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(HR-Focal Point Zagreb)
Faculty of Philosophy University of Zagreb**

Seminar

PROMOTING EDUCATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY

UN/Croatian Government Human Rights Education and Documentation Centre,
Zagreb, Kralja Držislava No. 6
July 4-6, 2002

R e p o r t

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

The Seminar on Promoting Education for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship at the University was organised by the Research and Training Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship (HR - Focal Point Zagreb) of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, in the framework of the University Centres for Human Rights in SEE Network Project (SEE HRC-NET) that is being co-ordinated by the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy-Graz, Austria.

The seminar was held in the UNOHCHR/Croatian Government's Human Rights Documentation and Education Centre in Zagreb from 4 to 6 July 2002 with a support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the European Union. An important support was also received from the UNOHCHR - Mission in the Republic of Croatia and «Dadalos» - the International UNESCO Education Server for Civic, Peace and Human Rights Education.

The purpose of the seminar was to introduce a wide profile of Croatian young researchers and assistant professors to an interdisciplinary approach to teaching human rights and democratic citizenship at the university/college level. The seminar was also meant to become a forum for academic discussion and a stepping-stone for the development of network in this domain. For this purpose, the invited participants, as well as resource persons came from different universities and colleges.

PARTICIPANTS, RESOURCE PERSONS AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Three weeks prior to the seminar an invitation letter was sent to the deans of Croatian universities and colleges with the request to appoint one of their younger colleagues who were either active in, or motivated to promote human rights and democratic citizenship education in their home institutions. The letter contained a brief information on the purpose of the seminar, a preliminary programme and a registration form. Unfortunately, very few universities and colleges sent their confirmation in the days that followed, mostly due to the fact that the seminar took place in the period of regular and entering exams. The lack of an inter-city phone connection was an additional obstacle for the Centre. Notwithstanding, prior to the opening of the seminar, 27 applications were received. The participants represented an interested group of young research and university assistants belonging to diverse disciplines, as the following list shows (see a detailed List of Participants in the Appendix):

- Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb and the University of Rijeka (Rijeka and Pula);
- Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb and the University of Osijek;
- Medical Faculty of the University of Zagreb and the University of Osijek;
- Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Zagreb
- Faculty for Education and Rehabilitation of the University of Zagreb
- Teachers' Academy from Zagreb, Rijeka, Gospic, Zadar and Osijek
- Police Academy from Zagreb
- Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia

There were 10 lecturers/workshop leaders from equally different disciplinary backgrounds, known for their expertise in human rights and democratic citizenship, including the President of the University of Zagreb Students' Council and two guests from abroad: the Head of the Library Division of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (the member of the HRC-NET in SEE Project), and the Head of Dadalos, an international educational server working under the auspices of UNESCO (the names of resource persons and their institutions are given in the Annex).

Apart from the seminar material (the Programme, the summaries of presentations and a brief information about the Centre), each participant received a package containing the following books:

- Spajić-Vrkaš, V.; Kukoč, M. and Bašić, S. *Obrazovanje za ljudska prava i demokraciju: Interdisciplinarni rječnik* (Education for Human Rights and Democracy: An Interdisciplinary

Dictionary), Zagreb: Croatian Commission for UNESCO and the Project on Peace and Human Rights for Croatian Primary Schools, 2001, 700 pp (published through the donation of the Netherlands Government's MATRA Programme)

