From Norm Adoption to Norm Implementation: Minority Rights in Europe

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European Centre for Minority Issues, Schiffbrücke 12, Flensburg, Germany

9:00-9:15 Coffee, Tea

9:15-9:30 Opening address by Dr. Tove Malloy (Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues) and Dr. Malte Brosig (Lecturer IR Wits)

9:30-11:00 Panel I Concepts and Strategies for Implementing Soft Law

Malte Brosig (University of the Witwatersrand)
Implementing Soft Law: The Case of Equality Promotion

Tove H. Malloy (ECMI)
Minority Indicators: The case of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

Tomasz Kamusella (Cracow University of Economics)
Minority Rights à la Carte? Poland and the Silesians

11:00-11:30 Coffee

11:30-13:00 Panel II Norm Implementation in Non-EU States

Gozde Yilmaz (FU Berlin)
From Rule Adoption to Behavioural Adoption? Exploring Minority Rights in Turkey through an Interactive Approach

Alexander Osipov (ECMI)
Symbolic vs. Instrumental Policies: the Russian Case

Goran Bandov (University College of International Relations and Diplomacy)
13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00  Panel III Norm-Implementation in New Member States: Tracing the impact of Identities, NGO’s and Vague Norms

Christoph Schnellbach (Andrássy University Budapest)
Filling the Gap? The Role of NGOs in Promoting Minority Rights

Tanja Mayrgündter (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)
Identity building and institutionalization as salient factors of a successful minority rights implementation under the structural conflictive precondition of minority conflicts.

16:00-16:15 Coffee

16:15-17:45 Panel IV Implementing Minority Rights in the 21st Century

Jasper Krommendijk (Maastricht University)
Dutch compliance with ICERD’s Concluding Observations: a lot to be desired.

Giovanni Matteo Quer – Sara Memo (University of Trento)
Releasing minorities from the “nationalist trap”: from territorial to personal autonomy in a “multiple Demoi Europe”

Slawomir Łodzinski (University of Warsaw)
In and beyond the minority rights. The case of the implementation the minority Law on bilingual signs and place-names in Poland

17:45 Workshop Ends