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Launching Event – Programme

CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS:
THE WROCLAW COMMENTARIES

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- The basic guide to human rights issues in the wider domain of 'culture'
- 7 overview articles and 123 keyword entries, written by 96 experts
- Developed by AR Cult Media in the context of Wroc law – European Capital of Culture 2016

The new handbook addresses legal questions and political consequences related to safeguarding human rights and cultural diversity, including freedom of, or access to, the arts, heritage and (old/new) media, questions of religious and language rights, the protection of minorities and other vulnerable groups, and many more issues.

Specialists from all over Europe and the world summarise and comment on core messages of legal instruments, the essence of case-law as well as prevailing and important dissenting opinions in the literature, with the aim of providing a user-friendly tool for the daily needs of decision or law-makers at different juridical, administrative and political levels as well as others working in the field of culture and human rights.

Venue: ‘Barbara’ (European Capital of Culture 2016 information centre)
8 Świdnicka St, Wrocław

9.30  Registration
10:00  Presentations and Keynote I
     Rafal Dutkiewicz, Mayor of the City of Wrocław
     Michal Jan Boni, Member of the European Parliament, former Minister of Administration and Digitalization
     Yvonne Donders, Chair of the Scientific Committee, University of Amsterdam: How the Handbook was prepared
     Andreas Joh. Wiesand, Handbook Editor: Short presentation of the emerging new Internet platform www.culture-rights.net with invitation to participate
11:30  Coffe break
12:00  Keynote II
     Farida Shaheed, Keynote on her experiences as UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights (2009-2015), Lahore (Pakistan)
12:30  Panel Discussions (with Q&A)

Panel I:  Freedom of Expression in the Arts and Media—New Challenges in the Digital Age

Moderator: Anna Śledzińska-Simon, Handbook Editor; University of Wrocław

Mateusz Bieczyński, Vice Rector for Science and Research Affairs, University of Fine Arts, Poznań

Agnieszka Wolny-Hamkało, Poetess, Literary Critic

Konrad Imiela, Director of Capitol Music Theatre

Farida Shaheed, former UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

Panel II: Towards a "Culturalisation" of Human Rights?

Moderator: Yvonne Donders, Chair of the Scientific Committee, Professor at University of Amsterdam

Federico Lenzerini, Scientific Committee, Professor at University of Siena and St. Thomas University, Miami

Kalliopi Chainoglou, Handbook Editor, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Expert for the Council of Europe/ERICarts ‘Compendium of Cultural Policies & Trends in Europe’

Grzegorz Roman, Advisor to the Mayor of Wrocław

Andreas Joh. Wiesand, Handbook Editor, Secretary General, European Association of Cultural Researchers (ECURES)

15:15  Late Lunch + Farewell Drinks

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