- Spajić-Vrkaš, V. (ed.) *Obrazovanje za ljudska prava i demokraciju: Zbirka međunarodnih i domaćih dokumenata* (Education for Human Rights and Democracy: International and National Standard-Setting Documents), Zagreb: Croatian Commission for UNESCO and the Project on Peace and Human Rights for Croatian Primary Schools, 2001, 436 pp (published with the support from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway)
- Duerr, K.; Spajić-Vrkaš, V. i Ferreira Martins, I. *Učenje za demokratsko građanstvo u Europi* (Learning for Democratic Citizenship in Europe), Zagreb: Center for Research, Training and Documentation in Education for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, 2002, 110 pp (originally the Council of Europe's study "Strategies for Learning Democratic Citizenship; translated and published in Croatian through the donation of the Croatian Ministry of Education and Sport)
- Spajić-Vrkaš, V. *Odgoj i obrazovanje za demokratsko građanstvo u Hrvatskoj: Izvješće* (Education for Democratic Citizenship in Croatia: Report), Zagreb: Center for Research, Training and Documentation in Education for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, 2002, 98 pp (originally the report prepared for the Council of Europe; translated and published in Croatian through the donation of the Croatian Ministry of Education and Sport)

THE SEMINAR PROCEDURE

The opening of the seminar was an extraordinary event. It was the first seminar in Croatia dealing with human rights education at the university level and, moreover, its opening was marked by supportive speeches of distinguished guests, notably Prof. Dr. **Neven BUDAK**, the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb; Prof. Dr. **Wolfgang BENEDEK**, the Director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy - Graz; His Excellency, Dr. **Hans G. KNITEL**, the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Croatia; Mr. **Juan Pablo ORDONEZ**, the Head of the UNOHCHR - Mission in the Republic of Croatia and Mr. **Darko GÖTTLICHER**, the Head of the Office for Human Rights of the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Following the introductory address given by Prof. Dr. **Vedrana SPAJIC-VRKAŠ**, the Head of the Research and Training Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship, the morning session was opened with the presentation of Prof. Dr. **Gvozden FLEGO** from the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb who focused on academic freedom and university autonomy in the context of the reform of higher/university education in Croatia as proposed by the strategic paper recently presented by the Government. Dr. **Siniša RODIN** from the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb made an introduction to the foundations of fundamental rights in international law and then went on to describe the legal system of the Republic of Croatia and the European Union. He also addressed the content of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and described the Horvat vs. Croatia case submitted to the European Court of Human Rights in 2001. Both presentations ended up with discussion and comments of participants.

Two more topics were presented in the afternoon session. Prof. dr. **Vladimir VUJČIĆ** from the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Zagreb opened the discussion on political culture and political socialisation with special reference to Croatian situation and to the preparation of his students. Mr. **Domagoj JELIĆ**, the President of the University of Zagreb Students' Council that encompasses 65,000 students, focused on the lack of protection of university students rights and stressed low-level of human rights awareness among students and faculty personnel. In the discussion that followed, the participants brought up number of arguments for introducing human rights and democratic citizenship at the university and stressed the pivotal role of students organisation in promoting and strengthening such process.

Second day of the seminar was devoted to more specific topics. Dr. **Petar VEIĆ** from the Police Academy, Zagreb, presented the content of the courses on "Human Rights" and "Police Ethics" established by his institution. Prof. Dr. **Biserka BELICZA** from the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts spoke of international human rights standards that made the basis for the preparation of health care professionals and described the obstacles to their implementation at the national level. Ms. **Željka JELAVIĆ** from the Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb, drew attention to the need for introducing women's and gender studies to Croatian universities and provided information on the most recent activities in this respect. All three presentations stirred up lively discussions on human rights, security, bioethics and women's perspective as important dimensions of an interdisciplinary university education.

In the special session on the role of new information-communication technologies in promoting education for human rights and democratic citizenship at the university Prof. Dr. **Vjekoslav AFRIĆ**, from the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb, Mr. **Saša MADACKI**, from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Sarajevo, and Ms. **Ingrid HALBRITTER**, from the Dadalos - an international educational server, showed number of examples of how new media can be used to enrich formal and non-formal learning at different levels and in different forms of education. The participants showed a great interest in using these opportunities as well as in contributing to further development of ITC in human rights education and training, including networking, data-bases and on-line courses.

