

Warsaw Human Dimension Conference 2025

List of Independently Organized Side Events
6–17 October 2025

Tuesday, 7 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	2 SASKI	"Taking land without souls: Dictators' Wars Against Civilian Populations"	Union of Informed Citizens; Panarmenian Union Gardman-Shirvan-Nakhijevan
	3 KROLEWSKI	Targeting Truth: Media Freedom Under Russia's Aggression in Ukraine	Human Rights Information Center; Human Rights Centre ZMINA; Media Initiative for Human Rights; Institute of Mass Information; Human Rights House Foundation
	4 OPERA	Weaponizing the Law: Political Prosecutions Trends During Russia's Aggression	SOLIDARUS e.V.; Free Russia Foundation
	5 PLENARY	Path to Accountability for Belarus	Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE
13:30-14:30	1 BELWEDER	25 years of ODIHR's election legal assistance as part of its follow-up work	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Election Department
	2 SASKI	Countering Dictatorships: The Putinization of the Region and Its Threat to Security and Democracy	For Equal Rights Educational Center Non-Governmental Organization
	3 KROLEWSKI	Democracy at a crossroads: Discussions on responding to democratic governance challenges	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	4 OPERA	Patterns of repression in occupied territories of Ukraine: Human Rights and Humanitarian Perspectives	Public Organization Crimea SOS; Human rights centre ZMINA; Regional Center of Human Rights; Crimean Human Rights Group; CCE Almenda; Human Rights House Crimea
	5 PLENARY	The Moscow Mechanism report on the treatment of Prisoners of War by the Russian Federation	Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE
18:30-19:30	1 BELWEDER	Citizen Observation under Pressure: Safeguarding the Space to Monitor Elections	European Exchange
	2 SASKI	Rule of Law Backsliding: Is There a Chance to Reverse?	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights; Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Civil Society Foundation
	3 KROLEWSKI	Civil society vision on the future of the Helsinki process: Recommendations of the Helsinki+50 Reflection Project and the Civil Society Manifesto	Center for Civil Liberties; Freedom Files Foundation; DRA e.V.
	4 OPERA	Human Rights Violations, Militarization of Public Spaces, Arbitrary Detention, and Enforced Disappearances in the US in 2025	Crude Accountability
	5 PLENARY	Security environment and HR violations on the Russian-occupied territories of Georgia	State Security Service of Georgia

Wednesday, 8 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Information Under Attack: Information Integrity and the Fight Against Disinformation	Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media; Permanent Delegation of Norway to the OSCE
	2 SASKI	Viewpoint Discrimination: The Assault on Free Expression in the United States	Stichting State Capture: Research and Action
	3 KROLEWSKI	From Civic Space to Civic Siege – The Urgent Need for the OSCE Moscow Mechanism in Georgia	World Organisation Against Torture / Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture (OMCT); International Federation for Human Rights; Human Rights House Foundation
	4 OPERA	"The Crime of Crimes?": Confronting Russia's War Against the Ukrainian People	International Partnership for Human Rights
	5 PLENARY	"Rights of the Displaced: Jurisdiction, Justice, and Constitutional Commitments"	The Agency on State Support to NGOs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
13:00 - 14:00	NGO LOUNGE	Presentation of priorities of the incoming Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship – followed by informal networking	Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	Police-media relationship in shaping the narratives on violence against women and girls and its prevention	OSCE Secretariat
	2 SASKI	Safeguarding Democratic Processes in the Digital Age: Emerging Risks and Strategic Responses	Permanent representations to the OSCE of: Poland Estonia; Iceland; Latvia; Lithuania; Moldova; Romania; and United Kingdom, and Polish MFA
	3 KROLEWSKI	The Proliferation of Russia-inspired "Foreign Agents" Laws in Eastern Europe and Central Asia	International Federation for Human Rights
	4 OPERA	Russia's Politically Driven Hostility towards Ukraine and Incitement to Genocide of Ukrainians	Center of the Belarussian Solidarity
	5 PLENARY	Safeguarding Women Journalists to Enhance Media Freedom, Security, and Democracy	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland; German Federal Foreign Office; Media Freedom Coalition Secretariat
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	What states need to know: How exiled media ecosystems contribute to democratic resilience in Europe.	Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media; Free Press Unlimited; Press Club Belarus
	2 SASKI	The Press Freedom Crisis in Georgia	Committee to Protect Journalists
	3 KROLEWSKI	Hate Speech and Human Rights: International Perspectives and Comparative Approaches	Solidarity With Others
	4 OPERA	Destruction of Ukrainian Identity as State Policy: Soviet Practices and Modern Russian Aggression	Media Initiative for Human Rights
	5 PLENARY	Acceleration of civil society institutions in New Uzbekistan	Center for Analysis of Democratic Processes

