

Title of the project activity: Regional school of minority rights, Medulin (Croatia), 16th-22nd September 2012

Organizers: Regional summer school is organized by the Center for International and Security Studies, Faculty of Political Science (University of Zagreb), within the bilateral Croatian-Serbian scientific project "Bilateral Cooperation between the Republic of Croatia and Republic of Serbia in the Protection on National Minorities". This bilateral project has been supported by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Serbia since 2011.

Besides Faculty of Political Science (University of Zagreb), this project shall be carried out with the help and cooperation of several scientific institutions from South-East Europe:

- 1. Faculty of Political Science (University of Belgrade),
- 2. Faculty of Political Science (University of Sarajevo),
- 3. Faculty of Political Science (University of Podgorica),
- 4. University of Priština

Traditional partner in this project is Council for National Minorities of the Republic of Croatia, as the supreme governmental body whose main purpose is preserving minority rights and cultural autonomy of national minorities as a constituent part of the Croatian society.

This years' summer school is scheduled for the period from 16th to 22nd September 2012.

Location: The summer school will be held at "Bevedere" hotel in Medulin (Istria, Croatia).

Participants: 10 students from each of the above-mentioned faculties – 40 students

10 professors

The Aim of the Project:

The aim of <u>Regional school of minority rights</u> is to foster the interest and active participation of the student population from all over the region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Slovenia and Serbia) in expert discussions on the degree of realization of minority rights and the creation of interactive regional network for discussion about wide range of minority issues which still exist in most of the South-east European countries.

The School aims to offer a broader view of understanding the rights of national minorities, with special emphasis on experiences of developed countries and multi-ethnic countries in the region. Through two complementary parts - theoretical and practical - the participants will be introduced with the broader concept of minority rights, with emphasis on comparative analysis between Croatian model and models which exist in neighboring countries. The processes of European integration, the recent political history and the differences in political and legislative mechanisms for the realization and protection of minority rights, resulted in the establishment of different systems for the protection of rights of national minorities – the expert analysis of these issues will also be included in the agenda of the School.

Participation of students from countries of the region gives further emphasis on the need to foster confidence-building measures through scientific cooperation.

Please, find enclosed the preliminary program of the Regional school of Minority Rights.

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Sincerely,

On behalf of the organizers:

Project Director

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