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online **hate speech**

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ELSA'S FINAL CONFERENCE ON ONLINE HATE SPEECH -  
CONCLUDING ELSA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNCIL  
OF EUROPE'S NO HATE SPEECH MOVEMENT.

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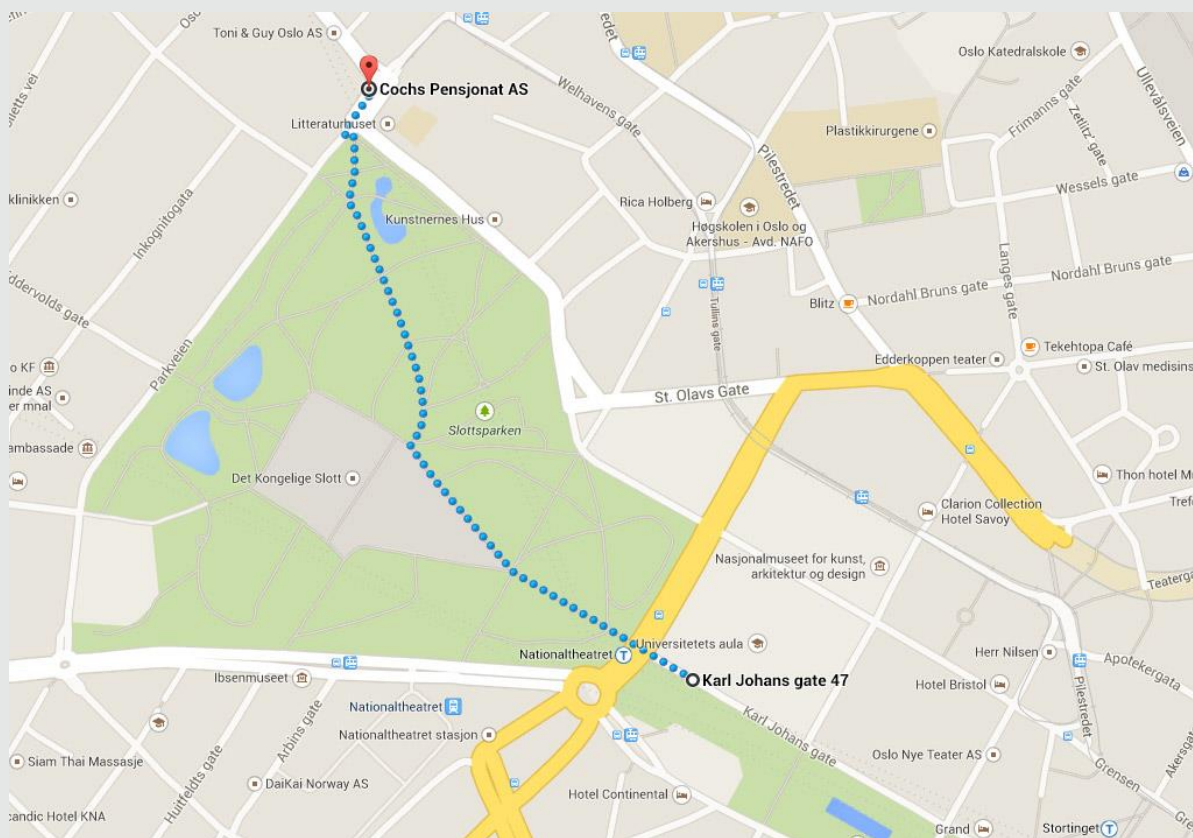
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## VENUE

The conference is going to be held at the University of Oslo, Faculty of Law. It is located in the middle of Oslo city center, only a five minutes walk away from the Hostel. The opening plenary will take place in the main University building Domus Academica (Gamle festsal) while the rest of the conference will take place in Domus Bibliotheca (auditorium 14). These buildings are located around the University Square right next to the underground station Nationaltheateret. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the University building Domus Media.

