



SIDE EVENTS

OF THE 6TH WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

LEADING UP TO THE CONGRESS

The Oslo Congress is also a unique opportunity to broaden the debate within the host city by allowing local and field actors to mingle, share different viewpoints, dialogue with colleagues from around the globe and integrate new actors into the debate...

D-2: 20TH JUNE

NETWORK DAY

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, 140 members strong, will hold its Steering Committee meeting at Oslo University and invite all its members to welcome drinks!

The Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN), **FIACAT** and the **Central African Coalition Against the Death Penalty** will also hold their steering committee meetings.

OSLO PRIDE - SOLIDARITY WITH THE LGBTIQ COMMUNITY LIVING IN COUNTRIES WHERE HOMOSEXUALITY IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH

2:00-3:45 PM - ELDORADO BOOKSHOP, TORGGATA 9A

Organised by Oslo Pride in partnership with ECPM and attended by Arnaud Gauthier-Fawas, Head of International Relations at Inter LGBT France, Sabine Jansen, COC Netherlands – a Dutch LGBTIQ organisation who initiated the Fleeing Homophobia project – and Marianne Rossi, Head of the Educating About Abolition project at ECPM.

MODERATOR — **Matteo Mecacci** - former chair of the Committee on Democracy and Human Rights of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

UNIVERSITY NETWORK - OSLO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM - AUDITORIUM 13, DOMUS MEDIA, FACULTÉ DE DROIT

Attended by academics known for their work on the death penalty. Organised by the Universities Against the Death Penalty and Academics 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.

D-1: 21ST JUNE

PROHIBITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY: AN EMERGING *JUS COGENS* NORM

10:00-11:30 - AM ROOM KJERKA, FACULTÉ DE DROIT, KARL JOHANS GATE 47

Organised by the Italian Embassy and attended by Giorgio Novello, the Italian Ambassador to Norway and Iceland, Antonio Stango, Coordinator of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, Mads Andenases, Professor of international law at the University of Oslo and UN special rapporteur on arbitrary detention, and Ludovica Chiussi, a doctoral candidate at the University of Oslo.

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

1:00-3:00PM - OSLO PARLIAMENT

Hosted by the Parliament of Norway in cooperation with ECPM (Ensemble contre la peine de mort) and Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), this event was an opportunity for parliamentarians from around the world to share their experiences in favour of abolition.

SIDE EVENTS OF THE CONGRESS

22 JUNE

THE DEATH PENALTY IN BELARUS 9 AM – 11 AM - PRØVESAL

ORGANISERS FIDH, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Viasna Human Rights Center

Belarus is the only European country where the death penalty is still practiced. However, there are some signs that give reason to hope that it may at last be willing to make a change and, if not abolish it, at least impose a moratorium on the death penalty. This conference will feature several prominent actors in the campaign against the death penalty in Belarus, alongside an exhibition of items, video materials and the presentation of a book.

SPEAKERS

- **Valentin Stefanovitch** - Vice President of Viasna Human Rights Center
 - **Andrei Paluda** - Head of the Human Rights Defenders against Death Penalty campaign, Belarus and in charge of Viasna's death penalty project
 - **Ljubov Kovalova** - Mother of Vlad Kovalov, a young man executed in Belarus
 - **Palina Stepanienka** - a Belarusian journalist
- CLOSING REMARKS BY** ➤ **Bjørn Engesland** - Secretary General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee

DRUG CRIME AND THE DEATH PENALTY IN CHINA 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - R2

ORGANISER The Rights Practice

Chinese and international lawyers will discuss drug crime and the death penalty, and explore strategies to end capital punishment for these offences. They will also examine fair trial issues and the impact on the poor and foreigners.

IRAN OUT OF ISOLATION: IMPACT ON THE DEATH PENALTY 2 PM – 4 PM - SCENE 1

ORGANISERS ECPM, Impact Iran, Iran Human Rights, KMMK-G

Following the election of Hassan Rouhani and the nuclear agreement between Iran and the 5+1 group, Iran has emerged from isolation, many foreign firms (especially Europeans) are preparing to do business in the country and Iran is considered an ally in the fight against ISIS. But what about the death penalty? The focus of this event will be Iran after the nuclear deal and the role of the UN and the international community in the fight against the death penalty.

SPEAKERS

- **Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam** - Iran Human Rights spokesperson
- **Roya Boroumand** - Executive Director at the Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation
- **Taimoor Aliassi** - UN Representative of the Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran - Geneva (KMMK-G)
- **Sedigheh Vasmaghi** - Dr. in Islamic laws, Representative of LEGAM GROUP

THE 6TH UNGA RESOLUTION FOR A MORATORIUM ON USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY 3 PM – 5 PM - R2

ORGANISERS Hands off Cain, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, Amnesty International

On 18 December 2014, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) reaffirmed its broad support for the Moratorium on Use of the Death Penalty resolution for the fifth time since 2007. Resolution A/RES/69/186 was passed with a record 117 votes in favour, 38 against, 34 abstentions and 4 absent. In December 2016, a new resolution will be put to the vote and the abolitionist movement faces a major challenge to ensure that more countries vote in favour.

