



Invitation and Preliminary Programme

The Oslo International Symposium on Capital Punishment

**Side event to
the 6th World Congress against the death penalty.**

**organized by the
“Academics against the death penalty” and the
“Universities Against the Death Penalty” networks at The
Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR) University of Oslo
Funded by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

**Venue: Auditorium 13, Domus Media (the picture above)
Faculty of Law, UiO (Entrance from the back)**

Monday the 20th of June 2016 from 9.30 – 16.30

Please check Universities Against Death Penalty - webpage
for changes in program, time and place!

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UiO : University of Oslo

- 09.30 – 10.00** Welcome by **Rektor of UiO Ole Petter OTTERSEN**
Opening words by Dr. Jur. **Hanne Sophie GREVE**, **Commissioner of The International Commission Against the Death Penalty (ICDP) and former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights.**
Opening words by **Raphaël CHENUIL-HAZAN** Vice-President World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and **Antonio STANGO** – Coordinator of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty.
Intro by **Knut STORBERGET**, **Minister of Justice at the 22/11 Massacre**
Comments by **Lill SCHERDIN**, **Director of “Universities Against the Death Penalty”** “Glimpses from Death Penalty in Norway - Past and Present”.
- 10.00– 10.30** **Professor John BESSLER** – Keynote speaker
"Should the death penalty be categorized as torture?"
- 10.30 – 10.40** Questions & discussion.
- 11.00 – 11.30** **Prof Børge BAKKEN**
"The Death Penalty in China. Opinions and Practices".
- 11.30 – 11.40** Questions & discussion.
Comments by **Cecilie Figenschou BAKKE** Director of the **China Programme at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)**
- 11.40– 12.00** **Prof Giau VU CONG**
“Death Penalty in Vietnam. Opinions and practices”:
Comments by **Gisle Kvanvig** **Director of The Vietnam Programme at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)**
- 12.00 -12.50** **Lunch**
- 12.50 – 13.30** **Professor Mahmood AMIRY-MOGHADDAM**
“Death penalty trends in Iran 2011-2016: before and after improving the relations with the West. Will ‘the moderates’ victory change DP policy? ”
- 13.30 – 13.40** Questions & discussion
- 13.40 – 13.55** **Dr. Ogarit YOUNAN** “Death Penalty in Lebanon, law, practice and debate”.
Representative of Members in ‘Universities Against death Penalty’
- 13.55 – 14.05** Questions & discussion

- 14.05 – 14.20 Parvais JABBAR** “Death Penalty in Indonesia and Singapore, Recent Developments”
- 14.20 – 14.30** Questions & discussion.
Comments by **Kjetil Fiskaa ALVSÅKER**, **The Indonesia Programme at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)**
- 14.30 – 14.45 Coffee break**
- 14.45 - 14.55 Saul LEHRFREUND** “Death Penalty in India, Recent Developments”
- 14.55 – 15.15 Ms. Lubhyathi Rangarajan and Ms. Shreya Rastogi at the Centre on the Death Penalty at National Law University, Delhi:**
“The New Death Penalty Indian Report”
- 15.15 – 15.25** Questions & discussion
- 15.25 – 15.40 Prof Luis ARROYO ZAPATERO** "Safeguards as customary international law".
- 15.40 – 15.55 Prof Alessandra LANCIOTTI, Representative of Members in ‘Universities Against death Penalty’:** "Is International law moving towards abolition ?"
- 15.55 – 16.05** Questions & discussion
- 16.05 – 16.20 Bharat MALKANI** “The lessons that today’s death penalty abolitionists can learn from the movement that worked to abolish slavery in pre-Civil War America”
- 16.20 – 16.25** Looking back and looking forward with **Inga BOSTAD Director of Norwegian Centre of Human Rights**
- 16.25 – 16.30** “Looking forward very concretely at the The World Congress progrmme”
Seynabou BENGA, ECPM Academic Programme Coordinator
- 16.30 -** Last words **Lill SCHERDIN,**
Director of Universities against the death penalty.