

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



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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 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 of speech 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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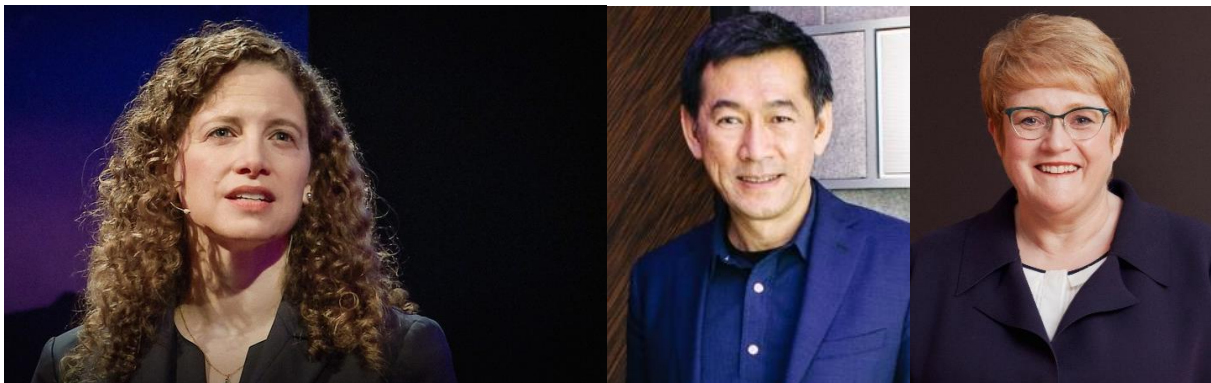


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Program

- 09:00 Welcome by 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 culture
- 10:00 Conversation with Professor Bennoune
- The Norwegian Minister of Culture, Trine Skei Grande
 - Dr. Srirak Plipat, executive Director of Freemuse in conversation.
- 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 in Oslo
 - Adviser Life-Stances/Politics Lars-Petter Helgestad, The Norwegian Humanist Association
- Moderator: General Secretary of The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL), Ingrid Rosendorf Joys
- 12:20 Q&A
- 12:45 Closing