

What Is at Stake When Religion and Culture Bypass Human Rights & Who Pays the Price?



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When: 4th December 9 am – 1 pm

Where: Litteraturhuset, The House of Literature in Oslo

The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL) invites you to the STL Annual Seminar 2018.

Professor Karima Bennoune, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights will give the keynote speech. Bennoune will address the cultural rights approach to the universality of human rights and the close interrelationship between universality and cultural diversity.

The Norwegian Minister of Culture, Trine Skei Grande and **Dr. Srirak Plipat**, Executive Director of the international NGO Freemuse for artistic freedom will join Professor Karima Bennoune in a conversation. Moderator: Researcher and Network Coordinator, Ingvill Thorson Plesner, The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies.

- What can we do about restrictions on freedom and participation for women within religions?
- How can contribution of artistic and cultural initiatives create and develop right-respecting societies?

The seminar is conducted in English before the break and in Norwegian after the break. No entrance fee. Registration here: <https://goo.gl/forms/OZKTryvKcBlKhUi22>

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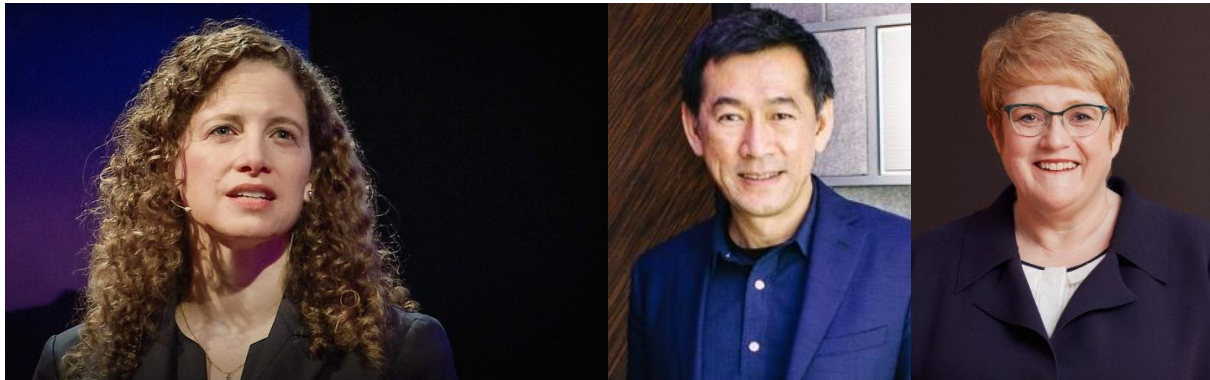


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Program

- 09:00 Welcome by the Chair of The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL), Britt Strandlie Thoresen
- 09:05 Opening by the Norwegian Minister of Culture, Trine Skei Grande
- 09:10 Keynote speech by Professor Karima Bennoune UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
- 10:00 Conversation with Prof. Karima Bennoune, Minister of Culture Trine Skei Grande and Dr. Srirak Plipat. Moderator: Researcher and Network Coordinator Ingvill Thorson Plesner, The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies
- 10:40 Q&A
- 11:00 Announcement of STL's Dialogue Award 2018 Laureates
- 11:15 Break
- 11:35 Panel discussion with Norwegian Religious Leaders:
- Presiding Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien, The Church of Norway
 - Bishop Bernt Eidsvig, The Catholic Church in Norway
 - Imam Faruk Terzic, The Islamic community of Bosnia and Herzegovina /Muslim Dialogue Network in Norway
 - Ervin Kohn, president of The Jewish Community in Norway
- Moderator: General Secretary of The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL), Ingrid Rosendorf Joys
- 12:20 Q&A
- 12:45 Closing