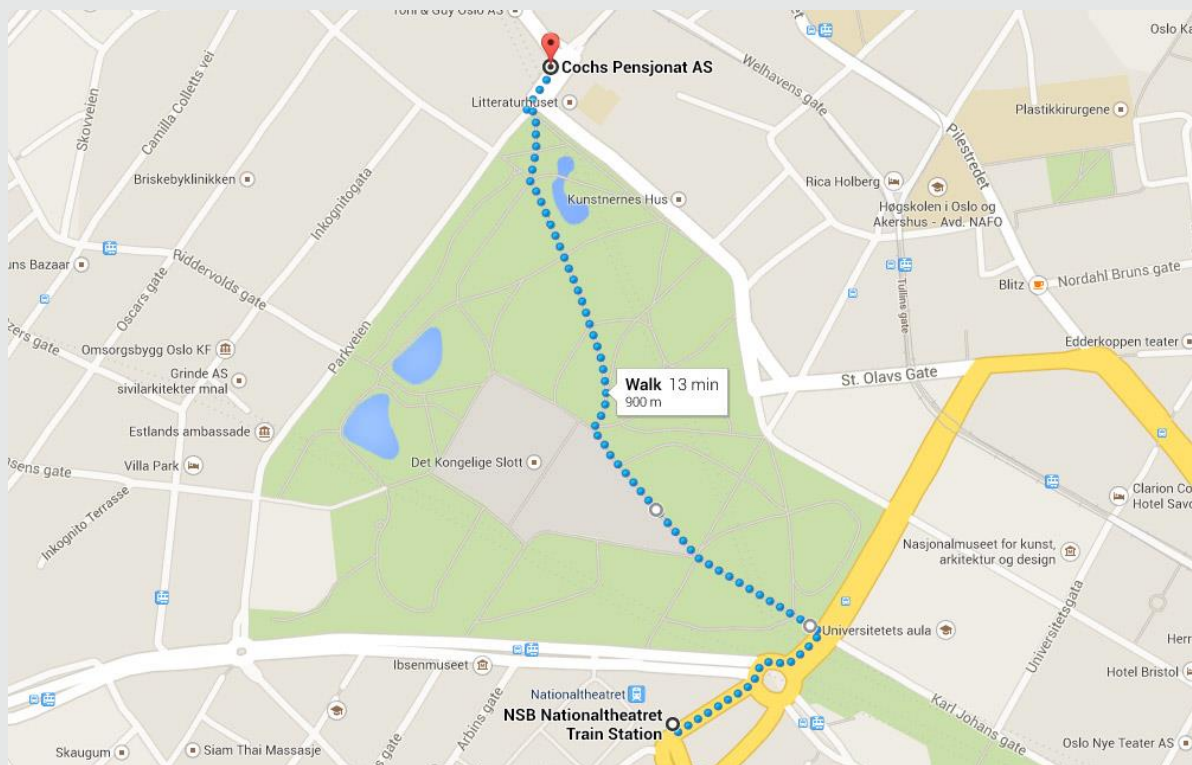


## TRANSPORTATION

By plane Oslo Airport Gardermoen is Norway's main airport and it is where most of the international airlines fly to. From Gardermoen the Airport Train leaves every :10 :30 and :50 to Nationaltheatret station (takes 27 min). More information on [www.flytoget.no/eng](http://www.flytoget.no/eng).

Near Oslo there are two more airports where cheaper airlines fly to. There are possibilities to get very cheap tickets to Oslo with airlines such as Ryanair, W!ZZ and Widerøe. Moss Airport Rygge is one hour away from Oslo by buss. The Rygge-Ekspress leaves from the airport approximately 40 min after a flight arrival. For more information about transport from Moss Airport Rygge please visit [www.en.ryg.no](http://www.en.ryg.no).

Sandefjord Airport Torp is two hours away from Oslo by buss. The Torp-Ekspress corresponds with the Ryanair, Norwegian and WizzAir routes. For more information about transport from Sandefjord Airport Torp please visit [www.torp.no/?Language=EN](http://www.torp.no/?Language=EN).



If you have sent in your travel information, someone from the OC will meet you at the train/buss station and show you the way to the Hostel.

## CONCEPT PAPER

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) has throughout 2013 contributed to the Council of Europe's 'No Hate Speech Movement'. Drawing on its legal competencies, ELSA has established an International Legal Research Group on Online Hate Speech (ILRG) and organised an essay competition on the topic. Through its presence in 25 European countries research groups have analysed ECtHR and national law on online hate speech. To capitalise on these contributions ELSA Norway will host a final conference that concludes ELSA's involvement in the No Hate Speech Campaign.

The conference connects participants from the legal research groups and other European law students with academics and professionals in the field of free speech and discrimination. Furthermore, the conference aims to harness the expertise accrued through the ILRG and create a **final document, an 'Online hate speech alert – a practical guideline', that can highlight main questions that have been raised during the conference.** The guideline's target group is owners or moderators of online content, i.e. persons who are not legal professionals.

