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# PROGRAMME

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### Thursday 8 November 2012

Venue: *Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles*  
(*Hôtel de Ligne, Rue Royale/Koningsstraat 72, 1000 Brussels*)

09:00 - 14:00 Registration

10:00 - 12:30 **Pre-conference seminars for participants who already arrived  
on Parental Rights in Education**

(room: *Salle Audiovisuelle*)

Chair: *Jos Goffin*

(Christian European Parents/Parents Européens Chrétiens - Belgium)

Introduction to the session by: *Georgios Paraskevaïdis* (CEPEC - Greece)

Rapporteur: *Beatrice Lukas* (Förderverband Freier Schulen - Austria)

Q&A

**on Good Governance in Higher Education - on Corruption in Higher Education**

(room: *Salle de Réunion de l'Atrium*)

Chair: *Luisa Ribolzi* (University of Genova - Italy)

Presenters on good governance in (higher) education:

*Genc Alimehmeti* (Tirana University/ Bologna University - Albania)

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*Jiri Nantl* (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports - Czech Republic)

Q&A

Presenter on corruption in (higher) education:

*Alina Mungiu Pippidi* (Hertie School of Governance GmbH - Germany)

Rapporteur: *Ligia Deca* (University of Luxembourg - Luxembourg, Romania)

Q&A

**on Linguistic Rights in Education**

(room: *Salle du Parc*)

Chairs: *Ingo Richter*

(Irmgard Coninx Stiftung/ University of Tübingen - Germany) &

*Gracienne Lauwers*

(University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels - Belgium)

Introduction to the session by: *Karen Bjerg Petersen* (Aarhus University - Denmark)

Rapporteur: *Susanne Bartels* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)

*Jacob De Boer* (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 14:00 Welcome buffet in the Atrium of the 'Parlement de la Fédération  
Wallonie-Bruxelles'

14:00 - 16:00 **Opening session 'The Pivotal Role of the Right to Education'**

(room: Hemicycle du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)

Welcome by: *Alain Destexhe* (Membre du Bureau du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)

Chair and introduction by *Jan De Groof*

(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Gerard Niyungeko*

(President of the African Court for Human and Peoples' Rights)

*Margarette May Macaulay*

(Justice in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights)

*Marta Santos Pais*

(UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children)

Q&A

*Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade*

(Justice in the International Court of Justice)

*Jan Truszczyński*

(EC Director General for Education, Training, Culture and Youth)

Rapporteurs: *Maria Smirnova* (Federal Centre for Educational Legislation - Russia)

*Mariëtte Reyneke* (University of the Free State - South Africa)

Q&A

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 **Plenary thematic session on 'Language in Education, Migration and Integration in Society'**

(room: Hemicycle du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles)

Chair: *Germain Dondelinger*

(Ministry of Education, University of Luxembourg - Luxembourg)

Presenters: *Philippe Van Parijs* (UCLouvain - Belgium / University of Oxford - UK)

*Gali Venkatesh Rao* (Advocate General - India)

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(Council of State, Free University Amsterdam - Netherlands)

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Q&A

*Venue: Prins Albert Club (Rue des Petits Carmes/Karmelietenstraat 20, 1000 Brussels)*

### **Informal gathering**

19:30 Reception

20:00 - 20:10 Welcome by *Jan De Groof*

(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

20:10 - 22:30 Walking dinner

**Friday 9 November 2012**

Venue: *Belgian Parliament - Senate (Rue de Louvain/Leuvenseweg 7, 1009 Brussels)*

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome coffee

09:30 - 11:00 Welcome by: *Sabine de Bethune* (President of the Belgian Senate)

**Plenary session on 'Global Justice, Migration, Language, Integration in Society and the Role of Education'**

(room: *Hemicycle of the Belgian Senate*)

Chairs: *Francis Delpérée* (Member of the Belgian Senate, Emeritus Professor  
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*Jan De Groof*

(President ELA, College of Europe- UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos* (Justice in the European Court of Human Rights)

*Sari Nusseibeh* (President of al-Quds University - East Jerusalem)

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Rapporteur: *Pablo Meix* (University of Castilla-La Mancha - Spain)

*Jacob De Boer* (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Presenters: *Hanafy A. Gebali* (Justice, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab  
Constitutional Courts and Councils/ Vice President of the Supreme  
Constitutional Court of Egypt)

*Majid Al-Haj* (Haifa University - Israel)

*Dympna Glendenning* (Barrister - Ireland)

Rapporteur: *Genc Alimehmeti* (Tirana University/ Bologna University - Albania)

Q&A

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch buffet in the Salons of the President of the Belgian Senate

14:00 - 17:00 **Thematic session:**

**on Peace, Tolerance, Holocaust Education and Intercultural Dialogue**

Chairs: *Hans-Peter Füssel* (DIPF and Humboldt-University Berlin - Germany) &  
*Hassan Bousetta* (Member of the Belgian Senate, University of Liège)

Presenters: *Kurt Graulich* (Federal Administration Court - Germany)

*Tomas Baum* (Flemish Peace Institute - Belgium)

