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Human Rights: Constitutive Movements, Intellectual Practices and Shifting Global Contexts

On 25 and 26 May, 2015, there will be a two-day symposium on *Human Rights: Constitutive Moments, Intellectual Practices and Shifting Global Contexts*. The symposium is hosted by the Human Rights Committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, and the Swedish Academy in cooperation with Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (the Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences) and the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study.

There is a need to consider the history and meaning of human rights. Scholarly contributions in the last decade have significantly changed our understanding of that history. It is important to take stock of the ways in which conceptions of human rights have entered into legal frameworks but also into discussions of environmental, cultural and political concerns. In fact, questions of human rights are being addressed not only by legal institutions and in international arenas but also in a variety of ways in scientific, medical and literary practices. Also, it is necessary to assess if and how notions of human rights can be further articulated so as to serve as efforts to reduce human suffering and to contribute to a slightly more humane and liveable world in the future.

The symposium will take place in Stockholm. On the first day, 25 May, it will be held at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and on the second day, 26 May, at the Swedish Academy.

The event is free of charge and open to the public but registration is required for all participants. Please register at www.kva.se/humanrights2015

Monday, May 25

- 9.00-9.30 Registration and coffee
- 9.30-9.45 Welcome, Introduction
Staffan Normark, Permanent Secretary,
the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Elisabeth Rachlew, Human Rights Committee
Björn Wittrock, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
- 9.45-10.25 *Human Rights and Early Modern Theories of Natural Right and of the Rights of Man*
Annabel Brett, University of Cambridge
- 10.25-10.55 Coffee
- 10.55-12.15 *Human Rights and Early Modern Theories of Natural Right and of the Rights of Man*
Knud Haakonssen, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt
Martin van Gelderen, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität,
Göttingen
- 12.15-13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30-14.10 *The Constitutive Moment: 1948 and Beyond*
Jan Eckel, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg
- 14.10-15.30 *Human Rights and International Law*
Ove Bring, Stockholm University and Swedish National Defence College
(SNDC)
Jarna Petman, University of Helsinki
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee
- 16.00-16.40 *Human Rights and Human Equality*
Wang Hui, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social
Sciences, Tsinghua University, Beijing
- 16.40-17.20 *Human Rights and Intellectual Practices*
Seteney Shami, Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Beirut
- 17.20-18.00 *Human Rights and Politics of Ethno-Religious Identities*
Jyotirmaya Sharma, University of Hyderabad

Venue: the Beijer Hall, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Lilla Frescativägen 4A, Stockholm

Tuesday, May 26

- 10.00-10.15 *Welcome, Introduction*
Peter Englund, Permanent Secretary, the Swedish Academy
- 10.15-10.55 *Human Rights and Intellectual Practices*
Geoffrey Harpham, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park
- 10.55-11.20 Coffee
- 11.20-12.00 *Human Rights, Interventions and Sovereignty*
Krishnan Srinivasan, Institute of Asian Studies, Calcutta
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30-14.50 *Legal Institutionalization and Moral Universalism: Entangled Histories in Global Context*
Hans Joas, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and University of Chicago
Michael Puett, Harvard University
- 14.50-15.30 *Human Rights and the Dispossessed*
Shalini Randeria, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee
- 16.00-17.00 *Concluding Remarks*

Venue: Börssalen, the Swedish Academy
Källargränd 4, Gamla Stan, Stockholm