**The guideline will be a practical overview of the legal boundaries of online hate speech.** Drawing on the groundwork from the ILRG, the guideline will briefly summarise ECtHR and national case law. The guideline will set-out a general norm for assessing the *legality* of hate speech, emphasising the balancing that has to be made between the freedom of speech and the freedom from discrimination. **To help the moderator with striking the balance for the speech in question,** the guideline will provide arguments from case law to decide whether the hate speech falls within the ambit of the law or not. To serve as a tool the guideline will be made public and shared with relevant parties.

The participants will contribute to drafting the guideline through workshops hosted during the conference. Each workshop will address a different part of the guideline, while lectures will be used to highlight key debates and perspectives.



## RECOMMENDED READINGS

***“Be prepared to speak and to speak be prepared!”*** In order to facilitate an interactive and fruitful conference, we highly recommend you to study the topic before arriving in Oslo. Many participants took part in the production of ELSA’s academic outcome of the OHS project, the *International Legal Research Group on Online Hate Speech*. This is a good start! All conference participants should read through their national report (contact the Vice President for Academic Activities of your national ELSA group if you do not have it). You will receive the compiled report, with all national contributions, prior to the conference (at the time of writing, the report is in the last phase of being edited). This source can give an introductory and comparative overview of legal aspects of OHS in Europe.

It is an aim to involve the participants as much as possible. The most interesting contribution you can give is to share knowledge about *realities in your own country*. Therefore we encourage you to update yourself on the public debate regarding OHS at home and to familiarize yourself with the following readings that have been recommended by the speakers of the conference. This list is by no means exhaustive – we are on a hot, complex and much debated field of law! The recommended readings intend to focus on *legal* aspects of *online* hate speech in a *European* context. Due to lack of time, we do not expect you to study all provided sources into depth.

1. ‘No Hate Speech movement – Youth Campaign for Human Rights Online’ (Information brochure from The Council of Europe, 2013)  
[http://act4hre.coe.int/no\\_hate/content/download/31586/241425/file/brochure%20EN.pdf](http://act4hre.coe.int/no_hate/content/download/31586/241425/file/brochure%20EN.pdf)

**2., 3., and 4. Address many of the same questions – hate speech in general and the ECtHR.** They have a slightly different approach and vary with regard to length.

2. ‘Factsheet on hate speech’, (Directorate of communication, Council of Europe, 2008)  
[http://www.coe.int/t/DC/Files/Source/FS\\_hate\\_en.doc](http://www.coe.int/t/DC/Files/Source/FS_hate_en.doc)
3. Tarlach McGonagle, ‘The Council of Europe against online hate speech: Conundrums and challenges’ (Council of Europe Conference Expert Paper, 2013)  
<http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/media/belgrade2013/McGonagle%20-%20The%20Council%20of%20Europe%20against%20online%20hate%20speech.pdf>

4. Françoise Tulkens, 'When to say is to do - freedom of expression and hate speech in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights' (European Court of Human Rights, 2012)  
[http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Independent%20Seminars/TULKENS\\_Francoise\\_Presentation\\_When\\_to\\_Say\\_is\\_To\\_Do\\_Freedom\\_of\\_Expression\\_and\\_Hate\\_Speech\\_in\\_the\\_Case\\_Law\\_of\\_the\\_ECtHR\\_October\\_2012.pdf](http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/About%20EJTN/Independent%20Seminars/TULKENS_Francoise_Presentation_When_to_Say_is_To_Do_Freedom_of_Expression_and_Hate_Speech_in_the_Case_Law_of_the_ECtHR_October_2012.pdf)

**Some recommended primary sources** (for 6. and 7. copy and paste the links into your web browser).

5. Recommendation No. R 97(20) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on "hate speech", 30 October 1997.  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/hrpolicy/other\\_committees/dh-lgbt\\_docs/CM\\_Rec\(97\)20\\_en.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/hrpolicy/other_committees/dh-lgbt_docs/CM_Rec(97)20_en.pdf)
6. Fatallayev v. Azerbaijan (40984/07), European Court of Human Rights,  
[http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/pages/search.aspx?i=001-98401#{"itemid":\["001-98401"\]}](http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/pages/search.aspx?i=001-98401#{)
7. Delfi AS v. Estonia (64569/09), European Court of Human Rights,  
[http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/pages/search.aspx?i=001-126635#{"itemid":\["001-126635"\]}](http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/pages/search.aspx?i=001-126635#{)

Pdf files which you have received by e-mail.

