



FREEDOM FROM TORTURE

Challenges for Rehabilitation and Prevention



Anniversary Seminar

Date: October 30, 2007

Venue: Danish Design Centre

Organiser: Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT)

Language: English

Morning Session: Trauma & Rehabilitation

Afternoon Session: Prevention of Torture

Morning session 9.00-12.00 am

Trauma and Rehabilitation

9.00 - 9.10

Welcome and Introduction

Bengt H. Sjölund, Professor and Director General of RCT

9.10 - 10.00

Biological Mechanisms in PTSD

Rachel Yahuda, Professor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
Department of Psychiatry, New York

10.00 - 10.30

Break – coffee and tea

10.30 - 11.20

Continuous Traumatization – the Case of Palestine

Raija-Leena Punamaki, Professor, University of Tampere,
Department of Psychology, Finland

11.20 - 12.00

Controlled Trials on Effects of PTSD Treatment

Michael Duffy, Academic Director MSc & PG, University of Ulster,
School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies, Ulster



Afternoon session 13.00-16.00 pm

Prevention of Torture

13.00 - 13.10	Welcome and Introduction Ole Espersen, Professor Emeritus, Public International Law, Copenhagen University
13.10 - 13.40	The Phenomenon of Torture – Facts and Trends: - How have the Torture methods developed and spread globally during the last 25 years? Darius Rejali, Professor, Political Science, Reed College, Portland, Oregon
13.40 - 14.10	The Impact of the “War against Terror” on Torture and Terrorism: - How can we ensure freedom from torture through our choice of conflicts and conflict strategies? Ole Wæver, PhD, Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen
14.10 - 14.30	Break – coffee and tea
14.30 - 15.00	Torture in Context – Perspectives of the Global South: - What are the future opportunities for the eradication of torture and the proliferation of universal human rights within the current global discourse? Basil Fernando, Executive Director, Asian Human Rights Commission
15.00 - 16.00	Freedom from Torture – What are the Prospects? (Discussions)



RCT is working for the prevention of torture, helping torture survivors and to increase the knowledge of civil society on torture and its consequences. The organisation was established in 1982 emanating from Amnesty International's first ever chapter of medical doctors in Denmark. RCT's vision is a world free from torture and other forms of organised violence. RCT's work is based on a commitment to universal respect for human rights and its recognition of the inherent dignity and integrity of all human beings. Therefore, it is RCT's mission to contribute to alleviate human suffering and consequences of torture at an individual and global level through rehabilitation, prevention and research.

Date

30 October 2007

Place

Danish Design Centre
 HC Andersens Boulevard 27
 DK 1553 København V

Price

Morning Session: 100 kr.
 Afternoon Session: 100 kr.

Registration

Registration should be submitted to kg@rct.dk. Remember to specify if you wish to participate in the morning or the afternoon session. You are of course welcome to participate in both sessions. Payment should be made by giro 7 38 39 40 (code 01, if you may a direct transfer via netbank). When we have registered your payment you will receive an entry ticket via email.

Registration deadline

22 October 2007

NB! Registration is required



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