



**AUTUMN WORKSHOP 2018**

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REGIME IN CRISIS**

**“Presentation of the Academy”**



**Platform of  
Lawyers for Freedom**

**International Association  
of Democratic Lawyers**

**European Association of Lawyers  
for Democracy and World  
Human Rights**

**Solidarity Academy of  
İzmir**

### **Background of the Academy:**

Turkey and especially its Aegean shores are known for its thousands years of history and the contributions to the philosophy, science and democratic institutions of the world. Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Herodotus, Homer, Anaxagoras, Heraclitus, Xenophanes were all lived in the areas of which belong to today's Turkey. Most of them were prosecuted, criminalised, tried, put into the jails and even killed by the rulers of ancient times. However, in spite of all these oppression their works and ideas have given

inspiration to the next generations. Advancement of the peoples has never stopped and those who were punished remembered all the time.

Today Turkey is in a catastrophic situation. The fights between the rival reactionary powers ended with a coup attempt in the summer of 2016. In the following days of the coup attempt Turkish government declared a state of emergency which still continues. Many of the fundamental rights has been suspended for an undetermined period of time and the government has not waited long to use its extraordinary powers against the progressive forces of Turkey. Thousands of workers and officers dismissed with statutory decrees, hundreds of journalists were arrested without any legitimate explanation, the rights of the lawyers to represent their clients were denied, human rights activists were faced with harsh penalties. Hundreds of academics were among the ones who lost their jobs.

International Human Rights Academy of the Aegean (IHRAA) has been founded in the midst of these horrible events in 2017. The founders of the International Human Rights Academy of the Aegean believe that the situation that we are living in is one of the terrible times of the history of Anatolia. However, we are not hopeless. We as the progressive human rights lawyers of Turkey believe that we should raise our voices in one of the darkest times of our history. We should take joint action with our colleagues and comrades in the other countries of the world. We should show the oppressors that we were here in ancient times, we were here before, we are here now and we will be here in future despite all atrocities.

### **Our Goals:**

The aim of the International Human Rights Academy of the Aegean is to show that the culture of learning, discussion, production and sharing of this land is still exist even in the most terrible days. Turkey is under a risk to get further away from the modern democracies of the world. Therefore, IHRAA desires to bring the human rights defenders from all countries together and discuss the human rights norms; interpret, develop and disseminate them.

IHRAA's ultimate goal is to establish a human rights village in the Aegean coast where the educational purposes would be carried out, the largest human rights library of the region would be built and a human rights museum will be founded. The IHRAA is aiming to work all the year round. It will organise different types of human rights activities such as conferences and education programs till to reach its ultimate objectives.

### **Subject of the Autumn Workshop of 2018: "International Human Rights Regime In Crisis"**

The Autumn Workshop of 2018 is one of these activities of the IHRAA. "International Human Rights Regime In Crisis" has been chosen as the topic of 2018.

The workshop will be translated simultaneously in English and therefore the international dimension would be more apparent.

A multidisciplinary method including international law, political science, sociology and philosophy would be followed during our activities. After the morning sessions in larger amphitheatres participants would be gathered in small open air classes and would share their experiences to each other. We expect the participants would decide the subjects of the activities of the following years as well.

### **Target Group:**

Our target group is consisted of the human rights activists and professionals, academics, lawyers, university students and the ones who have an interest in human rights issues in general.

### **Fees, Application Procedures, Facilities:**

Due to the limited accommodation facilities in the Nesin Maths and Philosophy Village the IHRAA Autumn Workshop had to restrict the number of participants to 120 individuals. All the IHRAA activities are free in principle.

However, the participants should pay 30 Euros for the dormitory rooms per day. Payments should be made directly to the accounts of Nesin Village/Foundation. Internet, meals (4 times in a day), accommodation and other basic needs are included in this price. Nesin Village is also a non-profit progressive organisation aiming the care and the education of children and others. Nesin Village was founded after the will of the famous Turkish writer and humorist Aziz Nesin. (See: <https://www.nesinkoyleri.org/eng/>)

### **Cultural Events:**

The cultural events and day trips to the ancient cities are also included to our program. There will be a theater play night and famous harpist Tara Jaff will give a music concert in the village theatre as well. (Please see one of Ms. Tara Jaff's works from the link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/world/onyourstreet/mstara1.shtml> )

### **Organizers:**

The IHRAA Autumn Workshop of 2018 on the Academic Freedom is organised by the support of Platform of Lawyers for Freedom (ÖHP), Solidarity Academy of Izmir (İDA), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) and European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights (ELDH).

### **Application Link:**

The applications should be made online from the following link:

<http://www.nesinkoyleri.org/eng/>

### **Link of the Program:**

The program of the workshop can be seen here:

<http://www.nesinkoyleri.org/eng/>

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**Web Site of IHRAA:**

[www.egeinsanhaklariokulu.org](http://www.egeinsanhaklariokulu.org)

**Related Web Page of Nesin Village:**

<https://www.nesinkoyleri.org/etkinlik-detay.php?egitimkod=204#hakkinda>

**Facebook Page of IHRAA:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Uluslararası-Ege-İnsan-Hakları-Okulu-IHRAA>

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