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MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2020

9:00 AM New York Time6:00 AM Los Angeles Time2:00 PM London Time3:00 PM Rome Time4:00 PM Israel Time

2:00PM GMT Welcome and Introductory Remarks **Dr. Charles Asher Small**, Executive Director, ISGAP *"Mapping Different Forms of Antisemitism(s) in Europe: Understanding the Gap Between Legislation, Policy and Implementation."*

> Opening Remarks **Natan Sharansky**, Chair, ISGAP "Contemporary Antisemitism on the Left and Right"

Speakers

Katharina von Schnurbein

European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life "Combating Antisemitism in the European Union"

Michael Whine

Director of Government and International Affairs, Community Security Trust (CST) "Applying European Legislation against Antisemitism"

Bob Rae

Former Premier of Ontario, Canadian Special Envoy for Humanitarian and Refugee Issues *"Antisemitism: A Chronic Condition"*

Tome Shekerdjiev

Deputy Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE ODIHR "The Need for a Comprehensive Approach in Addressing Antisemitism through Education"

Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata

Former Foreign Minister of Italy (2011-2013) "New Antisemitism in Italy, Efforts to Fight it: the Way Forward"



Dr. Dina Lisnyansky

Tel Aviv University, Department of Middle Eastern Studies "Aspects of Muslim Antisemitism in Europe"

Special Envoy Elan Carr

U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism *"Education as a Key Component in the Fight Against Antisemitism"*

Discussants

Sacha Roytman-Dratwa Director, Combat Anti-Semitism

Benjamin Weinthal

Research Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies



Conveners



Dr. Charles Asher Small Charles.small@isgap.org

Charles Asher Small is the Founder and Executive Director of ISGAP, and a Research Scholar at St. Antony's College, Oxford University. Dr. Small specializes in contemporary antisemitism, including the delegitimization of Israel and notions of Jewish Peoplehood, social and cultural theory, globalization, national identity, social movements, Political Islam, and racism(s) – including antisemitism(s). Charles convened groundbreaking academic seminar series in the emerging field of contemporary antisemitism studies at Columbia University, Fordham University,

Harvard University, McGill University, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, La Sapienza University, Rome, the Sorbonne and the CNRS, Paris, Stanford University, University of Miami, Yale University, as well as an annual training programme for professors at Oxford University.



Natan Sharansky

Natan Sharansky is the Chair of ISGAP and is the 2020 Genesis Prize Laureate. He has dedicated his life to the Jewish People. As a dissident in the Soviet Union, Natan fought for the freedom of Jews to leave the Soviet Union and spent 9 years in Soviet prisons for it. On his release from the Soviet Union, due, in part to the hard work of the Worldwide Jewish Community, Natan made Aliyah to Israel eventually spending another nine years in Israeli politics, with the goal of helping his fellow Soviet Jews make a new life in Israel. After leaving politics,

Natan became the head of the Jewish Agency a position he held for another 9 years. Natan is the author of three books and has received many awards and accolades over the years including the Congressional Medal of Freedom.



Speakers



Special Envoy Elan Carr CarrES@state.gov

Elan S. Carr serves as the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. As Special Envoy, he advises the Secretary of State and is responsible for directing U.S. policies and projects aimed at countering anti-Semitism throughout the world.

Prior to his appointment, Special Envoy Carr served as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County, where he prosecuted violent crimes for more than a decade, including murders, rapes, hate crimes, and crimes involving some of the most notorious criminal street gangs in Southern California.



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Dina Lisnyansky is a Lecturer in Middle East Studies at Tel Aviv University and a Lecturer at Ariel University. She is also a lecturer at The European Forum, an educational center for diplomats from all over the world. Her fields of research include Islam in Europe, Islam in the West, Islamic Da'wa, Islamic movements and Global Jihad.

Dr. Lisnyansky holds a PhD from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. She has a vast experience of consulting and analysis for

various NGOs and companies in the private sector, as well as for the public sector and national institutions. Dr. Lisnyansky is currently working on her book, based on her PhD thesis combined with field research: *Crescents and Croissants: Preaching Islam in Europe*.



Bob Rae

Bob Rae works as a lawyer, negotiator, mediator, and arbitrator, with a particular focus on the First Nations, aboriginal, and governance issues. He teaches at the University of Toronto School of Governance and Public Policy, and is a widely respected writer and commentator. Bob Rae was elected eleven times to the House of Commons and the Ontario legislature between 1978 and 2013. He was Ontario's 21st Premier from 1990 to 1995, and served as interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada from 2011 to 2013. He was recently appointed Special Envoy of the Prime Minister on Humanitarian and Refugee Issues. He is an author of five books, many studies and reports. Bob Rae is a Privy Councilor, a Companion of the Order of

Canada, a member of the Order of Ontario, and has numerous awards and honorary degrees from institutions in Canada and around the world.





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Katharina von Schnurbein was appointed the first European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism in December 2015. Prior to this, she worked for five years as advisor to EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso on the dialogue with religions and non-confessional organizations.

Katharina started working for the European Commission in 2002 as press officer for the EU Delegation in Prague. With enlargement, she moved to Brussels as the spokesperson for Employment, Social

Affairs and Equal opportunities under the responsibility of the Czech EU Commissioner Vladimir Špidla. She spent the academic year 2017/18 as EU Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence to research inn effective measures to combat Antisemitism across Europe.



Tome Shekerdjiev

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Tome Shekerdjiev is the Deputy Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department (ODIHR) at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). He has served at OSCE for the past 11 years, with the last three years inside ODIHR. He managed an European Commission sponsored project on comprehensive criminal justice responses to hate crimes. He worked with partners in EU countries to train law enforcement on identifying and processing hate crimes, undertaking hate crime victimization surveys, developing policies and protocols for intra-agency cooperation and hate crime data collection.



Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata Giulioterzi1@gmail.com

Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata has served in the Italian Foreign Service between 1973 and 2013 in different capacities. He was Political Director, Ambassador to Israel, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador to the United States and then appointed in November 2011 Foreign Minister until March 2013. He is currently active on issues of foreign and security policy as President of Global Committee of the Rule of Law – Marco Pannella, and Senior Advisor of United Against Nuclear Iran – UANI, and Friends of Israel Initiative – FoII.





Michael Whine Mike.W@cst.org.uk

Michael Whine has worked for the Community Security Trust since 1986 and is currently the Government and International Affairs Director. He is a member of the UK Government Hate Crime Independent Advisors Group, and the Crown Prosecution Service Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel, a self-tasking body of experts led by senior government counsel who scrutinize and advise on hate crime prosecutions. He is also a member of the External Reference Group for the national police inspection into policing responses to hate crimes. Between 1986 and 2013, he was Director of Defense and Group Relations at the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and

Consultant on Defense and Security for the European Jewish Congress. Between 2010 and 2012, he acted as Lay Advisor to the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division, organizing workshops on terrorist ideologies for prosecutors. In 2013, he was appointed the UK Member of ECRI, a standing commission of the Council of Europe which advises member states on human rights issues and monitors their compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights. He is also a member of the ECRI Working Group on Civil Society. For the past two years he has been involved in drafting and advising on the "Words into Action" program to enhance the security of European Jewish communities, on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).