*Thomas Misco* (Miami University - USA)

*Eva Sobotka* (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)

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*Andrea Chiarello* (University of Padua - Italy)

Rapporteur: *Florian Lehne* (Salzburg University - Austria)

*Jacob De Boer* (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

### on Creating a Safe Educational Environment

- Chairs: *Paul De Hert* (Free University of Brussels - Belgium) & *Gracienne Lauwers* (University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels - Belgium)
- Presenters: *Mariëtte Reyneke* (University of the Free State - South Africa)  
*Paul Meredith* (University of Southampton - UK)  
*Pieter Huisman* (Erasmus University/ Haagse Hogeschool - Netherlands)  
*Nils Duquet* (Flemish Peace Institute - Belgium)  
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- Rapporteur: *Susanne Bartels* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)  
*Sezin Oney* (Bilkent University - Turkey)

Q&A

### on Religion in Education and the Pluriformity of Parental Convictions in Education

- Chairs: *Ben Vermeulen* (Council of State/ Free University of Amsterdam - Netherlands) & *Fauzaya Talhaoui* (Member of the Belgian Senate, University of Antwerp)
- Presenters: *Charles Russo* (Dayton University - USA)  
*Rubens Beçak* (University of São Paulo - Brazil)  
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- Rapporteur: *Ana Raluca Bigu* (University of Bucharest - Romania)  
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Q&A

### on Poverty and the Broad School Concept

- Chairs: *Ingo Richter* (Irmgard Coninx Stiftung - Germany) & *Helga Stevens* (Member of the Belgian Senate)
- Presenters: *Elisabeth Porath Sjöo* (Ministry of Education - Sweden)  
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*Iryna Ulasiuk* (European University Institute - Italy)

Q&A

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee Break

17:00 Drink in the Peristylum of the Senate

*Venue: Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium*

*(Paleis der Academiën, Rue Ducale/Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussels)*

19:30 - 22:30 **Piet Akkermans Lecture 2012**

**'The Role of Inter- and Supranational Institutions for the Implementation of the Right to Education'**

20:00 Welcome by *Rector Demaret* (College of Europe) &

*Peter De Wilde* (General Administrator of 'Toerisme Vlaanderen')

Introduction by: *Jan De Groof*

(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Gerard Niyungeko*

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Constitutional Court of Egypt)

*Roberto Toniatti* (Trento University - Italy)

Q&A

21:15 - 22:30 Reception and walking dinner



**Saturday 10 November 2012**

Venue: *Flemish Parliament (Rue Ducale/Hertogsstraat 6, 1000 Brussels)*

09:00 - 09:30 Coffee

09:30 - 10:45 **Plenary session on 'Protecting the Dignity of Children Against Violence in Educational Environments'**  
(room 'De Schelp')

Chair: *Roberto Toniatti* (Trento University - Italy)

Presenters: *Albie Sachs* (Former Justice in the Constitutional Court of South Africa)  
*Nina Ranieri* (University of São Paulo - UNESCO Chair, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State Department of São Paulo - Brazil)  
*Solomon Sacco* (Interights - Zimbabwe)  
*Charles Russo* (Dayton University - USA)

Rapporteur: *Mariette Reyneke* (University of the Free State - South Africa)  
*Jacob De Boer* (Tilburg University - Netherlands)

Q&A

Presentation of the special volume of the '*Tijdschrift voor Onderwijsrecht en Onderwijsbeleid*', by dieKeure

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 13:00 **Plenary Session on 'Freedom in Education: Private v. Public?'**  
(room 'De Schelp')

Chair: *Jan De Groof*

(President ELA, College of Europe - UNESCO Chair, University of Tilburg)

Presenters: *Charles Glenn* (Boston University - USA)  
*Sylvia Eyzaguirre* (Ministry of Education - Chile)  
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*Susanne Bartels* (deBuren - Flanders/Netherlands)

Q&A

Presentation of the 4 volumes of '*Balancing Freedom, Autonomy, and Accountability in Education*', by Wolf Legal Publishers

12:50 **'Brussels Declaration'** by *Gracienne Lauwers* (University of Antwerp/ Free University of Brussels) for the Education Law and Policy Associations

13:00 - 14:30 Reception and walking lunch in room 'Zuilenzaal' of the Flemish Parliament

14.30 - 17:00 Cultural programme

Venue: *KBC Grand Place (Grand Place/Grote Markt 17, 1000 Brussels)*

18:00 Farewell reception and walking dinner, offered by *Mr. Thomas Leysen*, Chairman of the Board of Directors KBC Group

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1) Conference hotel: 'Royal Windsor Hotel Grand Place' Rue Duquesnoy/  
Duquesnoystraat 5, 1000 Brussels
- 2) Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (Hotel de Ligne, Rue Royale/  
Koningsstraat 72, 1000 Brussels)
- 3) Prins Albert Club (Rue des Petits Carmes/Karmelietenstraat 20, 1000 Brussels)
- 4) Belgian Parliament - Senate (Rue de Louvain/Leuvenseweg 7, 1009 Brussels)
- 5) Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium (Paleis der Academiën, Rue Ducale/  
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