



**In Search of Lost Universalism:
Beyond War and Repression - Building Momentum for Change**

8th Anniversary

Berlin, 6-7 December, 2023

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Venue

Heinrich-Böll Stiftung

Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

Wednesday, 6 December

9.30 - 10.45

Opening session:

Lena Nemirovskaya, *Founder, School of Civic Education*

Walter Kaufmann, *Head of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's East and Southeast Europe Desk*

Michael Sohlman, *Co-Chairperson, School of Civic Education*

Forum Moderator:

Mikhail Fishman, *Author, Journalist, Anchor, TVRain*

10.45 - 11.15

Address by Valdis Birkavs, *11th Prime Minister of Latvia*

Why Democracy

11.15 - 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 - 13.15

Panel I: Decolonization and International Politics

Impulse: Ambassador Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven

Panelists:

Ralph Fücks, *Founder and Managing Director of the Center for Liberal Modernity*

Vasily Zharkov, *Historian, European Humanities University, Belarus*

John Lloyd, *Contributing Editor, Financial Times*

Mikhail Minakov, *Senior Advisor, Kennan Institute*

Moderator:

Mikhail Fishman, *Author, Journalist, Anchor, TVRain*

13.15 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

Panel II: Decolonization of the Former Soviet Union and the Right of Nations to Self-determination

Panelists:

Elmira Nogoibaeva, *Academy of Civic Education, Platform Esimde, Bishkek*

Tigran Amiryan, *Founder of Cultural and Social Narratives Laboratory (CSN Lab)*

Dankhaiaa Khovalyg, *Initiator, Podcast Govorit Respublica*

Kateryna Chernii, *Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam*

Moderator:

Barbara von Ow-Freytag, *Board Member, Prague Civil Society Center*

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 - 18.00 Panel III: Transitional Justice & Historical Legacies

Panelists:

Mikhail Savva, *Center for Civic Liberties*

Vesna Teršelič, *Documenta – Center for Dealing with the Past*

Selbi Durdiyeva, *Author of the The Role of Civil Society in Transitional Justice (Online)*

Sergey Lukashevsky, *Director of the Sakharov Center*

Moderators:

Boris Grozovsky, *Journalist, Public educator; author of Telegram channel EventsAndTexts*

Inna Berezkina, *School of Civic Education*

Thursday, 7 December

- 9.45 - 10.00 We, The People**
By Andreas Bummel, *Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders*
- 10.00 - 11.30 Panel IV: Data, AI and Human Freedom**
Panelists:
Jan Albrecht, *Co-Chair, Heinrich Böll Foundation*
Krzysztof Meissner, *Physicist*
Nikolay Kvantaliani, *Digital Skills Coalition Belarus*
Oleg Greshnev, *AI developer*
Anna Kuleshova, *Chairwoman, Committee on Scientific Publications*
Moderator:
Maksim Kurnikov, *Lead Editor, Echo*
- 11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break**
- 12.00 - 13.00 Panel V: Civil Society: Beyond War and Repression - Building Momentum for Change and Cooperation**
Impulse: Robin Wagener, *German Government Coordinator for civil society support (Online)*
Ekaterina Schulmann, *Political Scientist, Carnegie Center Berlin*
Stefan Melle, *Dialogue Office for Civil Society Cooperation, Vienna*
Moderator:
Stefanie Harter, *German Agency for Technical Assistance (GIZ)*
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch**
- 14.00 - 16.00 Panel VI: Voices of the School**
Civil Society Making a Difference amid War and Repression
Anti-War Projects by School's Alumni
Moderator:
Agnieszka Kaniewska, *School of Civic Education*
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break**
- 16.30 - 17.30 Closing remarks:**
Yury Senokosov, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
Lena Nemirovskaya, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
Toby Gati, *Co-chairperson, Board of Directors, School of Civic Education*