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**ELA Conference in Co-operation with the Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Launching of the Global Education Law Forum (GELF)
BUDAPEST - HUNGARY
19-22 October 2016**

'The Justiciability of the Prior Right to Education - The Role of Civil Society for the Awareness, Advocacy and Accountability of the Right to Education'

Summary:

Educational rights may be approached from any direction, however the common element in every model is the justiciability and the awareness and knowledge of enforceability of this prior right. This is especially important for the more vulnerable groups of society, since there are specific needs may arise, which are necessary to reflect. The International Conference organized by the European Association for Education Rights and Policy (ELA) in cooperation with the Ereky Public Law Research Center at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest on 20-22 October 2016 is devoted to launch a dialogue where representatives of science, jurisdiction, and civil society can exchange their experience in this field. The conference examines primarily the role of civil society in the protection of education rights for the more defenceless people and groups. On Saturday the 22 October the Global Education Law Forum (GELF) - Committed to Good Governance, Human Dignity and Effective Policies in Education, officially will be launched.

Please register to conference at: <https://goo.gl/forms/iuGMSTmaBb7CaGuZ2>

Wednesday 19 October 2016

Arrival, transfer from Liszt Airport to Hotel individually.

20.00 Welcome dinner offered by the Ereky Public Law Research Center, Hungary (optional, for those who arrived)

Thursday 20 October 2016

9.00 - 10.00 Opening Session: *Justiciability of Right to Education: The Global Challenge*

- Anzelm Szuromi, Professor, Rector of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Hungary)
- Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA
- L. Aary-Tamas, Ombudsman for Educational Rights (Hungary)

10.00 – 12.30 Second Session: *Justiciability Seen from the Constitutional and Basic Legal Questions*

- András Zs. Varga, Professor of Administrative Law, PPCU Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (Hungary), Member of the Venice Commission, Judge of the Constitutional Court (Hungary)
- Balázs Schanda, Head of Department of Constitutional Law, PPCU (Hungary)
- Renata Uitz, Professor, Head of Department, Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law Program, Department of Legal Studies, Central European University (Hungary)
- Rozsnyai Krisztina, PhD, Associate professor, ELTE Faculty of Law, Commissioner for the New Administrative
- Ben Vermeulen, Member of the Council of the State and Professor at the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands)
- Pedro Barbas Homem, Director of the Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon and Chair and Full Professor of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon University, Former Vice-Rector and Pro-Rector of the University of Lisbon (Portugal)
- Pablo Meix Cereceda, Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha (Spain)

Round Table and Debate

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 Third Session : *Experiences of the Jurisdiction (Courts And Ombudsmen)*

- Erzsébet Szalainé Sándor, Ombudsman for Minorities, Professor of Law, (Hungary)
- Dudás Dóra, judge, Administrative and Labour Court of the Capital, Hungary
- Attila Papp Z., PhD Director, Hungarian Academy of Science Center for Social Sciences; Institute for Minority Studies (Hungary)
- Maria Smirnova, Federal Centre for Educational Legislation, Moscow (Russia), The University of Manchester (UK)
- Asbóth Márton, lecturer, ELTE Faculty of Law

Round Table and Debate

20.00 Dinner

Friday 21 October 2016

09.00 – 12.30 Fourth Session: *Experiences Of The Civil Society - A Comparative Approach*

- Charles Glenn, Professor at Boston University (USA)
- Ingo Richter, Professor at Irmgard Coninx Stiftung and University of Tübingen (Germany)
- Tamás Forrai SJ, provincial, Hungarian Province of the Society of Jesus

- Csongor Csáky, Secretary General of Rákóczy Alliance (Hungary-Slovakia-Ukraine)
- Representatives of civil associations in CEE

Round Table and Debate

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 Fifth Session: *Rethinking the 4 A-Scheme on the Right to Education*

- Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA
- Merilin Kiviorg, University of Oxford, Wolfson College and Professor at University of Tartu (Estonia)
- Roberto Toniatti, Professor at Trento University (Italy)
- Tibor Várady, Professor of the Central European University, Former Minister of Justice in Serbia (Hungary)
- Gerencsér Balázs, Associate Professor, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Hungary) Director of Ereky Public Law Research Center (Hungary)

Round Table and Debate

17.00 – 18.00 Closing Session : *European Perspectives on the Future Right to Education*

Concluding Remarks by Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (Hungary)

Conclusions by Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA

19.30 Dinner

Saturday 22 October 2016

09.00 – 11.30 *Global Education Law Forum Meeting*

Summary :

The numbers of learners around the globe are steadily rising due to demographic reasons and the reduction of poverty. Providing all these learners with quality education is an enormous challenge. Many aspects need to be addressed, ranging from teacher training and safe environments to adapting curricula and ensuring fair assessment. Learners need to be prepared for life as local and global citizens, with due respect for their diverse capacities and diverse cultures.

All this needs to be embedded in good governance, human dignity and effective policies. The right to education and rights in education are essential in dealing with student and school diversity, but expertise on these fundamental concepts is relatively rare and scattered. In 2015, a group of concerned individuals, active in education, research and public administration, decided to join forces and provide a concerted helping hand to all those who want to formulate and implement sound education principles, policies, codes, rules and regulations.

The initiators have decided to set up the Global Education Law Forum (GELF) as a non-profit consortium that will address these issues both from a practical and a scholarly perspective.

GELF will thus contribute to the implementation of the newly adopted UN Sustainable Development Goal number 4: 'Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning' and the UNESCO Education 2030 Framework for Action.

Introduced by

- Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA
- Peter Van der Hijden, Former Policy Officer European Commission - DG Research & Innovation, Independent expert (Netherlands)
- Marco Matthijsen, External PHD in comparative education law & policy at Tilburg University (Netherlands)

Round Table

- Pedro Barbas Homem, Director of the Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon and Chair and Full Professor of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon University, Former Vice-Rector and Pro-Rector of the University of Lisbon (Portugal)
- Charles Glenn, Director of the Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon and Chair and Full Professor of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon University, Former Vice-Rector and Pro-Rector of the University of Lisbon (Portugal)
- Merilin Kiviorg, University of Oxford, Wolfson College and Professor at University of Tartu (Estonia)
- Romain Murenzi, Director of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Former Minister of Education (Rwanda)
- Gerard Niyungeko, Former President of the African Court of Human and Peoples Rights, Unesco Chair Education and Peace, University of Burundi (Burundi)
- Ingo Richter, Professor at Irmgard Coninx Stiftung and University of Tübingen (Germany)
- Roberto Toniatti, Professor at Trento University (Italy)
- Ben Vermeulen, Member of the Council of the State and Professor at the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

11.30 *'Balancing Freedom, Autonomy and Accountability in Education'*: Round-Up and Future Program

Introduced by

- Charles Glenn, Professor at Boston University (USA)
- Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA
- Willem-Jan van der Wolf, Publisher at Wolf Legal Publishers (the Netherlands)

12.30 Lunch

End of official program, transfer to Airport individually.