The conference presents the historical background for diverse developments and status of minorities. It sheds light on state policies regarding national minorities with a multilateral, multidisciplinary and comparative approach. The panels will focus on national minorities in other countries, on the concepts, tools, players and effects of state policies, as well as international perceptions in Europe.

The conference should provide an appropriate forum for representatives of European countries and international organizations, civil society actors, as well as representatives of science and minority organizations from Central and Eastern Europe, to deal with this complex topic in a differentiated manner, incorporating different perspectives.

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Wednesday, November 9, 2016

10.00-14.00 Workshop for Young Scientists only: Historical, recent and upcoming topics
Chair: Prof. Dr. Dagmar Richter (Heidelberg)

16.00-17.00 Opening
- Prof. Dr. Jan Rydel (Chairman of the Steering Committee of the ENRS, Warsaw)
- Representative of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (Den Haag)
- Dr. h. c. Gernot Erler MdB (Special Representative of the Federal Government for the OSCE Chairmanship 2016, Berlin)
- Hartmut Koschyk MdB (Federal Government Commissioner for Repatriates Matters and National Minorities, Berlin)
- MinDirig Ansgar Hollah (Head of Directorate „History, Remembrance“, Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, Berlin)

Chair: Markus Meckel (Chairman of the Advisory Board of the ENRS, Berlin)

17.00-17.30 Introduction
Dr. Dr. Gerald Volkmer (Oldenburg)

17.30-18.00 Keynote Lecture
Dr. Jennifer Jackson-Preece (London): Historical background of current minority policy

Break

19.00-20.00 Reception

Thursday, November 10, 2016

09.00-12.00 Panel 1: Concepts and Attitudes
Chair: Dr. Florin Abraham (Bucharest)

09.00-09.30 Prof. Dr. Stefan Oeter (Hamburg): Guidelines, goals and standards of minority policy

09.30-10.00 Prof. Dr. Tove Hansen Malloy (Flensburg): European Minority Rights Law: Unilateral legislation in favour of kin-minorities

Coffee Break

10.30-11.00 Dr. Zoltán Kántor (Budapest): Kin state policies

11.00-11.30 Prof. Dr. Károly Kocsis (Budapest): Ethnic landscape of Europe

11.30-12.00 Summary discussion

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.15 Panel 2: Tools and Applications
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Martin Pekár (Košice)

13.30-14.00 Dr. Kyriaki Topidi (Lucerne): Dual citizenship

14.00-14.30 Prof. Dr. Helmut Glück (Bamberg): Language and Identity – historical and recent aspects

14.30-15.00 Dr. Attila Papp (Budapest): Education – historical and recent aspects

15.00-15.15 Summary discussion

Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 Panel Debate:
German Minorities and their Media
Chair: Urban Beckmann (Stuttgart)

Participants:
- Bernard Gaida (Opole)
- Olga Martens (Moscow)
- Dr. Paul-Jürgen Por (Sibiu)
- MinDirig Michael Reiffenstuel (Berlin)

Break

Friday, November 11, 2016

09.00-10.30 Panel 4: Players II
Chair: Dr. Paweł Hut (Warsaw)

09.00-09.30 Prof. Dr. Cezary Żołędowski (Warsaw): Polish national minorities in post-Jagiellonian space

09.30-10.00 Prof. Dr. Dieter W. Halwachs (Graz): Minority without a kin state: The Roma in Central and Eastern Europe

10.00-10.30 Summary discussion

Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Panel Debate:
Potential discrepancies between the goals and actual consequences in the promotion of minorities
Chair: Robert Schwartz (Bonn)

Participants:
- Dr. Bernd Fabritius MdB (Berlin)
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Rainer Hofmann (Frankfurt a.M.)
- Dr. Valentin Inzko (Sarajevo)
- Dr. Ján Varšo (Bratislava)
- Loránt Vincze (Flensburg)

12.30-13.00 Final remarks and discussion