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08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Think Again: Freedom of Thought in the Age of AI — publication launch	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in the Course of Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine	Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (KhPG); Human Rights Center Memorial
	3 KROLEWSKI	Extremism in the OSCE area. Russian-Ukrainian Conflict. Human rights and the level of Hatred (2024-2025)	European Center for Democracy Development
	4 OPERA	Protection of journalists` digital rights and countering surveillance in the South Caucasus	Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety
	5 PLENARY	Political prisoners in Russia	Permanent missions to the OSCE of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Denmark (MFA)
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	Securitization under scrutiny: The role of National Human Rights Institutions in strengthening human rights compliance of counter-terrorism measures	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Media Freedom in Crises: Protecting Journalists in Central Asia	American Bar Association; Clooney Foundation for Justice; Committee to Protect Journalists
	3 KROLEWSKI	Human Rights in the Russian Federation	Human Rights House Foundation
	4 OPERA	Guantánamo and the Forever Prisoners	Institutet för Samhällsanalys (INSAN); Witness Against Torture
	5 PLENARY	Stolen Childhood: Russia's Militarization of Children	U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	Ukraine Monitoring Initiative	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Inside the black box: pressure is increasing, persecution is spreading to new social groups. Briefing by Russian human rights defenders	Moscow Helsinki Group
	3 KROLEWSKI	Promoting Human Rights and Civil Society through International Organizations for Development, Transparency, and Security	Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law
	4 OPERA	Violations of international law: Illegal detention and captivity of Ukrainian prisoners of war and civilians	Free Russia Foundation
	5 PLENARY	Journalists in Exile: Silence at Home, Speaking Abroad	Permanent missions to the OSCE of Lithuania, Sweden, France, Netherlands and Canada

Friday, 10 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Beyond the Hague: the OSCE and current challenges in securing justice for victims of war crimes	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina; OSCE Mission in Kosovo; OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Central Asia: Kleptocracies are Systemic Human Rights Abusers and a Cause of Global Instability	Freedom for Eurasia; Crude Accountability
	3 KROLEWSKI	Exile Is Not Safety: Countering Transnational Repression of Journalists	Justice for Journalists Foundation; Norwegian Helsinki Committee
	4 OPERA	"100 Days after Putin": Presentation of a Policy Roadmap for a Transition to a Free and Democratic Russia	Human Rights Center Memorial
	5 PLENARY	Two Years of Rule of Law Restoration in Poland: Between Paralysis and Transition	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	Trial monitoring – an effective tool for supporting justice reform and judicial accountability.	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Bialiatski, Kalesnikava and Hundreds More: How to free Belarus Political Prisoners?	Human Rights Center Viasna
	3 KROLEWSKI	Denying a Fair Trial as an Atrocity Crime during Russia's War against Ukraine	Human Rights Centre ZMINA
	4 OPERA	Trials of Conscience: How the criminal justice system is instrumentalized against dissent in Georgia	Netherlands Helsinki Committee
	5 PLENARY	The Rule of Law in Poland (2018-2025): From Crisis to Reconstruction – Lessons learned for the OSCE region	Ministry of Justice of Poland
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	Human rights infrastructure as a foundational element in countering backsliding on gender equality	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Voices Behind Bars: Political Imprisonment Across the OSCE Participating States	Norwegian Helsinki Committee; Justice for Journalists Foundation
	3 KROLEWSKI	Key trends in security threats in the Central Asian region, including barriers to SDG development in the case of systematic violations by the authorities of Article 19 of ICCPR	Human Rights Movement Bir Duino-Kyrgyzstan
	4 OPERA	Children at the centre: advancing democracy throughout childhood	International Community: Internationale Politik für junge Profis
	5 PLENARY	Transnational Repression in Belarus: A Brutal Tool of the Persecution of Dissent by the Lukashenka Regime	Embassy of Belgium – Delegation of Flanders