8. Eric Heinze, 'Review essay: Hate speech and the normative foundations of regulation' (Cambridge University Press, 2013) ***P.S: Further reproduction or distribution without prior permission is prohibited as this essay has not been published yet.***
9. Peter Molnar, 'Towards Improved Law and Policy on 'Hate Speech'—The 'Clear and Present Danger' Test in Hungary' (Oxford University Press, 2009)
10. Ethem Coban, 'Internet Hate Speech: A threat to Ordre Public? – Identifying the Obstacles of Regulation' (winner of ELSA Essay Competition, 2013)
11. Sindre Bangstad, 'Fighting Words: What's Wrong with Freedom of Expression?' (Routledge 2013)

## DRAFT TIMETABLE

	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>
08:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00	Arrival of participants	Lecture: The case for freedom of expression v. the case for criminal responsibility	Lecture: Online hate speech and online extremism	Visit to the police department dealing with online and xenophobic crimes	Training: Key tools for a hate speech activist	Departure of participants
10:00		Lecture: Democracy and the problem of hatred	Lecture: Right wing extremism in Norway			
11:00		Workshop: Formulating a general norm	Lecture: Moderating OHS in the media		Final plenary	
			Lecture: ELSA Essay Competition			
12:00	Registration	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Opening	Lecture: ECtHR case law	Panel discussion: A multidisciplinary approach to understanding motives and developments of online hate speech	Lunch	Oslo Sightseeing	Departure of participants
14:00				Lecture: Writing international documents – working towards consensus		
15:00	Introductory workshop	Lecture: hate speech before Norwegian Courts	Workshop: Hate speech in Europe – highlights from national case law	Workshop: Endorsing the guideline on online hate speech		
16:00	Presentation of results of the Legal Research Group	Workshop: Applying ECtHR case law when assessing online hate speech				
17:00	Dinner / Social	Lecture: Content based restrictions	Dinner / Social	Dinner / Social	Dinner / Social	
18:00		Dinner / Social				



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 - TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DECEMBER

*Gamle festsal, Domus Academica, Faculty of Law*

**Opening (13:00-14:00)** Opening words by **Inger Marie Sunde** (Academic advisor of the conference and Associate Professor at the Norwegian Police University College), **Bård Glad Pedersen** (State Secretary of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), **Eirik Rise** (Coordinator of the Norwegian committee for the No Hate Speech campaign), ELSA International and the Organizing Committee.

#### **ELSA's involvement in the No Hate Speech Campaign (14:00-17:00)**

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Workshop (14:15-15:00)** *This WS seeks to explain what the "Online hate speech alert – a practical guideline" involves and how the following WSs will take place (see Concept Paper).*

**Lecture (15:00-17:00)** Presentation of the International Legal Research Group (ILRG) report by **ELSA International**.

## DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

### Conflict of freedom of expression and criminal liability (9:00-12:00)

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Lecture I (9:00-9:25)** “Why hate speech bans is a bad idea” by **Morten Kinander** (Norwegian Business School and Civita think tank).

*Kinander will explain and try to justify why hate speech bans, such as the Norwegian criminal code 135a and other similar European initiatives for regulating unwanted speech is democratically and constitutionally problematic, and practically futile.*

**Lecture II (9:25-09:50)** “Hate Speech: A Threat to Basic Human Rights” by **Rune Berglund Steen** (The Norwegian Centre against Racism).

*Steen will explain how hate speech may pose a threat to other human rights, including the right to life. While bans must be enforced conservatively, they constitute “a last line of defence” against potentially dangerous forms of hatred.*

**Lecture III (10:00-11:00)** “Citizenship unmodified: Democracy and the problem of hatred” by **Eric Heinze** (School of Law, Queen Mary University of London).

*It is indeed necessary for states to take strong measures against hatred, including comprehensive non-discrimination policies and pervasive primary education. That priority certainly requires a "balancing of conflicting freedoms". However, contrary to the prevailing view in the European Union, the Council of Europe, and all European states, that balance must not be assumed to translate straightforwardly into a balance of conflicting individual rights. The aim of this presentation will be to examine more legitimate, and more effective forms of balancing which have been largely overlooked in Europe.*

**Workshop (11:05-12:00)**

**Formulating a general norm.**

*The workshop shall try to formulate the guiding norm of the guideline. The norm will present the balancing exercise that has to be done each time when assessing whether online hate speech is illegal or not.*

**European Court of Human rights case law (13:00-17:00):**

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Lecture I (13:00-14:30)**

ECtHR case law by **Krzysztof Kosowicz** (Registry at the ECtHR).