The issues of human rights training and learning were scheduled for the last day of the seminar. Ms. **Renata MILJEVAC-RIDIČKI** from Teachers Academy organised a workshop with a view to introduce the participants to various approaches of preparing teachers for human rights and democratic citizenship education, while **Prof. Dr. Vedrana SPAJIĆ-VRKAŠ**, from the HRC-Focal Point Zagreb, brought the seminar to an end by focusing on the right to education in the framework of life-long learning for human rights and democratic citizenship.

THE EVALUATION OF THE SEMINAR

The purpose of the seminar was to present a dynamic, interdisciplinary and discussion-orientated approach to human rights and democratic citizenship training at the university. It aimed not only at describing "what is already there" or "what should be there" but how to achieve the objectives and remove the obstacles in applying an interdisciplinary approach to human rights and democratic citizenship at the university and college level. According to the participants' responses, the seminar was successful in highlighting the complexity and inter-

dependency of number of issues that are important for the implementation of human rights and democratic citizenship programmes at the university. Besides, the participants expressed their interest in further preparation in this field and called upon the Centre to continue with such seminars.

The seminar was covered by Croatian media - "Vjesnik" and Croatian Radio - Studio Zagreb.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 4 July 2002

9:00-9:30	Opening Prof. Dr. Neven BUDAK , Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb Prof. Dr. Wolfgang BENEDEK , Director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy - Graz and WUS-Austria His Excellency, Dr. Hans G. KNITEL , Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Croatia Mr. Juan Pablo ORDONEZ , Head of the UN OHCHR Mission in the Republic of Croatia Mr. Darko GÖTTLICHER , Head of the Office for Human Rights of the Government of the Republic of Croatia Prof. Dr. Vedrana SPAJIĆ-VRKAŠ , Head of the Centre for Research, Training and Documentation in Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb
9:30-10:45 Zagreb	Prof. Dr. Gvozden FLEGO , Faculty of Philosophy, University of <i>Academic Freedoms, University Autonomy and the Reform of Higher Education</i>
10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:30	Dr. Siniša RODIN , Faculty of law, University of Zagreb The Foundations of Fundamental Rights in the Legal System of the Republic of Croatia and the Education of Lawyers
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-16:15	Prof. Dr. Vladimir VUJČIĆ , Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb <i>Human Rights and Political Culture in the Faculty of Political Sciences Curriculum</i>

16:15-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-18:00	Mr. Domagoj JELIĆ , Students' Council of the University of Zagreb <i>Students' Needs in the Field of Education for Human Rights and Democratic at the University/Higher Education</i>
18:00-18:30	Discussion
19:00	Dinner

Friday, 5 July 2002

9:00-10:15	Dr. Petar VEIĆ , Police Academy, Zagreb Protection of Human Rights and the Education of Police
10:15-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:45 Arts	Prof. Dr. Biserka BELICZA , Croatian Academy of the Sciences and <i>Human Rights in the System of Education and In-service Training of Health Care Professionals</i>
11:45-13:00	M.A. Željka JELAVIĆ , Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb The Rights of Women and Gender Studies at the University
13:00-13:30	Discussion
13:30-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-16:30	Special Topic: <i>New Information - Communication Technologies and the Possibilities for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship Education at the University</i> Prof. dr. Vjekoslav AFRIĆ , Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb Mr. Saša MADACKI , Centre for Human Rights, University of Sarajevo Ms. Ingrid HALBRITTER , Dadalos
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-18:30	Special topic: <i>New Information - Communication Technologies and the Possibilities for Education for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship at the University</i> (continuation of the session followed by discussion)
19:00	Dinner

Saturday, 6 July 2002

- 9:30-10:45 M.A. **Renata RIĐIČKI**, Teachers Academy, Zagreb
The Preparation of School Professionals for Promoting Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship through Education
- 10:45-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:30 Prof. Dr. **Vedrana SPAJIĆ-VRKAŠ**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb
A Life-long Learning Approach to Education for Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship: Foundations, Possibilities and Obstacles
- 12:30-13:00 Discussion and Conclusions
- 13:00 Lunch

Seminar

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THE UNIVERSITY**

4-6 July 2002

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