

Conference Agenda

The Free Press Society

Free Speech and Islam

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 10:00-17:00
Landstingssalen, Christiansborg Castle, Copenhagen

9:00 - 10:00

Registration (please arrive early due to security precautions)

10:00 -10:10

Welcome and opening remarks by Lars Hedegaard

10:10-10:30

Diana West: "The Accommodation of Islam in America and Its Implications for Free Speech"

10:30-10:50

A representative from the Liberty Legal Project: "For an International First Amendment and a Repeal of All Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws"

10:50-11:30

Questions and Answers to West and LLP

11:30-12:40

Lunch in Room 1-133

12:00-12:40

Press Conference with the five panelists in Room 1-117

12:40-13:00

Mrutyuanjai Mishra: India's Free Speech under Islamic Pressure

13:00 -13:20

Wafa Sultan: What you need to know about Islam.

13:20-14:00

Questions and Answers to Mrutyuanjai Mishra and Wafa Sultan.

14:00 -14:25

Geert Wilders: Islam and free speech.

14:25 -15:00

Coffee break.

15:00-16:00

Questions and Answers to Geert Wilders.

16:00 -16:50

Round table with Danish politicians (speaking English) on what practical political steps they deem necessary.

Manu Sareen (the Danish Social-Liberal Party), Naser Khader (The Conservative Party), Søren Espersen (The Danish Peoples Party) and Karen Jespersen (Denmarks Liberal Party).

16:50 - 17:00

Closing remarks by Lars Hedegaard.

Conference language: English

Moderator: Lars Hedegaard

About the speakers

Diana West (born 1961 in the United States) is *Vice-President of The International Free Press Society, a nationally syndicated American journalist and author.*

Her columns have appeared in more than 100 newspapers and journals including *The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post* and *The Atlantic Monthly*. She has also been a frequent TV commentator and is the author of the non-fiction book *The Death of the Grown-Up*.

The Liberty Legal Project is a limited liability company founded by practicing attorney Ann Fishman which provides legal research, analysis, strategy, support, publications and conference services to organizations which promote human rights, especially the rights of free speech and free exercise of religion.

Mrutyuanjai Mishra (born 1966 in India) is a *European Master in Human rights and Democracy.*

Mishra is a regular contributor to Danish newspapers on subjects such as human rights, integration and the political and religious developments in South Asia.

Mishra is a board member of The Free Press Society in Denmark.

Wafa Sultan (born 1958 in Syria) is a *psychiatrist and author*, who emigrated to the US in 1989.

A frequent writer on Islamic affairs she gained world-wide recognition after her appearance on al-Jazeera, February 21, 2006, where she stated that we are now witnessing "a battle between modernity and barbarism which Islam will lose".

Geert Wilders (born 1963 in the Netherlands) is the *leader of the Party for Freedom*, which he founded in 2004.

Wilders became world famous for his March 2008 short film *Fitna*, which documented the connection between several terrorist attacks and a number of suras in the Koran. Since January 2009 he has been facing legal prosecution for "incitement to hatred and discrimination".