*Key aspects: The Court's general approach to freedom of expression cases, how the Court determines whether there was interference in the right, whether it was lawful and whether it was proportionate. Then general principles under Article 10 cases, protection of various forms of expressions, positive obligations of the State under Article 10, chilling effect, etc., application of Article 10 to online expressions. The Court's approach to hate speech, application of Article 10 and 17 of the Convention, differences between them.*

**Lecture II (14:45-15:30)**

“Hate speech cases before Norwegian courts. Applying and balancing international norms in a Norwegian legal context” by **Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik** (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

**Workshop (15:35-16:50)**

Applying ECtHR case law when assessing online hate speech

*The participants shall identify elements from ECtHR case law that can be used when determining whether hate speech is illegal. The elements include both arguments for the freedom of speech and when the protection against discrimination should prevail.*

Moderators: Alexandra Avram (National Coordinator of the Austrian LRG) and Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik.



## Lecture I (17:00-18:00)

The Content and Context of Hate Speech. “Would You Ban “Hate Speech”? Examining content-based restrictions and speech leading to imminent danger” by **Peter Molnar** (Central European University).

*Despite the growing frequency and nastiness of “hate speech,” both online and off-line, there is no consensus on what the legal responses should be. Neither proponents of banning “hate speech” because of its content, nor proponents of banning incitement to hatred only when it causes imminent danger can clearly identify the legal limits of speech. This talk aims to shed new light on two schools of legal responses to “hate speech”, building on the book, *The Content and Context of Hate Speech - Rethinking Regulation and Remedies* (Edited by Michael Herz and Peter Molnar, Cambridge University Press, 2012). The talk will pay special attention to the dynamically changing online context of “hate speech”.*

## DAY 3 - THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

### Patterns of online hate speech (9:00-12:00)

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

#### **Lecture I (9:00-09:45)**

“Online hate speech and online extremism – can the two be distinguished?” by **Inger Marie Sunde** (Norwegian Police University College).

*Hate crime and extremism go hand in hand. Online everything is speech. Social media is much more important to the radicalization process than previously known. The presentation highlights recent Norwegian research relating to the problem and possible countermeasures.*

#### **Lecture II (09:55-10:40)**

“Right wing extremism in Norway and the terror of 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2011” by **Lars Gule** (Oslo and Akershus University College).

*Gule will define extremism and give an overview of right wing extremism in Norway up to the terror attacks of 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2011. He will point to the importance of the Internet in the spread of conterjihadi extremism and Islamophobia; and how the Internet can lead to self-radicalization.*

#### **Lecture III (10:50-11:20)**

**Martin Grüner Larsen** (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation):  
“Moderating Online Hate Speech: Ethical Dilemmas and Practical Problems”.

#### **Lecture IV (11:30-12:00)**

“ELSA Essay Competition: Existing International Mechanisms to Combat Online Hate Speech” by **Etem Coban** (winner of the competition).

*Unlike numerous existing international and regional mechanisms on hate speech, instruments dealing with hate speech disseminated over electronic means are limited. In this regard Coban will address the necessity of more states to sign and ratify existing mechanisms. Beforehand he will present the Online Hate Speech essay competition winning paper.*



**Multidisciplinary panel discussion on motives and recent developments of online hate speech (13:00-15:00).**

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Panel disc. (13:00-15:00)** *The panel will highlight the diverse effects and drivers of online hate speech from a practical point of view.*

Panelists: **Sindre Bangstad** (University of Oslo), **Louiza Louhibi** (Newspaper columnist), **Jon Wessel-Aas** (Bing Hodneland law firm), **Eirik Rise** (Coordinator of the Norwegian committee for the No Hate Speech campaign), **Ethem Coban** (ELSA essay competition).

Moderator: Inger Marie Sunde (Norwegian Police University College).

**Workshop (15:00-17:00)** Hate Speech in Europe – Highlights from national case law.

*Presentations of national case law by the student participants. One representative from each country point out the conditions for judging hate speech as illegal within their national legislation, illustrated by select case law. The presentations list the contextual elements that case law tends to draw on. After the presentations, the participants will compile these elements and compare them with ECtHR case law.*

Moderator: Alexia Solomou (Academic Advisor of the Cypriot Legal Research Group).

## DAY 4 - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

### Visit to police department dealing with online and xenophobic crimes (09:00-13:00).

*Parolesalen, Oslo Police District, Grønlandsleiret 44*

*There will be presentations by specialized sections within the Police. How do they tackle OHS and how are vulnerable groups protected?*

- 08:45** Security check. Bring your ID!
- 09:00-09:50** “Hate crime in Oslo Police District” by **Ingjerd Hansen** and **Gunnar Lien** Holsten (Oslo Police District).  
  