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Monday, 13 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Hate crime training for police and prosecutors across the OSCE region – lessons from 20 years of ODIHR practice and publication of ODIHR training materials	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Racism and xenophobia in Russia: Pro-democracy resistance of ethnic minorities in a militarized country	Indigenous of Russia Foundation
	3 KROLEWSKI	Investigating War Crimes of Authoritarian Regimes	Union of Informed Citizens
	4 OPERA	Human Rights in Belarus	PEN Belarus
	5 PLENARY	Strengthening OSCE Efforts to Counter Antisemitism	United States Mission to the OSCE
13:30-14:30	1 BELWEDER	Exploring the achievements and challenges of the past and present: the future of Roma and Sinti human rights in the OSCE area	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Panel: From Impunity to Expansion — How Repression Shapes Russia's Identity Politics and War	Coming Out; North Caucasus SOS Crisis Group
	3 KROLEWSKI	Ensuring tolerance, non-discrimination and respect to human rights in the context of Armenia-Azerbaijan Peace Agreement	Institute for Human Rights
	4 OPERA	Addressing Hate Speech and Discrimination Based on Religion	Association of Religious Organizations of Kazakhstan (AROK); Association of Religious Organizations of Kazakhstan (AROK)
	5 PLENARY	OSCE retrospective: from commitments to action: addressing hate crimes in South-Eastern Europe through cooperation.	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the OSCE Missions to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Skopje, Serbia, OSCE Mission in Kosovo and OSCE Presence in Albania
18:30-19:30	1 BELWEDER	Launch of ODIHR publication: "Understanding Anti-Christian Hate Crimes and Addressing the Security Needs of Christian Communities: A Practical Guide"	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	From Guantánamo to Gaza: Counter-Terrorism, Islamophobia, and Civic Freedoms in the OSCE Area	CAGE Advocacy
	3 KROLEWSKI	Racial discrimination in the occupied territories of Ukraine as a systemic challenge to human dimension	Center of Political Analysis and Forecasting "Crimea"; Crimean Tatar Resource Center
	4 OPERA 	Film screening and panel discussion: "That Boy" a conversation about hate and healing	ODIHR in co-operation with Fundacja Jaw Dikh, Poland

Tuesday, 14 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Women's Power Breakfast: 50/50 gender parity in politics – Why is it important and how to make it happen?	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	3 KROLEWSKI	The situation with the right to a fair trial, freedom from torture, and migrants' rights in Kazakhstan	Equal Rights; Public Fund Daris-2016
	4 OPERA	Global Pressures on the Legal Profession: A Threat to the Rule of Law	Lawyers for Lawyers
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	End it Now! Addressing Prevention of Femicide in the OSCE Region and Beyond	OSCE Secretariat; Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the OSCE, UN and International Organizations in Vienna; Delegation of Malta to the OSCE; Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE
	2 SASKI	From Dialogue to Action: Women Shaping Peace and Democracy in the OSCE Region	OSCE Mission to Serbia; OSCE Mission in Kosovo
	3 KROLEWSKI	Voices of a New Generation: Human Rights Challenges in Central Asia	Human Rights Consulting Group Public Foundation; Public Fund Nomad Rights; Human Rights Centre Glotion; Public Organization Ibtido
	4 OPERA	Adapting Under Pressure: LGBTQ+ Strategies for Resilience in Belarus	Civil Rights Defenders
	5 PLENARY	"Combating Domestic Violence in Kazakhstan: Progress and Future Plans."	Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE; Human Rights Commissioner in the Republic of Kazakhstan
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	Promoting gender equality within security sector institutions in Moldova and Ukraine: the role of associations of women in the security sector	OSCE Secretariat, Conflict Prevention Centre; OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Invisible from Birth: Challenges and Good Practices in Preventing Childhood Statelessness	Human Constanta
	3 KROLEWSKI	Invisible Voices: Disability rights through the lens of Women, Peace, and Security	The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
	4 OPERA	"The Future of Gender Equality: Uzbekistan's Contribution to the Global Women's Rights Agenda"	Barqaror Hayot (Sustainable Life); NGO Central Asian progress and Integration Forum; National Human Rights Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan
	5 PLENARY	The Future of Gender Equality: Uzbekistan's Contribution to the Global Women's Rights Agenda	Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the OSCE

