



## **PANELS OF THE SEVENTH BUDAPEST HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM**

### **1. Human rights and humanitarian law dilemmas in the context of the principles of prevention and responsibility to protect**

The strong relationship and at the same time distinction between humanitarian law and human rights law raise several theoretical and practical questions. This issue has an important role in case of wars, internal armed conflicts – terrorist attacks, forced disappearance etc. – where international action is needed to save human lives, especially when considering and identifying the room of manoeuvre and means available to use. The debate over this current dilemma might be instrumental to help highlighting both theoretical and practical aspects of this issue.

### **2. The human rights of national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities – individual rights exercised in community with others or collective rights of communities formed by individuals?**

The war in the Western Balkans and the current crises taking place in Iraq, Syria or Ukraine stress once again the importance of the protection of and respect for the human rights of minorities. Different concepts and models of minority protection exist in Europe and other parts of the world from individual based approaches to different models based on the recognition of collective rights of minorities taking shape in different forms of political, religious, cultural and linguistic autonomy. The panel is intended to share international experience, positive examples and best practices.

### **3. Freedom of opinion and freedom of speech – online and offline challenges**

Some phenomena in this area generating overall attention in the past few years including issues like the protection of privacy and personal data, social media and cyber security raise several human rights concerns. During the past years these questions have been and remain high on the agenda of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Human Rights Council and other international organizations. The panel is intended to take stock of the achievements and challenges of the issue from different angles.

#### **4. Human rights in the post-2015 development agenda**

The post-2015 development agenda will shape the long term future for the entire humanity. As one of the major contributors, the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals – under Hungarian co-chairmanship – developed and presented a set of objectives intended to provide the basis for the conceptualization of sustainable development goals in the post-2015 period. While human rights are not representing a separate objective, during the negotiations on the medium-term plan for the next 15 years the initiatives on economic, social and environmental issues have also raised outstanding human rights challenges which are reflected in different goals and which will be reviewed during the panel discussion.