Addressing “Lawful” Hate Speech” by **Ronald Craig** (Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud).
- 10:05-10:25** “Queer World experience with police cooperation” by **Queer World**.
- 10:30-10:50** “Being subject to, and protected from, hate crimes” by **Yousef Assidiq** (Minhaj Conflict Council).
- 11:00-11:30** “Prosecuting hate speech in Norway” by **Thomas Frøberg** (Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions).
- 11:40-12:20** Guided tour at the police station.
- 12:30** Departure from Oslo Police District.

**Endorsing the 'Online hate speech alert – a practical guideline'**

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Workshop (14:00-17:00)** Endorsing the 'Online hate speech alert – a practical guideline'.

**Workshop introduction:** "Writing international documents – working towards consensus" by **Mats Benestad** (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

*Writing international documents is never an easy task. Writing documents by consensus is even less enviable, particularly when there are delegates from several countries trying to agree on the text of a global framework. The speaker gives a brief introduction to the work on achieving agreement on written texts (resolutions, recommendations, outcome documents etc.).*

**Workshop:** *The academic team of the conference, assisted by Mr. Benestad, present the results of the previous WSs. The aim is to endorse a final document that can assist moderators when assessing online hate speech (see Concept Paper).*



## DAY 5 - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

*Aud. 14, Domus Bibliotheca, Faculty of Law*

**Interactivity (09:00-10:30)** Hate crime and discrimination in practice. Interactive presentation by **Larry Olomofe** (OSCE).

**Final plenary (10:30-12:00)** Evaluation and final remarks by **Inger Marie Sunde** (Norwegian Police University College), **ELSA International** and the **Organizing Committee**.

## SPEAKERS' PROFILES

**Inger Marie Sunde** - Associate Professor, Norwegian Police University College

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Inger Marie Sunde is the academic adviser of the conference.

Inger Marie Sunde is the academic adviser of both the conference and the Norwegian Legal Research Group on Online Hate Speech. She is Associate Professor in the Research Department of the Norwegian Police University College where she works with digital evidence, computer forensics, computer crime, criminal law and criminal procedural law: privacy, freedom of speech and rule of law, legal informatics. Dr Sunde holds a PhD from the University of Oslo and an LL.M from Harvard Law School. She has been a research fellow at the Oslo Faculty of Law, head of the Norwegian Central Computer Crime Unit and Senior Public Prosecutor in ØKOKRIM (The Central Unit for Investigation and Prosecution of Serious Economic Crime and Environmental Crime in Norway).

**Bård Glad Pedersen** - State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Bård Glad Pedersen is State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He represents the Conservative Party and was appointed in October 2013. Pedersen has previously been the State Secretary in the Ministry of Defence and the head of communication of the Conservative Party Parliamentary Group. Pedersen holds an M.Sc. in Business from Bodø University College.

**Eirik Rise** - Coordinator of the Norwegian committee of the No Hate Speech campaign

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Eirik Rise has participated in the No Hate Speech campaign since November 2012 and has been coordinating the national campaign committee of Norway since 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2013. He is currently working as organisational secretary for Queer Youth Norway and secretary for the Youth Help Line. He has been engaged in LGBTQ\*- activism (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and others\*) for five years and was elected to the board of IGLYO (International LGBTQ-youth and student organisation) from 2014.

**Morten Kinander** - Member of Civita and Associate Professor, Norwegian Business School

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Morten Kinander is Associate Professor at the Norwegian Business School and member of the liberal think tank Civita. He holds an LL.M degree from The University of Oslo and a major in philosophy and a PhD in law from the University of Bergen. Dr Kinander has worked as associate professor at the Faculty of Law in Bergen and he has been a guest researcher at Columbia University, New York, and at The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights. Dr Kinander started his professional career as corporate lawyer and in Civita his main focus is on the regulation of the interplay between public and private sector, on human rights, on the rule of law and on other ideological questions. At the Norwegian Business School (BI) Dr Kinander is a lecturer on commercial law.

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**Rune Berglund Steen** - Director of the Norwegian Centre against Racism

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Rune Berglund Steen has been with The Norwegian Centre against Racism (“Antirasistisk Senter”) since 2010, and took over as its Director in June. The Norwegian Centre against Racism is a non-governmental organization whose main objective is to fight racism and discrimination. Previously, among other positions Steen has been Head of Policy and Research at the Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers (NOAS).

