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Rights of Future Generations

**International Conference of the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (ELTE),
on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

28-29 November 2008

ELTE Assembly Hall (Egyetem tér 1-3., 1053 Budapest, Hungary)

Co-organiser: Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Patrons of the conference:

László Sólyom, President of the Republic of Hungary

Kinga Göncz, Minister of Foreign Affairs

El Hassan bin Talal, Prince of Jordan

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European Inter-University Center

November 28, 2008

9: 00 Registration

9: 30 – 10: 30 Opening session

Welcoming addresses:

Kinga Göncz

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ronald Alexander Mollinger

Ambassador of the Netherlands in Budapest

Gábor Halmai

(ELTE Faculty of Social Science, UNESCO Chair in Human Rights)

The UDHR and the Future of International Human Rights

10:30 – 13: 30: Panel 1 - Global problems

Chair: **Ferenc Horváth** (ELTE Faculty of Science Eötvös Loránd University)

Lectures:

István Láng

(Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Climate change: new challenge for present and future generations



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Harald Egerer

(Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention)

Ensuring Environmental Sustainability in Development

Coffee-break

György Szabó

(Falcon TXM, Budapest)

Energy resources for the future generations

Anita Orbán

(Constellation Energy Institute, Budapest)

Future energy: political and national security aspects

Discussion

13:30: Lunch

14:30-17:30: Panel 2 - The right to healthy environment

Chair: **Vanda Lamm** (Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Lectures:

Gianfranco Tamburelli

(Institute for International Legal Studies, National Research Council)

The Issue of a Right to Water in International Law

Boldizsár Nagy

(ELTE Faculty of Law)

The Present Value of the Interests of Future Generations

Vyacheslav Oleschenko

(Environmental Law Division, Koretsky Institute of State and Law National Academy of Science of Ukraine)

System Approach in Determination and Understanding of the Environmental Human Rights

Discussion



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Coffee-break

Frank Orton

(former Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Protection of Future Generations by a Classical Ombudsman

Balázs Majtényi

(Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

*The Right to Healthy Environment – the Third Generation of Human Rights or
Individual Rights*

Discussion

**18:30: Reception by Kinga Göncz, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the building of the
Ministry (1027 Budapest, Bem rkp. 47.)**

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9:00-10:30 Panel 3 - Rights and Obligations

Chair: **Mária Ludassy** (ELTE Faculty of Humanities)

Lectures:

Ágnes Heller

(ELTE Faculty of Humanities)

Are all obligations related to rights?

Máté Szabó

(ELTE Faculty of Law, Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights)

The process of emancipation

Sándor Fülöp

(Parliamentary Commissioner for the Rights of Future Generations)

*Clarification and networking in the work of the Hungarian Ombudsman for the Future
Generations*

Discussion



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Coffe-break

11:00 – 13:00 Panel 4 - **Human Rights and Democracy – Past and Future**

Chair: **Gábor Halmai** (ELTE Faculty of Social Science)

Lectures:

George Ulrich

(European Inter-University Centre, Venice)

Confronting human rights violations in the past and in the future: reflection on the historical dimension

Éva Bóka

(Independent researcher)

The European Idea of a Supranational Union of Peace in a Historical Perspective

János Kis

(Central European University)

Human rights and democracy

Discussion

13:00: Closing remarks and reception by Prof. Ferenc Hudecz, Rector of ELTE