SPEAKERS

- **S.E. Bayartsetseg Jigmiddash** - Secretary of State for Justice of Mongolia
 - **Elisabetta Zamparutti** - Member of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe, Treasurer of Hands Off Cain.
 - **Chiara Sangiorgio** - International Secretariat, Adviser Death Penalty, Amnesty International
- MODERATOR**
- **Guillaume Colin** - FIACAT, member of the Executive Board of the World Coalition Against the

Death Penalty

THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUGS IN 2016, A FOLLOW UP ON UNGASS ON DRUGS AND THE WORLD DAY 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM - R2

ORGANISERS World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, Harm Reduction International, Reprieve, Amnesty International

On 10 October 2015, the World Day Against the Death Penalty was dedicated to the death penalty for drug-related offences and the United Nations' General Assembly Special Session on Drugs took place in New York between 19th and 21st April 2016. This side event will update participants about the impact of the World Day, the conclusions of UNGASS and the strategy for the coming years.

SPEAKERS

- **Rick Lines** - Executive Director, Harm Reduction International
- **Maya Foa** - Director, Death Penalty Section, Reprieve
- **Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam** - Spokesperson, Iran Human Rights
- **Shamini Darshni** - Executive Director, Amnesty International Malaysia

MODERATOR ➤ **Aurélie Plaçais** - Director, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

PROTECT HUMAN DIGNITY:

RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE MALDIVES 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM - R1

ORGANISER Maldivian Democracy Network

Since 1952, the Maldives have practiced an unofficial moratorium on the death penalty, however, with the cultural increase in fundamentalist views and lifestyles coupled with a drastic rise in crime in the past decade, the new government has ratified a regulation in April 2014 to end the moratorium on capital punishment despite local and foreign grave concerns regarding the highly politicised and corrupt Maldivian criminal justice system. According to Amnesty International, around 20 people are currently on death row, including minors.

SPEAKERS

- **Ahmed Mohamed** - MDN's advocacy consultant
- **Mushfiq Mohamed** - Human rights lawyer working in the Maldives

23 JUNE

NATIONAL PATHWAYS TOWARDS ABOLITION 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - R2

ORGANISER Death Penalty Worldwide

Presentation of a comparative study on the pathways towards the abolition of the death penalty taken by different countries, with the support of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs whose goal was to collect experiences and strategies which could be helpful for individuals and organisations currently working towards the abolition of the death penalty.

SPEAKERS

- **S.E. Rudolph Knoblauch** - Swiss Ambassador in Norway
- **Sandra Babcock** - Clinical Professor and Director of the International Human Rights Clinic, Cornell Law School – USA
- **Delphine Lourtou** - Research Director at Death Penalty Worldwide which is affiliated with Cornell University

SHARIA LAW AND THE DEATH PENALTY: AN OPEN DEBATE 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - R1

ORGANISER Penal Reform International (PRI)

This event will present PRI's publication on Sharia law and the death penalty which highlights the jurisprudence, arguments and interpretations surrounding Sharia law and the death penalty in different Islamic schools. Additionally, participants will discuss advocacy tactics, strategies and arguments which are based on interpretation of Sharia and how these can be used with governments.

SPEAKERS

- **Dr. Abd Al Samad Al-Dailami** - Islamic Scholar
- **Abderrahim Jamaï** - Coordinator of the Moroccan Coalition against the Death Penalty

MODERATOR — Taghreed Jaber - PRI MENA Director

**DIPLOMACY AND UNIVERSAL ABOLITION:
MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE PROTOCOL** 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM - R2

ORGANISERS World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in collaboration with Belgium, Chile, France, Norway, Spain and Switzerland

**CHILDREN OF PARENTS SENTENCED TO DEATH OR EXECUTED:
UNDERSTANDING THE WIDER IMPACTS AND LIMITING USE
OF THE DEATH PENALTY** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM - R2

ORGANISER Quaker United Nations Office

The impact of a death sentence on the children of parents sentenced to death or executed represents a powerful argument against the death penalty; one that is applicable in all countries, at all stages of the process (from arrest to post-execution). As well as the humanizing effect of talking about death row prisoners as parents, it is hard to argue against the profound and unintended impacts of the death penalty on children. Understanding the wider impacts of the death penalty can be used to advocate for limiting its use.

SPEAKERS

- **Laurel Townhead** - Representative, Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker United Nations Office
- **Daniel Cullen** - Programme Assistant, Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker United Nations Office