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**Eric Heinze** - Professor of Law and Humanities, Queen Mary, University of London

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Books include *Citizenship Unmodified: Democracy and the Problem of Hatred*; *Debating Hate Speech*; *The Concept of Injustice*; *The Logic of Constitutional Rights*; *The Logic of Liberal Rights*; *The Logic of Equality*; *Sexual Orientation: A Human Right*; and *Of Innocence and Autonomy: Children, Sex and Human Rights*. His writings appear in *Examining Critical Perspectives on Human Rights*; *Law and Language*; *Extreme Speech and Democracy*; and *Protection of Sexual Minorities since Stonewall*. His articles appear in *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, *Modern Law Review*, *Ratio Juris*, *Legal Studies*, *International Journal of Law in Context*, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, *Journal of Social & Legal Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*.

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**Martin Grüner Larsen** – Assistant editor of NRK Ytring

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Martin works in the op-ed and debate section of the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation website [www.nrk.no](http://www.nrk.no). He has been particularly involved with developing the comment moderation policies of the site. He has a background in journalism, blogging and public debate and an MA in comparative literature.

**Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik** - Legal Adviser, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik, master's degree in law 2007, adviser at the Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Head of the ICJ Norway expert committee on the independence of judges and lawyers. Previously worked for the international tribunal for Cambodia and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, and as an assistant judge at Drammen District Court.

**Peter Molnar** - Senior Research Fellow, Center for Media and Communication Studies, Central European University

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Peter Molnar is one of the founding researchers of the Center for Media and Communication Studies at Central European University since 2004, a writer and activist, a Rafto Prize laureate, from 1990 to 1998 a member of the Hungarian Parliament, one of the drafters of the 1996 Hungarian media law, legislative advisor since 2002, has taught and lectured at numerous universities around the world since 1994. In 2007, the staged version of his novel, *Searchers*, won awards for best alternative play and best independent play in Hungary. His publications include *Responding to "Hate Speech" with Art, Education and the Imminent-Danger Test*, in *Content or Context of "Hate Speech"*; His writing appears in *Freedom of the Media*, *International Journal of Politics*, *Extreme Speech and Democracy*, *Eurozine*, *Cardozo Public Law, Policy, and Ethics Journal*, *Global Media Journal*, *Shorenstein paper* and *Media Studies Journal*.



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**Lars Gule** - Associate Professor, Oslo and Akershus University College

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Lars Gule is a philosopher and social commentator. He is working on multicultural questions, human rights, Islam, the Middle East, and extremism. He has debated with right wing extremists – including Anders Behring Breivik – on the Internet for a number of years.

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**Ethem Coban** - Winner of ELSA Essay Competition

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Ethem Coban currently pursues his specialization in *Internationalisierung und Europäisierung des Rechts* (Chair for International Law) at the Goethe University Frankfurt after having attended University of Florida Law School and The Hague Academy of International Law. He is working as research assistant at the Max-Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law; previously he worked for the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.

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**Larry Olomofe** - Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe

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Larry Olomofe works in the Tolerance and Non-discrimination Department of the ODIHR (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) which is part of the OSCE. Mr. Olomofe will give an interactive presentation about hate speech and discrimination which aims at triggering the activist in the student participant.

**Sindre Bangstad** - Affiliate Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo

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Sindre Bangstad (cand.polit, PhD) is a Norwegian social anthropologist educated at the University of Bergen in Norway and Radboud University in the Netherlands. Among his publications is the award-winning 'Sekularismens Ansikter' published by Universitetsforlaget in Oslo in 2009. Bangstad has published in leading international anthropological journals such as American Anthropologist, Social Anthropology, Anthropological Theory and Anthropology Today. His monograph 'Anders Breivik and the Rise of Islamophobia' will be published by Zed Books in April 2014. Bangstad has researched and published extensively on Muslim minorities in South Africa and Norway, and on freedom of expression and hate speech in Norway.

**Louiza Louhibi** - Newspaper columnist

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Louiza Louhibi is a newspaper columnist/ journalist and a speaker. She has attracted front-page attention in Norway, first for speaking out on behalf of rape victims. In 2012, Louiza Louhibi was awarded the Freedom of Expression Fritt Ord Foundation Tribute for her courage in the debate about sexualised violence against women and for actively opposing extreme attitudes that are based on religious and political prejudices. As a freelancer she writes for different papers and travels around for speaking about hate speech and gender equality.

**Jon Wessel-Aas** - Partner, Bing Hodneland law firm

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Jon Wessel- Aas is one of the most experienced Norwegian lawyers in the field of media law. His areas of expertise are freedom of speech, privacy protection, intellectual property rights and human rights, and litigation in cases relating to these areas of law. Among Wessel-Aas' clients are some of Norway's largest newspapers, broadcasters and other media outlets. Mr Wessel-Aas has authored a number of articles and books on topics in his fields of expertise. He also lectures at the University of Oslo and other academic institutions.

