

2009

Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Fall of the Berlin Wall as events that advanced dramatically the cause of human rights and freedom

Plantin-Moretus Museum (UNESCO World Heritage), Vrijdagmarkt 22-23, 2000 Antwerp
2009 November 21 - 6 p.m.

We are delighted to announce the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lectures* of the European Association for Education Law and Policy and the College of Europe.

The Lectures are held as a recurring activity with the purpose to strengthen the discussions on fundamental European challenges.

The European Association for Education Law and Policy, to be considered as an institution furthering European cooperation in the educational and cultural field, has a responsibility towards promoting discussions on important Education challenges that lie ahead.

It is our hope that the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lectures* will prove to be the right platform to promote for these aims.

At the same time, it is a great honour that we can pay in this way tribute to Piet Akkermans.

The lecture is organised with the support of UNESCO.

Professor Dr. Jan De Groof,

Chargé de Mission to UNESCO for the Right to Education,
President of the European Association for Education Law and Policy,
Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges) and TIAS (the Netherlands)

Professor Dr. Paul Demaret,

Rector of the College of Europe

- The College of Europe and the Board Members of ELA are pleased to invite you to the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture 2009* which will take place in Antwerp - on Saturday, November 21-2009, at 6 p.m.
- The *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture*, will be followed by a mayoral reception at the Plantin-Moretus Museum (Vrijdagmarkt 22-23, 2000 Antwerp).
- You are kindly requested to be seated before 5.50 p.m.

We have the honour to announce that the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture 2009* will be delivered by:

Dr. Laura Lundy – Queen’s University Belfast – ‘The 20th Anniversary of the Convention of the Child: the impact on education rights in Europe’

Short introductory documentary film about the Stasi and the Stasi prison in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen

Dr. Hans-Eberhard Zahn – Stiftung Gedenkstätte Berlin-Hohenschönhausen – ‘The 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall – Using the remains of the Stasi headquarters as a space for truth and for educating against indifference’

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Dr. Laura Lundy works at the School of Education at Queen’s University, Belfast and is a barrister at law. She directs the Queen’s University Research Forum for the Child (www.qub.ac.uk/child), an interdisciplinary research network which has over a hundred members from eleven disciplines working on aspects of childhood studies. She is also director of the research cluster on Children’s Rights and Participation in Education and is on the management committee of the Improving Children’s Lives initiative (www.improvingchildrenslives.org). She has published widely in the area of education law and children’s rights and has been the principal investigator in a number of interdisciplinary research projects, including a major study on children’s rights for the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People. She was chair of the Working Party on Education Rights for the proposed Northern Ireland Bill of Rights and is a former Equal Opportunities Commissioner for Northern Ireland.

Dr. Hans-Eberhard Zahn was born in 1928 in Stettin. He studied psychology at the free university in West-Berlin and financially supported family members and friends in the eastern part of Berlin. In 1953 he was arrested by the Ministry for public security (so-called Stasi) because of “Endangering universal peace” and “Activity as a foreign agent”. He was a long time in remand and then sentenced to seven years of prison. Most of that time he spent in Bautzen and the secret labour camp in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, the central complex of the Ministry for State Security - Stasi prison).

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Invited Speakers of previous "Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture"

- 2008: **Prof. Dr. Sari Nusseibeh**, President of Al Quds (Jerusalem) University, Former Negotiator for the Palestinian Authority, Holder of the UNESCO Chair of "Freedom of Expression", Author of the autobiography "Once Upon a Country: A Palestinian Life"
- 2007: **Albie Sachs**, Judge in the Constitutional Court of South-Africa • **Marc Bossuyt**, Judge in the Belgian constitutional court, Professor at the University of Antwerp, Chairperson of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights • **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, Principal Adviser to the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (to the President of the European Commission), Former Minister of Science and Higher Education of Portugal
- 2005: **Mgr. A.H. van Luyn**, salesian of Don Bosco, bishop of Rotterdam, president of Pax Christi the Netherlands, responsible within the Bishops' Conference of the Netherlands for the peer groups on "Church and Society" and "Dialogue with Judaism", representative of the Bishops' Conference in the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (Comece), vice-president of Comece • **Vladyka Dimitrij**, Archbishop of Tobolsk and Tyumen, Rector of Tobolsk theological seminary, President of the Commission on Religious Education of the Russian Orthodox Church and on Reforms of Clerical Schools, Doctor in Theology, Professor of Fundamental Theology and of Pastoral Theology
- 2004: **Godfried Cardinal Danneels** • **Ján Figel'**, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, and Multilingualism • **J.S. Verma**, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of India • **Maria J.A. van der Hoeven**, Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, Chairperson of the European Council of Ministers of Education
- 2003: **Prof. Dr. Emilio Platti**, Professor at the "Institut d'Etudes Orientales" - Cairo, the "Katholieke Universiteit" - Louvain, the "Institut Catholique de Paris" • **Imam Yahya Hendi**, Spokesman of the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of North America, Muslim Chaplain at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. • **Prof. Dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin**, Member of the Council of State of the Netherlands, Professor of International Law - Tilburg University, Former Minister of Justice of the Netherlands, Member of the EU Convention for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- 2002: **Prof. Dr. Giuliano Amato**, Vice-president of the Constitutional Convention • **Mr. Pal Csaky**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for the European Integration, Human Rights and Minorities • **Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene**, Minister of State, Vice-President of the European Convention • **Prof. Dr. Bronislaw Geremek**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland • **Mdme. Vivianne Reding**, European Commissioner for Education and Culture • **Mr. Max van der Stoep**, First OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities

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