw.uniba.sk/en/contact/> Map: <https://www.flaw.uniba.sk/kontakt/mapa/>

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 9:20 Opening

- Prof. Mgr. Martin Slobodník, PhD., Comenius University
- Zuzana Številová, Human Rights League

9:20 – 10:30 **Academia, Refugees and Activism in the Region: where we are, challenges and view for the future?** Moderated Panel Discussion, moderated by: Zuzana Številová, HRL

Panellists:

- Egdunas Raciūnas, Professor of Islamic studies, University Vytautas Magnus, Litva
- Helena Tužinská, Ethnologist, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia: *Communication in the Court Room*
- Lahcene Mehennaoui, Activist, Brno, Czechia: *Integration of Refugees through Community work*
- Faila Pašić Bičić, Director of The Humanitarian Charity Society UP Jesenice: *Building tolerant societies*

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:20 **Religious leaders, their role and their activism: experience, challenges and response of their communities?** Moderated Panel Discussion, Moderator: Helena Tužinská, UK

Panellists:

- Maroš Žofčín, Islamic Foundation Slovakia: *Blog islamonline.sk*
- Ivy Helman, Charles University, Prague: *From the Beginning: Refugees in the Jewish Tradition*
- Harun Bišić, Islamic Scholar: *Islam in Slovenia*
- Hugo Gloss, Caritas Slovakia: *Share the Journey, Joint Initiative of Caritas and Pope Francis*

12:20 – 12:45 **Final Remarks:**

- Zuzana Številová, HRL
- Martin Rozumek, OPU

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

Islam, Activism and the Role of the Muslim Communities in Modern Europe

Public discussion

26 October 2017, 5:30pm – 7pm.

Gallery Open Society Foundation, Baštová 5, Bratislava

<http://osf.sk/en/kontakt/>

- **Egdunas Raci**, Professor of Islamic studies at Vytautas Magnus, Lithuania, reviews editor of the Journal of Muslims in Europe and a co-editor of the Yearbook of Muslims in Europe
- **Faila Pašić Bičić**, director of The Humanitarian Charity Society UP Jesenice, Slovenia, 2007 Face of European Year of equal opportunities for all, nominee for SIAE award for learning and knowledge promotion 2009, 2012 Woman of the Year in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Lahcene Mehennaoui**, Community organizer, campaigning and youth coordinator for Amnesty International in Algeria, Algeria and Czechia
- **Mohamad Safwan Hasna**, Chairman of Islamic Foundation Slovakia, www.islamonline.sk

Moderated by Ján Orlovský, OSF

*discussion will be held in English with Slovak translation