**Ronald Craig** - Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud

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Ronald Craig is senior adviser at the Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud. He has worked in the fields of non-discrimination and equality law and human rights for the past 15 years – both as a practitioner and researcher. His doctoral thesis at the University of Oslo, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, was entitled “Systemic Discrimination in Employment and the Promotion of Ethnic Equality”.

He has been appointed by the government to several law commissions that have been central in promoting equality in Norway, among them, the Holgersen Commission regarding ethnic equality, the Graver Commission regarding a holistic protection against discrimination, and the Skjeie Commission regarding gender equality as it intersects with ethnicity, age and class. His legal education was taken both in Norway and in the USA.

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**Yousef Bartho Assidiq** - Minhaj Conflict Council

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Yousef Assidiq converted to Islam in 2009. He is currently active in Minhaj Conflict Council which aims at preventing extremism and counter radicalisation of youth.

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**Skeiv verden** (Queer World)

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Queer World is a multicultural network for LGBT-people. The NGO aims at combating discrimination based on sexual orientation, religion and ethnicity.

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**Thomas Frøberg** - Public prosecutor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

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Thomas Frøberg holds a master's degree in law (2008) and defended his PhD. thesis on legal methodology in 2013. He is a public prosecutor at Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. He has previously worked as a research fellow at the Department of Public and International law at the University of Oslo, and as a high executive officer in the Department of legislation at the Ministry of Justice.

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**Krzysztof Kosowicz** - Registry at the ECtHR

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Krzysztof Kosowicz is a lawyer at the Registry at the ECtHR in Strasbourg since 2005 and a barrister at the Warsaw Bar Association.

**Mats Benestad** - Adviser, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Mats Benestad is an adviser in the Legal Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He holds a master's of law degree from the University of Bergen, specializing in international law. He has previously worked for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Tehran and Vienna.

**Ingjerd Hansen** – Senior Adviser, Senior Management team Oslo Police District

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Ingjerd Hansen (Senior Adviser) and Gunnar Lien Holsten work with hate crime in Oslo Police District and will introduce us to the realities they encounter. Ms Hansen recently published a report which concerns hate speech complaints in Oslo in 2012.

**Gunnar Lien Holsten** – Superintendent

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Gunnar Lien Holsten has worked 22 years as police officer in Oslo Police District. He has worked on general patrol duty, robbery investigation unit, police intelligence unit and crime prevention unit. Mr Holsten is currently working with hate crime – awareness raising and professionalism in policing. All operative units in OPD will participate in a hate speech programme during 2013 - 2014. The goal of this training is to increase the officers' ability to identify hate crime and deal with it in a professional way.

## **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

The social programme\* will consist of cultural, social and fun experiences, which we hope will leave you with fond memories of Norwegians, Oslo and Norway. Weather permitting, we will have fun in the cold as Norwegians do, we will see the biggest sights of Oslo, as well as go to lesser known gems only locals know. We are going to see an opera performance, stroll around the most beautiful parts of Oslo, and learn new things.

### **DAY 1 - TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 3rd, Tommaso Andria, an ELSA-alumni of the IB and counsellor of the Italian Embassy, will hold a reception for us after dinner. The reception will take place in the old, newly-renovated and beautiful Law Library. After the reception, we'll go down to a bar down by the waterfront, get to know each other even better and have a quiz.

### **DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

On Wednesday evening, Péter Molnár - one of our speakers - is going to give us some cultural input. We'll watch him perform some slam poetry at Nordic Black Theatre's Open Xpressions event. This is an open scene, so if any of you have anything to contribute, that would be great! It can be almost anything, poetry, singing, dancing, acting, improvising – any form of expressive stage art you're comfortable with.

### **DAY 3 - THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

On Thursday, we'll experience high culture - we're going to an opera performance at a bar, performed by some real opera stars from the Norwegian Opera. There, you will also have the possibility of ordering food from nearby restaurants, ranging from pizza to sushi, if you should get hungry after dinner. And the bar is underwater themed – hence its name, Underwater Pub!

### **DAY 4 - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

On Friday, we'll arrange for you to exploring different parts of town on your own by having an orienteering competition. We'll end up doing some surprise winter sports.



## **DAY 5 - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

After the final plenary, we'll have a walk through the city, seeing the main sights of Oslo. We'll see the modern Opera, the Akershus fortress, the Vigeland sculpture park, and many nice neighborhoods along the way. After the sightseeing, we will enjoy a nice, longer dinner, celebrating the end of a great and fruitful conference. And after that, of course, it's bartime.

*\* As some of the details are not finalized yet, there might be changes.*



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