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The Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey

**VENUE: İSTANBUL**

**DATE: 06-07 DECEMBER 2018 Thursday-Friday**

**I. TITLE of SYMPOSIUM**

International Symposium on  
“Reconsidering Human Rights”

**II. SUBTITLES**

a. New Approaches to Human Rights

(Criticism of contemporary understanding: basic concepts such as human, rights, ethical values, equality, freedom etc.)

b. The Groups excluded from the Normative Human Rights Framework

(Asylum seekers, disadvantaged groups, refugees, stateless persons, civilian victims of terrorist attacks, rights of parents, right of neighbors etc.)

c. Human Rights and Human Security

(The right to life in peace, the right to protection against violence, the right to –demanding-justice, the right to environment, the right of humanitarian intervention, etc.)

d. Human Rights, Security and Terror

(The Balance Between Freedom and Security, Terror as a human rights violation, etc. )

**III. IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract submission deadline	<del>August</del> — <del>September</del> <del>10<sup>30</sup></del> , 2018
Announcement of accepted summaries and call for the full-text submissions	September 30, 2018
Full-text submission deadline	November 15, 2018
Announcement the schedule of symposium	November 25, 2018
Opening, Preliminary Remarks and events	<b>06-07 December</b> <b>2018</b>

#### **IV. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE**

Human rights are based on the mission ensuring that people live a longer and better quality life and securing a life with dignity for everyone without being exposed to discrimination on the basis of the characteristics that make up our identities such as religion, language, race, nationality and gender. According to this mission, the minimum values that people should have under all circumstances are inalienable, indivisible, and universal.

It is an unrealistic approach to accept that human rights- which are indivisible and inalienable can be merely protect by legal arrangements. Responsibilities at the national and international levels need to be fulfilled in order to realize human rights in practice along with the realization of human rights at institutional level. This mission, which is carried out rather by states at the national level, is carried out by the authorized institutions and organizations on the international scene.

It is difficult to argue that the advent of human rights, which has gained a positive impetus with regard to institutionalization and becoming law, captured the equal momentum for the putting them into practice. Nowadays, fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed in many national and international laws and conventions can be systematically violated without the need or concern of accountability. Although “institutionalization of human rights” is at the upper levels nowadays, mankind may still be exposed to great wars, migrations, genocides and massacre and even persecution. Those situations reveal the issue of sincerity in the field of human rights.

In this context, Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey, by the first major international symposium it will hold, aims to bring together academicians and writers from many regions of the world with representatives of civil society, public organizations (bodies or institutions) and international organizations (bodies or institutions). Moreover, it also aims through the symposium to raise awareness by way of sharing experiences, share the views of representatives of all concerned parties in an equal and free environment with their counterparts, and contribute to the creation of a common wisely solution to the problems. It is thought that the symposium may lay the groundwork for new quests on the question of what kind of shortcomings may exist in the institutionalization and theoreticalization of human rights by questioning the existing human rights approaches and how to overcome them.

In this respect, on the one hand, while focusing on the identification of deficiencies in the human rights paradigm and emphasizing whether new concept can be produced or not, and on the other hand,

it will be discussed what solutions can be proposed by focusing on the groups that human rights neglect at some level such as asylum seekers, stateless persons, victims of terror, parents, and elderly people.

The issues of human security and terrorism that are intertwining the right to live in peace, the right to protection against violence, the right to (demand) justice, the right to environment, the right to human intervention, will also be tried to be discussed at the symposium. Furthermore, the issue of limitation of freedoms will be discussed and the extent to how terrorist organizations can benefit from human rights approaches will also come to the agenda.

## **V. REGULATION BOARD**

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