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08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Truth over fear: countering attacks on migrant and refugee rights	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	The situation with human rights in Uzbekistan	Central Asia Progress and Integration Forum
	3 KROLEWSKI	Migration in Practice: Voices from the Front Lines	Pantarey Foundation
	4 OPERA	Beyond Rhetoric: The Struggle Against Domestic Violence in Central Asia	International Partnership for Human Rights
	5 PLENARY	Diaspora Engagement as a Tool Against Human Trafficking: The Case of the Kyrgyz Diaspora in Europe	The Danaker Association of Women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	Human Trafficking for Exploitation in Criminal Activities: Understanding and Addressing a Major Trend	OSCE Secretariat; Office of the Special Representative/Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
	3 KROLEWSKI	Human trafficking in Kazakhstan: progress and challenges via social work lens	National Alliance of Professional Social Workers
	4 OPERA	Ensuring Meaningful Civil Society Participation in the Helsinki Process and OSCE Work	Freedom Files Foundation
	5 PLENARY	Safe Borders Project: Field Research Insights on Child Trafficking in Greece and Poland	General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection / Hellenic Ministry of Migration and Asylum
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	A long road to recovery: sharing good practices on victim identification and long-term support for survivors of human trafficking	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
	2 SASKI	Two borders, unequal protections: human rights at Poland's eastern borders	Save the Children Poland
	3 KROLEWSKI	RACIRS: Human Rights Violations and Acts of Terror Under the Guise of Social Protection	Creative Society
	4 OPERA	Humanitarian Challenges of Russian Displacement: The Ark's Experience and Best Practices for Integration	The Ark
	5 PLENARY	Human Rights situation in Belarus	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

Thursday, 16 October

Time	Venue	Title	Convenor
08:30-09:30	1 BELWEDER	Strengthening resilient national human rights institutions to promote and protect human rights	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights; ENNHRI (European Network of National Human Rights Institutions)
	2 SASKI	Repression and Misuse of Legal Means Against Freedom of Assembly in Serbia	Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights – YUCOM
	3 KROLEWSKI	Freedom Of Thought, Conscience and Religion: The Human Right to Conscientious Objection To Military Service in The OSCE Area	Connection e.V.
14:30-15:30	1 BELWEDER	Human Rights Defenders in Exile: Prospects for stronger EU protection	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights; Araminta; World Organisation Against Torture / Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture (OMCT)
	2 SASKI	Peaceful assembly, freedom and pressures on human rights defenders: An Assessment of the Human Rights and Equality Agency of Türkiye	Eşit Haklar için İzleme Derneği - ESHİD (Association for Monitoring Equal Rights - AMER)
	3 KROLEWSKI	Freedom of Religion and Belief and Association in the OSCE	Set My People Free
	4 OPERA	Repression Without Borders: Confronting Transnational Repression in Europe	Global Diligence LLP; International Partnership for Human Rights
	5 PLENARY	Civic Engagement for societal resilience	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
16:00-17:00	1 BELWEDER	Pivoting to Local Dialogue: Strategic Responses to Polarization	OSCE Mission in Kosovo
	2 SASKI	The Anti-Cult Movement: A Hidden Threat to Freedom and Pluralism	ALLATRA International Public Movement
	3 KROLEWSKI	Safe Pathways for Human Rights Defenders: Practical Solutions in Times of Growing Risks and Prolonged Exile	Araminta, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, International Partnership for Human Rights, Voices in Exile
	4 OPERA	Human Rights Defenders Security and Protection	Public Association Dignity
	5 PLENARY	Ukraine's nuclear and hydroelectric plants under Russian occupation: the Zaporizhzhia NPP and Kakhovka Dam cases	Truth Hounds
18:00 - 20:00	4 OPERA	 Film Screening: The Helsinki Effect	Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE and Embassy of Finland in Poland